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## Drexel bike lane

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In regards to the proposed Drexel bike lane:

Below is a form letter\*, however I'd like to add my opinion:

As a car less cyclist from Berwick, I often ride to Kroger, Giant Eagle or any of the various restaurants on Main Street. I also ride to many places via Bexley.

I'd also like to point out the potential benefit of the greatly used Ohio to Erie Trail which runs from Cincinnati to Cleveland. The proposed bike lane would make accessible the numerous amenities which Bexley has to offer. Riders currently bypass Bexley on their way north to Westerville via the Alum Creek Trail.

\*Though I am a Berwick resident, I am a cyclist who frequently visits Bexley via bike. Creating a protected bike lane (Option A) on Drexel Avenue would create a much safer condition for myself and my fellow cyclists who bike in Bexley. The more safe and convenient it is to bike in Bexley the more likely I am to frequent restaurants and businesses in the community.

Adding protected bike lanes would not only make Bexley a leader in bike infrastructure in central Ohio but would create a dramatic improvement in safety and comfort for adults and children riding bikes on Drexel Avenue. These lanes were included in the Bike Friendly Bexley Recommendations and there are many benefits for Bexley residents and the community at large.

Benefits include:

- Dramatically increasing safety for cyclists of all ages
- Creating a direct north - south route connecting Bexley
- Providing environmental benefits, reducing pollution and helping to reduce greenhouse gasses
- Providing an equitable transportation option for residents and workers in Bexley
- Economic benefits that come with the addition of bike lanes

Implementing these world class protected bike lanes is good for the environment and good for cyclists and ultimately good for Bexley. Implementing these lanes would show that Bexley cares about all street users, especially cyclists, even if we aren't Bexley residents.

