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## Drexel Ave. Protected Bike Lanes

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Dear Mayor Kessler and Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to adopt **Option B** for the improvements to Drexel Avenue, including protected bike lanes. I'm a Bexley resident who regularly bikes all over the city of Bexley and from Bexley to downtown Columbus. Many adults and children in and around our community would benefit greatly from a safe, protected north-south bike route through Bexley.

I started cycling during the first summer of the pandemic, going on "night bikes" with my sons. Riding after dark (with strong headlights and taillights!) was great because fewer people were out and about, and the cool night air was relaxing. These adventures soon turned into daily rides, sometimes in the afternoons, sometimes at night, sometimes both in one day! The rides gave us something to do outside the house and a way to connect with each other, as we were largely cut off from friends and other group activities due to the pandemic.

We explored different routes, and our rides grew longer and longer: one evening my son Henry and I rode for 17 miles without leaving the city of Bexley. But one road we have mostly avoided has been Drexel Avenue: because of the speed of car travel and the width of the road, it feels less safe than most other streets in Bexley.

I (we!) are excited by the possibility that Drexel Ave could instead provide a safe, protected route to destinations throughout Bexley.

I and my family urge you to adopt Option B.

Thank you for reading!

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