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## Drexel Project

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To: electedofficials@bexley.org

Good afternoon,

We are writing to support Option 1 in the conceptual plans proposed on South Drexel.

Concept 2, the Bike Lane concept, creates a bike lane on the east side of South Drexel Ave and forces all parking to the west side of South Drexel Ave. Implementing this concept would be problematic for the following reasons:

- Parking Issues - South Drexel residents rely on street parking for themselves and/or guests of their homes, including our family. Cars parked on both sides of the street appear to slow traffic already. Eliminating parking on one side would allow cars to speed down our side of Drexel.
- Decreased Safety - Forcing parking to the west side of Drexel would generate a safety issue for pedestrian traffic visiting homes on the east side of the street, as foot traffic crossing Drexel Ave would increase significantly.
- It is unclear that implementation of this concept would significantly slow traffic on South Drexel Ave.
- Having moved from Boston and New York City, we are familiar with the issues that bike lane traffic causes, including decreased pedestrian safety if pedestrians are forced to park across the street and cross the bike lane at many different access points. I fear that cars will be focused on the bike lane traffic versus the pedestrian sidewalk traffic filled with residents crossing streets. As parents of young children who walk to and from Cassingham Elementary daily, we are interested in creating an environment that slows traffic - not one that makes it more difficult for pedestrians to cross the street or allows traffic speed to increase.

Concept 1, the Island Boulevard concept, would benefit the community and meet the goals of the improvement project, all without undue hardship to residents and businesses on the street.

As such, we are in strong favor of Concept 1 - Island Boulevards and are strongly opposed to Concept 2 - Bike Lane concept.

Sincerely,

Lisa and Dave Holtzmuller (439 S. Drexel)