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S Drexel Improvement Project Feedback

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Dear Elected Officials,

We are writing to provide our feedback re: the S Drexel Improvement Project.

We are not in favor of Concept 2 which creates bike lanes along the avenue for the following reasons:

- It <u>reduces parking</u> for S Drexel residents, businesses and CSG. While we do not have this issue personally and wish people would not park in front of our property (while exiting our driveway, the parked cars make it so we can't see on-coming traffic until our car is halfway into the street) we do understand this concern from residents closer to Main St.
- It <u>reduces the safety of pedestrians</u> while limiting the ability for cars to safely back out of their driveways. Having lived in New York City for 16 years, before, during and after the addition of bike lanes on the avenues, we were witnesses to many horrific accidents involving speeding bikes and pedestrians. This would not work for Bexley.

We love biking around Bexley with our kids and fully support a more bikeable city but as a S Drexel resident, Concept 2 is not something we would like to see move forward. We are happy biking down Dawson and Columbia in order to access Main Street.

The island concept with parking on both sides of the street would benefit the community by slowing down traffic while beautifying the street. Coupled with a 25 MPH limit, this concept would be our best option.

To conclude, we strongly oppose the creation of bike lanes on S Drexel Avenue.

Warm Regards,

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