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"Submit Comment to City Council" from Patricia Kovacs

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To: electedofficials@bexley.org

Someone submitted this comment to City Council:

Would you like to submit a comment to City Council?: Yes

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Your comment to the Bexley City Council: I do not live in Bexley, but ride my bike regularly through Bexley with my co-worker who lives off Barnett Rd between Main St and Livingston Ave. I cannot attend this week's meeting because I have tested positive for COVID. I do not agree with the proposed design of "protected bike lanes" on Drexel Ave. The official name for these are "separated bike lanes". My reason is that the separated bike lanes on Summit St in Columbus increased bike/car crashes by close to 400%. I am a bicycle educator and advocate and have been tracking the safety of bicycle infrastructure in central Ohio. The main reason for crashes involve contra-flow cyclists. A better solution would be to convert this street or another street into a bicycle boulevard (similar to Bryden Rd between Nelson Rd and Parsons Ave). A document which explains why separated bike lanes are unsafe can be found here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UTSvrBxWqFpE1k6L212ppmSUo1N3g3qx/view?usp=sharing>

P.S. I met with Bexley city council in 2010 to ask for changes to Bexley city ordinance. Unfortunately, the city attorney did not agree with these changes. I hope that the concern for bicycle friendliness will reconsider these changes. Thank you. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mfaH7zImmulUG_qQ_f5mUjwmpyh4g9pY/view?usp=sharing

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