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## Support for Bike Infrastructure Plan B

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Hello Mayor Kessler and Members of City Council,

I would like to express my strong support for improving Bike Safety in Bexley. Specifically, I would like to support Plan B that will be voted on at the Feb 8 City Council Meeting.

I think bike lanes would be a wonderful improvement to our civic life in Bexley.

I lived on North Cassingham Road for the first seven years that I was a Bexley resident. As a cyclist myself, I was saddened to see the hazards encountered by Bexley students as they would ride down North and South Cassingham Roads on their way to school. First, there are parked cars on both sides of the street (except for a portion of South Cassingham Rd). Second, auto traffic weaves left and right to avoid the parked cars. Third, yard maintenance workers, home improvement professionals, and utility trucks create further obstacles that cyclists must avoid. Bike lanes and bicycle safety in Bexley has been on my mind for quite awhile.

I was a longtime resident of the San Francisco Bay Area and was amazed at how significantly bike ridership increased once protected bike lanes were provided on Market Street. Market Street is the main artery which takes traffic from the center of the city to the financial district. Once riders, including myself, felt protected and respected with dedicated space, many more people rode bikes for transportation, easing traffic congestion, reducing pollution and increasing health activity for residents and visitors. Safety aside, it is just more pleasant to ride when there is protected space for cyclists. Many motorists are hostile towards cyclists and pedestrians.

Based on my personal experience, I think Bexley residents and central Ohio cycling enthusiasts would greatly enjoy protected space in which to ride from place to place. I know a big change like this will be hard for some to accept. I believe improved bike transportation would be a great thing for Bexley long term.

For the planet, I hope the number of people cycling grows.

Sincerely,  
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