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## Follow-up Questions from Council Meeting on "Calming" Traffic on Drexel Ave

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To: Mayor Kessler and Bexley City Council Members

Re: Follow-up Questions from Council Meeting on "Calming" Traffic on Drexel Ave

First a thank you for allowing for open dialog between Bexley Residents and Council to discuss this important Proposal for the City.

I did feel there were many valid concerns opposing the bike lane which I trust you all will consider carefully. I also appreciate your staff recommendation to go with Proposal A from a maintenance point of view. I appreciate their insight as plowing the roads and leaf pick up are a much-appreciated service provided by the city.

Some additional questions and suggestions I wanted to bring to light in reference to this important decision:

1. How long ago was the research done to support a light at Fair Ave? Was it pre - Giant Eagle as the addition of the market with entrance to the parking lot off of Drexel has increased the traffic significantly on Drexel. I also assume that was before the serious accident we had with a pedestrian in the crosswalk this past year. Does this play into OSHA decision on allowing the speed limit to be reduced?
2. I see speed detectors on many other streets ( Bryden off of Drexel, S Roosevelt S of Fair, etc) but have not seen one on Drexel in the last 8 years. Having a clear understanding of what we are dealing with might help in decisions.
3. I heard the objection to the stop sign from our Street engineer as motorist stop and then accelerate to make up lost time, however multiple stop signs at strategic positions as we have on Cassady would not allow them to gain speed without running a stop sign. Fair Ave and Bryden or Sherwood are good intersections to slow traffic . Bryden prior to commercial area with increased pedestrians.
4. We did not have police representation to my knowledge last night. I wondered if more police presence and issuing speeding tickets is a deterrent. I have not seen any police patrolling our street for speed, U-turns etc except on Main St. Do we not have the budget for police presence - they certainly do in Arlington and they are effective in keeping motorist in check on busy arteries like Northwest Blvd, Tremont and North Star.

5. I heard many people with the same safety concerns for the bikers themselves. I do not believe the safest location for a bike lane is on the only 35 mile an hour street (except Broad St) and most highly traveled North/ South street. as the main artery off of 70E North/South. We are putting lives in danger and it is ironic we are using the bikers to help "Calm" the traffic. That really seems like a safety issue to me! Other concerns are predestrian accidents as the bike lane is proposed to begin/end at Sherwood 50 feet from our Commercial area where we want pedestrians and patrons of the businesses.

I trust you heard the many valid concerns from our residents and will make the right decision for the safety and beauty of our wonderful community! More Green space will enhance our main artery and support "Green"!

I appreciate your attention to these thoughts as you carefully make a long term decision that could have many detrimental consequences for this city.

Thank you for your time,

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Thank you again for listening

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