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**From:** Matthew Goss <matthew.b.goss@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 14, 2019 5:25 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Fund protected bike lanes in Somerville!

Hello,

I'm writing to express my desire that you continue to develop Somerville's network of bike lanes. As a regular bike commuter, I believe bike lanes, especially protected bike lanes, increase my safety on the road. I believe that the development of this infrastructure encourages new cyclists, contributing the reduced traffic congestion, lowered emissions, and better health for those that choose to commute by bicycle. Please vote to keep protected bike lanes in the FY2020 budget!

Thank you,  
Matthew Goss

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**From:** Katie Worringer <katie.worringer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 15, 2019 3:25 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact; somerville@cambridgebikesafety.org  
**Subject:** protected bike lanes

Please vote to keep a network of protected bike lanes in the FY20 budget.

Sincerely,  
Katie Worringer  
12C Warwick St.  
Somerville, MA 02145

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**From:** schmarah <schmarah@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 5:42 AM  
**To:** Lance Davis; City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Please vote to preserve funding for a citywide bicycle network plan

Dear Councilors -

I am writing to urge to you preserve the funding in the proposed FY20 budget for a long-range bicycle network plan. The city has done an admirable job of adding safer bike infrastructure as opportunities arise. But as my daily bike commute from Powderhouse Circle to downtown Boston reminds me, there are still far too many gaps in the network and unsafe connections that need to be addressed before Somerville can be considered a safe city for cycling.

A bicycle master plan is an essential component of actually achieving this connected network, as well as the city's many long-term planning frameworks, including Vision Zero, Somerville Climate Forward, Somervision 2030, and your own unanimous Council order from April 25 of this year regarding establishing a comprehensive city-wide bicycle plan.

Additionally, as someone who has personally invested a lot of time talking to my neighbors about the proposed bike lanes on Powderhouse Boulevard, I believe that a thoughtful master plan will help all citizens understand why certain streets are changing in certain ways and are part of a well-considered multimodal city-wide network.

Thank you  
Arah

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Ward 6  
[schmarah@gmail.com](mailto:schmarah@gmail.com)

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**From:** Lindsey Collins Sudbury <linzcollins@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 10:06 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Bike Network Master Plan

Hello! It's budget season and I just wanted to pass along my support for the Bike Network Master Plan. In one of the most dense cities in the US, we need to encourage non-car transit where possible.

Connected safe routes make it more likely that people will choose to bike. I have biked with one or two kids on the back of my bike for the past four years and have ridden bikes alone for years before that. It's a great way to travel, except that people occasionally get killed. I shouldn't have to choose between the right choice for climate and the safety of my family. As it is, I am hesitant to recommend it wholeheartedly without a lot of caveats. A lot of the conversation revolves around what are the safer routes. It would be great if there were obvious safe routes throughout the city so I could recommend biking to everyone wherever they live or where they go.

Thanks!

Lindsey Sudbury, Way ard 3, 45 walnut st

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Lindsey Collins Sudbury

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**From:** Mark Boswell <markaboswell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 10:16 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact; somervillebikes@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Somerville Bike Plan

Dear Somerville City Council,

I am a resident of Cambridge, yet I ride a bicycle through Somerville quite often. The existence of a safe network of cycle tracks is of great importance to me, my family, and to many of my friends and neighbors in Somerville. Having a well-defined Bike Plan can be a tremendously helpful guide in planning for future bicycle facilities. I am currently involved in the 2020 Bike Plan update for the City of Cambridge, and it is amazing to see the level of input from caring, thoughtful residents. I know the same will be true of Somerville.

I urge you to find funding to create a comprehensive Bike Plan for the City of Somerville, because bicycling is not only a meaningful, sustainable transportation alternative, it also demonstrates the City's commitment to public health and economic vitality.

Respectfully,  
Mark Boswell  
105 Walden Street, Cambridge.

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**From:** Sheryl Kane <sherylkane@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2019 9:41 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Bike network master plan

Hello,

I am a Somerville homeowner (130 W Adams St), a resident for the past decade, and a cyclist. I bike to work, to do errands, and to bring my toddler to and from daycare. Safe cycling conditions are very important to me to allow me and my son to travel safely, to ensure the safety of all other cyclists, and to provide better transit alternatives to reduce car traffic as the city grows more. It is especially important to avoid a repeat of the multiple cyclist fatalities around Cambridge and Somerville that have occurred over the past few years, and to ensure that both cyclists and drivers can get around the city safely and easily.

Please fully fund the Bike Network Master Plan, and please commit to enacting the improvements that the plan comes up with as quickly as possible.

Thank you,  
Sheryl Kane

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**From:** Jeff Byrnes <jeff@somervilleimby.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2019 10:07 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** In support of a Bike Network Master Plan

Members of the Somerville City Council:

I wish to express my support a Bike Network Master Plan because it will:

- Enhance coordination between adjacent projects, so that safe bike infrastructure doesn't abruptly end and create gaps between projects
- Guide our infrastructure investments over the next decade or longer, while also identifying short-term targets
- Make the most of planned improvements like the Community Path Extension by ensuring safe connections to the Path
- Coordinate with resurfacing and capital projects schedules, to identify which projects can be built as part of routine resurfacing and which will require targeted investments
- Help Somerville achieve the goals of Vision Zero, SomerVision, and Somerville Climate Forward — all long-term plans that guide the future of the city.

I'm a regular cyclist, commuting part or all of the way to work via my bike, as well as to other areas of interest in Somerville for fun. We're getting better, but a master plan to unify the city's cycling infrastructure would go a long way to helping us improve things!

I look forward to this remaining as part of the City's budget.

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Jeff Byrnes  
294 Summer St (Ward 6)

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**From:** Steven DaSilva <steven.j.dasilva@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2019 1:40 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** I Support a Bike Network Master Plan

Hello City of Somerville Government,

I am writing to ask that the funding for the Bike Network Master Plan is preserved in the final 2020 budget. I am a full-time bike commuter and I want to see continuously improved bicycle facilities for me, my family, and my fellow Somerville citizens. The ultimate goal would be for my two kids to be able to commute to the Kennedy School on bikes safely, without worry.

I agree with the Somerville Bicycle Committee in supporting a Bike Network Master Plan because it will:

- \* Enhance coordination between adjacent projects, so that safe bike infrastructure doesn't abruptly end and create gaps between projects*
- \* Guide our infrastructure investments over the next decade or longer, while also identifying short-term targets*
- \* Make the most of planned improvements like the Community Path Extension by ensuring safe connections to the Path*
- \* Coordinate with resurfacing and capital projects schedules, to identify which projects can be built as part of routine resurfacing and which will require targeted investments*
- \* Help Somerville achieve the goals of Vision Zero, Somervision 2030, and Somerville Climate Forward – all long-term plans that guide the future of the city.*

Thank you,  
Steven DaSilva  
38 Benton Road #3  
Somerville



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**From:** Michael Allen <michael.patrick.allen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2019 3:40 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Bike Network Master Plan

Dear Somerville City Council,

I'm writing to express my support for the Bike Network Master Plan. Somerville has some wonderful stretches of bike infrastructure, but they're often disconnected. This fragmentation deters less confident cyclists. A family can't take advantage of a great bike path if they have to risk their necks mixing with high speed traffic on the way to the path or from it.

I'm a confident cyclist used to urban traffic. But I'm a minority. In the best biking cities, parents and children, novice cyclists and senior citizens, feel safe and comfortable because they can get around without interacting with fast cars. That's the future we need. The Bike Network Master Plan gets Somerville closer to that future.

I live at 303 Summer Street, in Ward 6.

All best,  
Michael Allen

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**From:** Ed Meek <efmeek@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 10:44 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Please support Bike Network Master Plan

Dear City Clerk:

Please support the Bike Network Mater Plan to keep Somerville moving forward.

Cheers,

Ed Meek

126 Orchard Street

Ward 6

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**From:** Charles DiRienzo <charlie.dirienzo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 11:19 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Bike Network Master Plan

Dear City Council and City Clerk,

My name is Charlie DiRienzo, I'm a Somerville resident in Ward 3 (14 Craigie St, near the Somerville Car Wash). I'm writing to show my support for the long range Bike Network Master Plan in next year's budget. I commute to work by bike every day, and having a healthy bike network will make my commutes easier, safer, and more enjoyable. I'm already telling everyone I can how Somerville is so supportive of bike infrastructure, and I want that to continue.

I also know how important it is to support non-car transportation for our environment. I am 31, and I want to make sure that the world will be healthy for my generation and the ones after. The last few years in our country have shown that if we want something done, we must be leaders. We can do that with this as well. It will have great effects on our community and our citizenry.

Please support the Bike Network Master Plan in next year's budget.

Thank you so much,  
Charlie DiRienzo

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**From:** Rachel Schwarz <rachelagi@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 6:34 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Bike Network Masterplan

Dear Members of the Council and City Clerk Officer;

I am a Ward 7 resident and I would like to express my support for funding the Bike Network Masterplan.

Safer bike paths will encourage more people to use alternate means of transportation to driving a car. This is a win-win opportunity as it relates to our environment and to that of our physical, medical and emotional health. It is vital that we support a form of transportation that does not pollute our environment while it ensures a modicum of safety for the rider.

Thank you,

Rachel Schwarz

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**From:** Laura Martin <lauraamartin87@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 22, 2019 5:52 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** support for funding a Bike Network Master Plan

Hello,

I am working in support of Somerville's FY2020 budget including funding for planning a long-range Bike Network Master Plan.

I have been biking in Somerville for seven years. Biking has been my main mode of transit for getting to school and work. Over the past seven years, I have experienced safer biking in Somerville as more bike lanes and other safety measures for bikes have been installed. Being able to use a bicycle as my primary mode of transportation is one of my favorite things about living in Somerville.

My hope is that with a long-range Bike Network Master plan, biking in Somerville can be a safer experience for residents, and that residents of a diversity of ages and athletic abilities will feel safe riding in Somerville. Such a master plan will help make sure that safe bike infrastructure isn't sporadically located on different blocks, but instead makes an entire trip a safe experience. A more expansive bike network is important not only for the safety of our residents, but is also important for the economic growth of Somerville, providing healthy lifestyle choices for residents, as well as is key for Somerville's climate goals, and thus the future of the city.

Thank you for your work to make Somerville a great place to live. I sincerely hope you will carefully consider including funding for this planning in the FY2020 budget.

Laura Martin  
resident of 248 Summer Street, Apt 1, Somerville  
Ward 5

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**From:** Ulysses Lateiner <ulysseslateiner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 23, 2019 8:22 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** public comment re proposed Somerville FY2020 budget and Bike Network Master Plan

I cannot attend the public FY2020 budget hearing this Tuesday June 25 but would like to submit the following public comment.

I am pleased to hear that Somerville's proposed fiscal year 2020 budget includes funding toward planning a long-range Bike Network Master Plan that will improve Somerville's support for bicyclists of all ages and skill groups. **I ask that the Council preserve the funding for this Bike Network Master Plan in the final FY2020 budget.** An intentional long-range plan will help Somerville meet several of its major strategic goals, including Vision Zero and SomerVision.

My wife and I regularly use our bicycles to commute to work as well as to get around Somerville for recreational purposes. However, the existing road conditions, traffic patterns, and infrastructure for bicycles in Somerville are poor, and we would use our bicycles even more frequently-- *and in doing so, keep our car off of Somerville's roads even more frequently*-- if Somerville made greater effort to support bicyclists. This will also hold true for thousands of would-be bicyclists who are not as experienced as my wife and I, who are afraid to risk their lives on public roads that are currently unfriendly and often outright dangerous for bicycles.

The benefit to Somerville of encouraging increased bicycle use by improving bicycling conditions is obvious: bicycles are carbon-neutral and have the potential to displace private automobile usage, which is a major obstacle to the SomerVision transportation and carbon neutrality goals. The city cannot reasonably expect its residents to transition away from reliance on carbon-polluting private automobiles unless the city incentivizes alternate forms of transportation-- ideally carbon-neutral ones like bicycles. The Bike Network Master Plan will directly address this need by guiding the development of safe, coordinated, and connected bike infrastructure.

**Again, I ask the Council to please ensure that the funding for the Bike Network Master Plan is preserved in the final FY2020 budget.**

Thank you for considering my comments.

Ulysses Lateiner  
15 Chandler Street  
Ward 6

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**From:** Peter Doherty <peterd@acranox.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 10:11 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Clerk Contact; Mayor  
**Subject:** Vision Zero

Hi everyone

I heard that there's some budget money for better pedestrian and bike infrastructure and some traffic calming measures. A Bike Network Master Plan is a fantastic thing to have. This is great! Please don't cut it. Somerville is headed in the right direction. It's clear that the future has fewer cars. And it's clear that a city where people can walk and ride bikes safely is a good thing. We need to continue making strides to make Somerville better, and there's no time like now. Getting around the city can be terrifying at times, but I can say that in the time I've lived here, it's gotten better. And I can say that Boston is not moving in the right direction, but Somerville is doing a good job of setting an example of what is possible. More bike lanes, more connected bike lanes, and anything that can be done to make walking more pleasant is all I want.

Thank you

Peter Doherty  
80 Hinckley St  
Ward 5