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Name : Michael Vaglica  
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Issue : Bike lanes and limited parking

It has become concerning to myself, as well as many other permanent residents, about what new bike lane installations have done to our roads, moreover our small businesses. This proposal can be defended by petitioning to find out who actually agrees with me. Unfortunately recent developments lead me to fury and outrage. The lane markings throughout walnut street & Medford street crossings, as well as the broadway 1200 area. My bias is noted and I will not comment further.

These lane markings are proposing even more of the unnecessary bike lanes. I have statistical findings that there are more cars than bikes being used between 5 and 6 pm on a workday on broadway. I have testimony of more aggravated residents that are complaining about losing their parking spots because of a barely used bike lane. I also have complaints about the 30ft curb spot thing which makes no sense. The fire truck argument is weak because a lot of those markings that took away parking on cross street gentrified over 20 housing units. What do we care about, a democracy, or safety? Actually housing keeps people safe, so why risk their own personal safety by pushing them away because they can't park their cars closer to the curb rather than going a mile away! Fire trucks don't need that much room. Example, take a look and talk to revere and Everett.

The lead in all of these developments is more ticket money for the city to be put into bad use to make more while poles, more bike lanes and less parking for residents and small businesses. Example: 1157 broadway, a locally owned donut shop will foreclose as a result of these developments. Example: How are UPS and the other modes of delivery personal supposed to work? They already walk enough during their jobs, so they will deliver a 50 pound box by double parking, no choice. It's their health and safety at risk. Then UPS for instance will take care of any tickets and in the long run, may go out of business and loose drivers because of somervilles inconsiderate actions.

The alternative to all this should have an even playing field. Conduct a survey of how many drivers can't find parking versus bikes that actively use bike lanes, and locate a majority! Simply 2/3 even could cut it. I'd be supportive.

Therefore, the proposal is multipart

1) Create an effort to respond to residents that have had their parking spots taken away with no other use by surveying the identified areas.

2) Revisit those white markings before curbs that take away parking. They used to be good spots so whatever regulation made those disappeared is worth amending.

3) Talk to, notify, and offer alternatives or a voice to small businesses being impacted by bike lane developments. Examples all along Broadway without parking lots.

4) Conduct another survey of a peak hour car (vehicle) to bike ratio and make adjustments from statistical evidence.

5) Urge bikers to follow the rules of their roads, and ticket them if they disobey. Most car-bike accidents have the car at fault automatically even though fault was wrongful.

Thank you, committees !