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Hello,

I am a resident of Ward 2. The safe streets ordinance passed to much fanfare, however, I would like to highlight to the council that the city appears to be missing its first deadline.

The ordinance states that: "By no later than March 1, 2025, the City of Somerville shall submit a report to the city council detailing progress towards meeting the requirements set forth in this ordinance. Thereafter, a report shall be given to the city council no later than 12 months from the date of the preceding report. Such report shall include the following:

1. (1) Details on separated bicycle facilities installed in the previous year's construction season and separated bicycle facilities planned for installation during the current year's construction season.
2. (2) A plan to install no less than 3 bicycle lane miles in the current year's construction season and a multi-year plan for installing all bicycle lane miles of separated bicycle facilities designated for protected bike lanes in the priority network of the Somerville Bicycle Network Plan.
3. (3) A forecasted expenditure for installing such bicycle lane miles.
4. (4) An update regarding the City's progress on the quantifiable goals for pedestrian and transit infrastructure detailed in the Vision Zero Action Plan and the Somerville ADA Title II Transition Plan."

Ordinance available to view

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While there are still a couple days until March first, this report does not appear on tonight's city council agenda. Additionally the announced delay of the Elm-Beacon connector to 2026 means that meeting the 3 mile requirement for this year's construction window will be extremely unlikely. It is one thing to make plans, it is another to follow through on them and the city is still failing to follow through on these requirements. Please follow up with the transportation department to advance the required provisions of this ordinance.

Thank you,

Cole Rainey-Slavick