



Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee

Recommendation for sending tickets via 311

To Mayor Ballantyne and city staff,

We on the Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee understand the difficulty of managing the wide variety of bike lanes in Somerville. It is why we focus on building new infrastructure, but we as a community can only go so fast, and enforcement in some version still needs to exist.

We are excited by the work of the city council to now allow mailed tickets. Such efforts have been started in Davis square. However, we are asking the administration to expand this to allow any vulnerable road user safety violations to send tickets via the 311 system. This would include bike lanes, crosswalks, or daylight intersections.

We are asking first offenses to be warning and but repeated offenders should be mailed tickets. A consistent fine for creating unsafe environments on our streets will do far more for changing behavior than the way things currently are.

We are encouraged by the administration's focus on safe streets on holland street most recently and ask that the administration take on this extension to the current ordinances that fine cars parked in bike lanes to keep our streets safe.

**Sincerely,
Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee**