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**From:** Charles Petersen <charles.a.petersen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2019 9:17 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact; somerville@cambridgebikesafety.org  
**Subject:** Suppoert for Network of Protected Bike Lanes

Hi there,

I'm a Somerville resident and voter. I live at 140 Summer St. I just wanted to send a quick note to say how excited I am that funding for a full network of protected bike lanes has been included in the city budget. I bike literally every day of the year, in rain and snow. While the existing bike lanes make biking much safer, a real network of bike lanes will make me feel far more protected. I was hit by a car on my bike a little over a year ago, and I'm still suffering from the effects of the concussion I sustained that day. If there had been a bike lane on the street I was biking on that day, I'm almost entirely certain the accident wouldn't have happened. That's in the past but these bike lanes will prevent many similar accidents in the future. I hope you will continue to push for them as they work their way through the legislative process.

Thank you!

All best,  
-Charles Petersen  
140 Summer St., Somerville

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**From:** Max Bridges <maxwell.bridges@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2019 9:45 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact; somerville@cambridgebikesafety.org  
**Subject:** Proposed FY2020 Budget - Mobility

Dear Council,

I'm excited to see additional attention paid to multimodal transportation infrastructure in the proposed 2020 budget.

In particular, it's good to see that the city has an appetite for improving its bicycle infrastructure. We're a small, dense place, and with the right programs in place, cycling can be a safe, green way for thousands (someday tens of thousands!) of residents to get around every day.

Getting people out of cars and onto bikes whenever possible will go a long way toward alleviating our traffic congestion and parking crises, too. Good bike infrastructure makes people feel safe cycling where they haven't before. It encourages people to think beyond car commuting, and allows households to go low- or no-car. Fewer people clogging the roads and less public space dedicated to storing private property are wins for everyone.

I encourage the council to vote for this budget, and to support any other smart, multimodal transportation policies in the future.

Thanks,  
Max Bridges  
Trull St.  
Ward 5

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**From:** Gerges, Sherif <sherif\_gerges@g.harvard.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2019 9:52 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Clerk Contact; somerville@cambridgebikesafety.org  
**Subject:** Protected bike lanes in the FY20 budget.

Hi,

My name is Sherif Gerges and I am a proud resident of Somerville and an everyday biker. I kindly ask that you vote to keep a network of protected bike lanes in the FY20 budget.

Best,

Sherif

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Sherif Gerges

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**From:** Zachary Zimmerman <zach.m.zim@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2019 9:53 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Clerk Contact; somerville@cambridgebikesafety.org  
**Subject:** Support for bike infrastructure funding

Hello,

I am a Union Square resident writing to request that you vote to maintain our existing bike infrastructure throughout the city and increase funding for protected and interconnected bike lane networks in the FY20 budget. I've seen some great improvements since moving here (Beacon St, Broadway, etc) but we need more!

Thanks,  
Zachary Zimmerman

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**From:** jeanne.whynot <jeanne.whynot@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2019 10:11 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** somerville@cambridgebikesafety.org; City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** I support a network of protected bike lanes in Somerville

Dear City Council,

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

I want my entire family to be safe while biking in Somerville and right now that is not the case. I imagine a city that my children can safely ride their bikes to school, after school activities and to friends/ parks etc. But currently I could not allow that, it is too much of a risk. Please consider a network of protected bike lanes to make Somerville a safe city for families to bike in.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Jeanne Whynot  
Resident at 15 Berkeley st somerville 02143

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**From:** Edward Faulkner <edward@eaf4.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2019 3:07 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact; somerville@cambridgebikesafety.org; somervillebikes@gmail.com  
**Subject:** FY20 Budget Comment

I am very please to see that the budget proposal includes funding to plan Somerville's protected bike network.

Please vote to keep this funding in the final budget.

Thank you,  
Edward Faulkner  
61 Bay State Ave

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**From:** Lisa Thirer <lisathirer@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2019 3:49 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Clerk Contact; somerville@cambridgebikesafety.org  
**Subject:** Support for Somerville bike lane network

To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Somerville, alongside my husband and daughter, we are happy to hear that the city is considering a network of protected bike lanes in Somerville.

Our family cycles, both for commuting to work and dropping off at daycare, as well as for recreational purposes. Having a safe network of bike lanes is critical and also plays a role in determining if we will stay Somerville residents as our daughter gets older, as her safety is our priority.

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

Sincerely,  
Lisa Thirer

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Hailey Broderick <broderih@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2019 6:39 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact; somerville@cambridgebikesafety.org  
**Subject:** Bike infrastructure in Somerville

Hi

I'm a Somerville resident who commutes on bike 12 months/year. Safe infrastructure for cyclists helps everyone: drivers, peds, and cyclists. Please vote to keep a network of protected bike lanes in the FY20 budget.

Thank you  
Hailey



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**From:** Emma Lewin <ejlewin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2019 11:48 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact; somerville@cambridgebikesafety.org  
**Subject:** Please vote to keep protected bike lanes in the FY20 Budget!

Hello valued city councilors,

My name is Emma Lewin and I live on Lowell St in Somerville. I've written to you before about bike safety in Somerville. I travel frequently to the Netherlands and I see what Boston could be in terms of safe bike, pedestrian, and car infrastructure. Prioritizing bike lanes and bike safety is going to reduce traffic and increase commerce in Somerville. However the network of bike paths/lanes is limited and for this reason there are a lot of people who are fit, able to bike well, but nervous about biking in Somerville. Let's get them on a bike to work instead of a car!

As I bike by cars in the morning, it is car after car of single drivers. Even if we get only 100 more people biking to work, that is ONE HUNDRED fewer cars on the road! I also believe that as they see the benefit of biking, get used to it, many people will continue to bike in bad and cold weather as long as the paths are kept clear. This happened to me! I never thought I would be a year round commuter. But biking is so much more efficient than driving around the city so I got some good gloves and I now bike year round.

I would be happy to discuss in more detail the incredible bike infrastructure I see and use in the Netherlands if anyone wants to hear more. Thank you for your time!

Warm regards,  
Emma