

Thank you council and especially staff for all the work that went into making meetings like this possible, for making participatory democracy continue safely during the pandemic.

But I will remind you that this pandemic is a sardine compared to the shark of climate change.

Both these things - pandemic and climate change - call on us to strengthen our community, to care for and about each other, and to care about and for the Earth.

So this is where we get to bike lanes.

Cycling, and supporting safe cycling, with bike lanes, helps build stronger communities. It also puts the needs, the safety, of many above the personal desires of a few.

And of course, cycling is a vital part of our attempts to lower our Town's climate-changing emissions. We cannot even begin to tackle climate change, to take on to ourselves that sort of personal and community responsibility, without cycling.

For many reasons, we must do all we can to make cycling safe. Please approve these new bike lanes.

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