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Sent: December 4, 2020 7:50 PM
Subject: Bike Lane On Clearmeadow Blvd

Hello,

I hope you are well. I am emailing in regards to the future bike lane being built on Clearmeadow Blvd this upcoming year. As a resident of the street, I would like to voice my concern on this project. For the last couple of years and to this day, all houses on the block are currently undergoing extreme nuisance from the construction going on behind our houses on Rita Avenue with the development of the new houses. Every morning I am awakened by yelling from workers or machinery beeping. Unfortunately, I was also not able to enjoy my summer in the backyard due to all the dust from this expansion.

I understand that this does not specifically relate to the Town, however I am not sure if my neighbours and I will take well to having construction workers starting a new project on the other side of our houses. I am all for furthering environmentally friendly transportation, however is the bike lane on both sides of the street really necessary? As of right now, we are able to park vehicles on the north side of the street. With bike lanes being on both sides of the road, street parking will not be accessible at all for the whole Blvd. Where are we supposed to tell guests to park when our driveways don't have enough space? Additionally, as a resident who has lived on this street for over 16 years, I can attest that our street is currently busy enough. It is often challenging to even reverse out of our driveways with the amount of traffic on the street. Likewise, the road is already wide enough to accommodate both parked cars and the small number of cyclists who do ride down our street during the very few warm months of the year. Personally, I don't think the tax dollars that will go into this bike lane is even worth it when you can only bike for certain months of the year? Perhaps, a bike lane on the south side only will be a more viable option and allow us to still keep street parking for our community.

Please reconsider.
Looking forward to your response.

Thanks for your time,

Ann Abbas
-A resident of Clearmeadow Blvd for over 16 years.