

Email

In support of Amherst Bike...


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To

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In support of Amherst Bike Lanes

Date Sent

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4/25/2023 8:10 PM

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Dear Chairperson,

I am writing in support of the bike lanes project for Amherst Ave. Having lived in the area for the past 15 years, I have regularly biked on Amherst Ave as a safer alternative to Georgia Avenue. I have used this route to commute to work/school, to visit friends, and to access businesses downtown.

Right now, I feel that many people don't choose to bike or walk through Wheaton because Georgia Ave and University can feel like major highways. Establishing a dedicated bike lane on Amherst Ave will send a clear message to residents and businesses that Wheaton is open for business! I am also excited about the 193 corridor plan and I look forward to our section of 193 becoming safer and more amenable to public transportation, pedestrians, and cyclists. These plans together will create a more vibrant and human friendly downtown Wheaton. I'm so excited for this future.

I would ask that large capacity bike racks be included in the design and build so that residents can use the new bike lanes to access the amazing restaurants on Amherst Ave and the Post office.

Additionally, I would hope that there is an equally robust bike lane connector to the Wheaton Metro and Wheaton Triangle. If this is part of the current, or a future design, I am unaware, but I think it is important to maximize the impact.

Thank you again for moving Montomogermery county forward in a direction that centers people in our communities and not cars!!!!

Sincerely,
Chris Irwin
Kemp Mill (and formerly McKenny Hills)

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From: [Jonathan Fink](#)
To: [Glazier, Eli](#)
Subject: Re: Amherst bike lane
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 10:01:23 AM

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Many thanks Eli. I'm excited by the prospect of the new bike lane. I hear some concerns from neighbors on a local listserv about loss of parking near the post office on Amherst. Do you know if there is any impact on parking there? I would like to put those fears to rest. Thank you for your public service work. Regards, Jonathan

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2023, at 3:07 AM, Glazier, Eli
<eli.glazier@montgomeryplanning.org> wrote:

Good morning Jonathan,
Thanks for your interest. The staff report and associated documents will be uploaded at some point on Thursday.

Eli

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From: Jonathan Fink <finkfive@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 3:34:07 AM
To: Glazier, Eli <eli.glazier@montgomeryplanning.org>
Subject: Fwd: Amherst bike lane

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jonathan Fink <finkfive@gmail.com>
Date: April 24, 2023 at 10:32:45 PM EDT
To: eli.glazier@montgomerycountymd.org
Subject: Amherst bike lane

Dear Mr. Glazier -

Can you pls send me the report and other documentation available to the public for the May 4 meeting to discuss the Amherst bike lane?

The agenda item does not appear to be clickable on your website.

Thank you!

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From: [MCP-Chair](#)
To: [Glazier, Eli](#)
Cc: [MCP-Chair](#)
Subject: FW: Shared Voicemail (MC Main Chairman's Office)
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 9:40:35 AM
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Importance: High

Good morning Eli,

Please see comments below regarding Amherst Bike Lanes. If your staff report is complete, I can include in the correspondence packet to the Board.

Thanks,
Catherine

Catherine Coello, Administrative Assistant III

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From: +1 202-905-2469 <+12029052469>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:28 PM
To: MC-Voice-BCAST-ChairmanOffice <MC-Voice-BCAST-ChairmanOffice@mncppc-mc.org>
Subject: Shared Voicemail (MC Main Chairman's Office)
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Hey, this is David Choi on Kemp Mill Rd. I live in the Kemp Mill neighborhood and I'm learning about this Amherst Ave. separated bike lane proposal. I think it's a great idea. I don't think I have time to testify, but on behalf of other bikers in my neighborhood of people who can get downtown easier, I think it'd be wonderful. I definitely would be able to more easily ride my bike to the metro there and back. When I meet people, I can more easily tell them they can bring their bike, get off the metro and there's a path right down to our cola. I think it's a great idea. You know, not everyone is in support of this. I feel like they're a minority. Spikes are great and I hope we have more biking for our health, for the environment to reduce our carbon emissions. Thanks a lot.

You received a voice mail from [+12029052469](#).

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 Andrew Bzdega

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3/23/2023 10:53 PM

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Dear chairman,

I wish to provide some feedback from the mailer I received regarding the proposed design of the Amherst Ave. bikeway between Prichard and Reedie. I saw the meeting was originally scheduled for the 30th but according to your online agenda the topic has been postponed, however I do not see any info as to when it was postponed to. Could you please inform me when this topic is to be discussed? My comments on the project are below.

1) I noticed that you are showing some planting buffers to retain some street trees, however there is no buffer in place to preserve the tree located in front of 11009 Amherst Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20902. The tree is healthy and has been there over a decade and should be saved. Please make sure to include a planting buffer to save this tree. Furthermore, I do not see any buffers for new street trees. Amherst was once lined with street trees and this would be the final opportunity to replace those trees and help alleviate the effects of removing the planting buffer.

Please seriously consider these additional tree buffers, especially the one in front of 11009 Amherst Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20902 as that tree is existing. A buffer in this location should not reduce the number of parking spaces, although perhaps one may be lost.

2) In the mailer you are showing a temporary easement. What is the purpose of this easement? Will the new sidewalk encroach into this temporary easement? Several homes have fences or plantings in this temporary easement area. How will these items be impacted if at all?

3) I see you are proposing permeable paving in place of the existing planting buffer. I have had poor results with projects involving permeable paving. What type of permeable paving are you proposing and how do you plan to maintain it? As I am sure you are aware, permeable paving requires constant maintenance to be effective.


Please respond to my comments/concerns via reply email or at the upcoming public meeting. I would very much appreciate your response. If I do not hear these comments addressed I will make sure to bring it up during the public meeting.

I thank you in advance for your response.

Regards,

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Jedrzei Bzdega
Architect
Homeowner & Resident - 11009 Amherst Ave.

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Re: Comments regarding proposed Amherst bikeway

Cheng, Angel <Angel.Cheng@montgomerycountymd.gov>

Wed 3/29/2023 2:43 PM

To: Andrew Bzdega <bzdega@gmail.com>

Good Afternoon Mr. Bzdega,

Thank you for your email and your interest in the Amherst Avenue Bikeway project. We appreciate you taking the time to write to us and share your thoughts with us. Your comments has been received and included in the overall public engagement documentation.

Please see below for the responses to your comments/questions.

1) The permeable parking bays are proposed to accommodate the on-street parking needs for residents along this side of Amherst Avenue, but we can certainly revisit the possibility of saving the tree you are referencing. Often times, the root zone of the tree could be much larger underneath the subsurface and even excavating in the surrounding area could jeopardize the root zone and increase the chance of tree falling over in the storm events or high winds.

2) The temporary easement indicated on the newsletter are proposed temporary construction easements that the County will have to obtain from each property owner for the purpose of constructing the parking bays and reconstructing portion of the sidewalk in the front. Temporary construction easement is only temporary during the construction period as the name suggested, and it will expire after construction activities are complete. The County will work with each property owner to determine the extents of the easement needs and negotiate appropriate compensation for it. Please note that the property line shown on the newsletter is based on the GIS database and not completely accurate. We are currently tasking our consultants to formally survey the property lines for each property on this block.

3) The permeable parking bays are currently proposed using the PaveDrain products, which require less maintenance than traditional permeable pavement construction methods. The County has applied this similar strategy using this product elsewhere, namely the Sligo Parks Hills near downtown Silver Spring and Sligo Creek. Our counterparts at the Department of Environmental Protection are responsible for maintaining SWM facilities across the County, and they have regular maintenance schedule once they are constructed.

Thanks again for reaching out to us. Should you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact me again.

Warm Regards,
Angel

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From: Andrew Bzdega <bzdega@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 10:41 PM
To: Cheng, Angel <Angel.Cheng@montgomerycountymd.gov>
Subject: Comments regarding proposed Amherst bikeway

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Ms. Cheng,

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