

CITY COUNCIL E-MAILS

March 8, 2021 Council Meeting

The following e-mails were received:

March 4, 2021 (after 9:00 a.m.) – **March 8, 2021** (before 4:00 p.m.)

If you need further information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 610-7208.

From: [Judy via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Additional pickleball courts
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 2:39:30 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Judy (Jmpoulin819@man.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 13:39:28

address: 885 state street

comments: I am all in favor of additional PB courts in Portsmouth. I have played the sport for several years and have met some wonderful people. It would be a great addition to a wonderful city!!

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REMOTE_ADDR: 198.168.35.69

From: [Anne Torrez via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bicycle Lanes in Portsmouth
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 8:31:06 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Anne Torrez (anne@triityourway.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 07:31:01

address: 18 Phinney Ln

comments: Hello-

I'm writing as a concerned member of the Seacoast community regarding the upcoming motion to remove 1/4 mile of bike lane on Middle Street. I frequently use my bike for transportation and recreation in and around Portsmouth.

Not only will this motion be extremely costly, estimated to be over \$300,000 cost for for taxpayers, crash and traffic data clearly confirms that this would make the road less safe for cyclists, pedestrians AND motor vehicles.

Please consider the safety, time and money investment of your residents and visitors and vote against this motion.

Thank you,
Anne Torrez

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From: [Carrie Jose via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike Lane - Middle St
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 9:49:16 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Carrie Jose (carrie.jose@gmail.com) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 08:49:09

address: 49 Wilson Rd. Portsmouth, NH

comments: Dear City Councilors,

While I am not personally attached to the outcome of the bike lanes - I am very much attached to the fiscal decisions that are made by this Council.

The proposition to make a seemingly unnecessary modification to the bike lanes on Middle Rd (remove a ¼ mile stretch of bike lane and return parked cars to the curb) which will have the following consequences: 1) make the street less safe - as confirmed by several professional groups and experts and 2) will force the city to have to repay large sums of money - seems irresponsible and reckless.

The councilors proposing this change to the bike lanes have not taken the time to listen to the overwhelming majority of residents, nor have they considered the opinions/recommendations of expert groups and departments.

I urge you to vote NO on making any changes to the bike lanes.

There is no benefit that I can see for the City of Portsmouth or its residents should this pass. It will only further impact the city's financial position, which has already been negatively impacted this past year due to the pandemic.

Sincerely,
Carrie Jose
Portsmouth Resident and Business Owner

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From: [teri.mullen via FormMail.com](mailto:teri.mullen@formmail.com)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike lane
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 9:47:46 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
teri mullen (teri-jill@hotmail.com) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 20:47:44

address: 14 Lavoie DR, Nottingham nh

comments: Keep the Middle Street bike lane in its entirety. Do not spend monies to remove some if the bike lane .
A city safe for cyclists and pedestrians is a city full of life, a place people want to be.
I am a NH cyclist and I enjoy riding my bike to Portsmouth.

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From: [Louis Lange via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike Lane issue
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 7:37:50 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Louis Lange (lou.lange@yahoo.com) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 18:37:48

address: 5 Freedom Circle, Apt. 13, Portsmouth

comments: The Council's attempt to undo some of the bike lanes and other related improvements is a waste of time. Leave well enough alone. The boke lanes work. We have people to park near the bike lanes that do not employ common sense when opening a door into a bike lane with out watching for bicyclist. I encourage the council to defeat this wasteful action. Thank you.

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From: [Tyke Frost via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike lane on Middle street
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 12:39:40 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Tyke Frost (pointofviewfarm@gmail.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 11:39:38

address: Deerfield, NH

comments: I'm writing to urge you to keep the bike lane on Middle Street. Portsmouth leads New Hampshire in safe cycling opportunities and is a model for other communities.

I generally bicycle from my home in Deerfield to Portsmouth weekly. Using the Rockingham Rail Trail and the bike paths and lanes in Portsmouth makes my trip safe and enjoyable.

Upon my arrival in Portsmouth, I usually spend several hours touring your city, shopping, and having lunch/dinner. Your city is a grand place to be a tourist.

Please do not take a giant step backwards in being a tourist-friendly community. While others are making financial investments in tourism, it disappoints me to see my State discarding opportunities to attract tourists. Begun in 2017, New York State now boasts a 750-mile bike trail across their State. I'll be one of the tourists riding New York's Erie Canal trail this summer and visiting their bike-friendly businesses.

Similarly, Maine will be extending its Eastern Trail this year and will be adding two bike trails spanning I-295 in the Freeport area.

I recently spent several days bicycle touring Savannah, GA. And, while doing so I kept thinking how nice it would be to have a bike-friendly community in New England. If you arrive in Savannah without a bike, you can rent one from a bike rack using a kiosk or a smartphone app. Managers in Savannah will tell you that becoming bike-friendly has increased their tourist trade while decreasing automobile congestion.

In closing, I urge you again, please let's keep moving forward. Removing the bike lane on Middle Street will cost money, decrease safety, and discourage tourism. Thank you for your consideration.

It appears to me that as our neighbouring States work to attract tourists by offering new bike paths and trails, we may be shooting ourselves in the foot.

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From: [Debra Maki via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike lane proposal
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:31:48 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Debra Maki (damaki@aol.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 09:31:46

address: 247 Martha Terrace

comments: Experts agree that the councilâ€™s proposal makes the road less safe for cyclists, drivers and pedestrians.
The proposal will cost taxpayers \$320,000 in additional and wasted monies.

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From: [Michael Derhammer via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike Lane Vote, 3/8/21
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 11:08:35 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Michael Derhammer (hagusmd@yahoo.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 10:08:33

address: 280 Thaxter Rd, Portsmouth NH. 03801

comments: I am writing to oppose the changing of the bike lanes on Middle Street.
I use the bike lanes as often as possible with my Family of 4. Having the vehicle buffer between my Son and Daughter and moving traffic is extremely valuable to us.
Additionally I cannot image why we should alter the bike lane considering it is an additional cost. Wasting town money to repay the federal grant is unconscionable.
Please, do not change the lanes. Please do not waste the town money.

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REMOTE_ADDR: 73.167.216.208

From: [Christina Cook via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike lane
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 1:29:46 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Christina Cook (zenawcook17@gmail.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 12:29:44

address: 380 Ocean Road #14

comments: Dear City Councilors,

The bike lanes on Middle Street have been a great asset! I appreciate the changes that have been made to accommodate bikers and vehicle safety.
This kind of bike lane is much safer for a cyclist. Many cars are not good at gaging their distance from cyclists. Please continue to support its current configuration.
Donâ€™t waste our tax payers money with getting rid of it.

Thank you,
Christina Cook

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From: [Ryan Costa via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike Lane
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 7:54:56 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Ryan Costa (ryancosta89@gmail.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 06:54:54

address: 126 Hill St.

comments: Hello!

I think it would be incredibly shortsighted to amend the bike lane at this point. It would cost taxpayers money, and actually make the road statistically less safe. Further, it is an excellent way to connect the middle school to the high school in a safe way!

Please find another project to focus on!

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From: [Janet L Polasky via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: bike lane
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:06:05 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Janet L Polasky (janet.polasky@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 14:06:03

address: 62 MENDUM AVE

comments: Dear City Councilors,

I would like to add my voice to those residents who rely on the Middle Street bike lane. I live on Mendum Avenue and regularly ride into town along Middle Street. The bike lane has made that ride much safer. Before the bike lane was installed, I narrowly avoided an accident as a car pulled out of a parking spot without looking. I slammed on my brakes. She never saw me, continuing on her way without a thought that Middle Street without bike lanes was not safe for all of us who rely on that as a thoroughfare.

I hope that the Council will instead consider expanding the network, including making Lincoln Ave a bike boulevard to complement the lane on Middle Street.

Sincerely,
Janet Polasky

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From: [Paul Ringuette via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike lane
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 7:53:48 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Paul Ringuette (paulnringuette@gmail.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 06:53:46

address: 308 Richards

comments: Is the city planning on costing the citizens \$320,000 to remove aspects of the bike lane? Are these actual costs and why would we be doing this?

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REMOTE_ADDR: 174.196.209.173

From: [Sarah Fleck via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike Lanes and Budget
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 12:00:28 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Sarah Fleck (sarah.fleck@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 11:00:25

address: 6 Rockaway Street

comments: Hello!

As a resident, mom, former PTA President, and active in the biker in the community, I have found that the recent budget cuts on the table for the schools and the money it would cost to move the bike lanes are connected.

Our schools have undergone major changes to accommodate all students in Portsmouth. Budget cuts that may eliminate several jobs including some teaching positions as well as reduced hours for reading specialists and paraprofessionals should not be on the table. These dedicated workers should not be concerned about their jobs when they are giving everything right now to help our children with virtual learning. And while they are giving everything they have to our children and worrying about whose job will be cut, our city is talking about spending about \$240,000 to move bike lanes. Seriously? How many jobs would be saved with that money?

I have seen how these elementary schools work and they rely on all of their teachers, specialists, and especially the paraprofessionals. Please consider leaving the bike lanes alone and using that money to help our children and schools.

Sincerely,

Sarah Fleck

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From: [Brian Beakey via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike lanes in Portsmouth
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 7:21:08 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Brian Beakey (bbeak83@hotmail.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 06:21:05

address: 512 Broad Street

comments: To the city councilors of Portsmouth,

I hope you reconsider your plans to remove the bike lanes that have been proven to help keep bicyclists safer. Perhaps the taxpayer money needed to remove the lanes could be used to repaint existing "sharrow" marks on other roads around downtown.

Sincerely,
Brian Beakey

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REMOTE_ADDR: 24.198.139.161

From: [Kelly Cioe via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike lanes on Middle Street
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 11:54:34 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kelly Cioe (kelly@whalenpr.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 10:54:31

address: 44 Melbourne Street

comments: Please do not alter the existing bike lanes on Middle Street. My family uses them all the time, 3 seasons of the year, and we feel much safer having the buffer of parked cars. My kids are 9 and 10 and we would not otherwise go to Middle Street or we would probably end up with the kids riding on the sidewalk, which isn't safe.

I feel this whole discussion is actually quite ridiculous and should be put to bed. We should not spend money to reroute the section of concern, when we should be putting more money into our school budget and we are continuing to deal with an epidemic.

Thank you,
Kelly Cioe

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From: [Jon Mullen via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike lanes on middle street
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:18:53 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jon Mullen (Jmullen23@hotmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 08:18:42

address: 14 Lavoie, Nottingham NH

comments: I would like to ask that you not only leave the Middle St. bike lanes in place but to ADD TO THEM!
We desperately need safe spaces to get around Portsmouth without resorting to automobile travel. Please think about the future of the city and making it less reliant on motor vehicles.
A city that is bike friendly is a city that is also pedestrian friendly and is a place people want to go to, return to and live in.

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REMOTE_ADDR: 70.20.59.113

From: [Mark Baldassare via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike Lanes
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 12:16:47 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mark Baldassare (mbaldassare123@gmail.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 11:16:45

address: 191 Sagamore Ave

comments: Please do not "revisit" the bike lanes. Listen to the traffic engineers hired by the city. Please do not spend more money making these lanes less safe.

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REMOTE_ADDR: 71.233.85.48

From: [Mark Vangel via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike lanes
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 9:07:29 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mark Vangel (Mvan52@gmail.com) on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 20:07:27

address: 70 constitution Ave 226

comments: Hello Councilors

Please keep the middle street bike lanes as they are. I feel safer, experts have said itâ€™s safer, and it would be a tremendous waste of money to dismantle them.

Mark Vangel

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REMOTE_ADDR: 73.149.73.142

From: [Nicholas Tulloh via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: bike lanes
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:44:38 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Nicholas Tulloh (nicktulloh@comcast.net) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 09:44:35

address: 311 Newmarket Rd, Durham, NH 03824

comments: Please do NOT remove the bike lanes - expand them if anything. Please do not bow to a vocal minority who want to impede progress. Thanks you.

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Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 67.189.247.19

From: [Karen McCormick via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike Lanes
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 2:31:02 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Karen McCormick (karenwalksalot60@gmail.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 13:31:00

address: 351 Union Street

comments: Please leave the bike lanes as is. Perhaps revisit the placement of bollards. The lanes work. We can use the money that would have to be returned for so many other things to bring life back to the city. They do work.

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REMOTE_ADDR: 72.71.229.132

From: [Lisa Gainty via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike lanes
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 9:33:40 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Lisa Gainty (Lgainty2004@yahoo.com) on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 20:33:38

address: 889 South st Portsmouth NH

comments: I live on South St and use the bike lanes all summer riding in to downtown for work and fun. Please keep the bike lanes.

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Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 73.167.217.91

From: [Mary C McIver via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: bike lanes
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 8:42:25 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mary C McIver (mimic315@aol.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 07:42:23

address: 315 RICHARDS AVE

comments: I am strongly in favor of maintaining the Middle Street bike lane as it is now designed. I notice more people of all ages using bikes--let's continue to work to keep those folks safe. Trying to look at the bike lane issue from other points of view, I can't see who would benefit from shortening the lane. To undo the planning, work, and investment already put into creating the bike lane for no particular gain seems an odd and bad move.

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From: [David Speltz via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike lanes
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 9:26:28 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
David Speltz (Dspeltz@speltz.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 08:26:26

address: 579 Sagamore Ave #108

comments: More than once I have been pushed off the street by fast moving cars who simply do not like bicycles. In fact, some speed up to scare me (and others, I assume). The new bike lanes which have the inner section for bikes protected by parked cars is wonderful. I cannot understand why some of you wish to flip them back to a state in which riders are exposed to 3 tons of steel moving at 30+ miles per hour (which means near certain death if hit). Please support improving safety by following the recommendations of the consultant who reported a couple weeks ago.

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REMOTE_ADDR: 66.31.224.135

From: [Eric Weinrieb via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike Lanes
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 2:43:08 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Eric Weinrieb (Eric@altus-eng.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 13:43:06

address: 9 Middle Road

comments: Dear Council members,

i strongly oppose you removing the bike lanes. The bike lanes were designed and approved by the City Council. They have been vetted by design professionals, NHDOT and independent design professionals. They have been proven to improve safety, reduce vehicular speed on Middle Road and enhance our community. Voting to remove them is fiscally reckless. This Council was voted in to control spending. What you are proposing is to waste tax payers money.

If you truly believe that they should be removed and that the money returned, then I ask that all of the Council members who to remove that they personally pay the money out of your own pockets.

THIS FRIVOLOUS EXPENDITURE SHOULD NOT COME FROM OUR TAX DOLLARS!

Thank you for you time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Weinrieb
9 Middle Road

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REMOTE_ADDR: 173.9.82.14

From: [Judith Burakowski via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: bike lanes
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 8:42:14 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Judith Burakowski (cowskigirl@gmail.com) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 19:42:12

address: 5 Cricket Hill Rd. E. Kingston, NH

comments: I am utterly astounded at the baseless opposition to the protected bike lanes that have been so painstakingly researched and implemented to enhance the safety, health and well-being of folks who live in and frequent Portsmouth on a regular basis. The backward-thinking that comprises the motion to remove the bike lanes is irresponsible, wasteful and downright dangerous to anyone who commutes to or chooses to use clean transportation within the City of Portsmouth. If the the Mayor and group of councilors who have made it their mission to gut the flagship Middle Street bike lane project, the first of its kind in the entire state, did their due diligence and actually read and thoughtfully considered proposals put forth in the Toole Design Memorandum, they would be jumping through hoops to improve and enhance this project. I do hope they will come to their senses and do what is right for the good citizens of Portsmouth and its surrounding communities, and rescind their motion to remove a 1/4 mile stretch of bike lane and return parked cars to the curb.

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From: [Terri Nulph via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike Lanes
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 6:55:56 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Terri Nulph (Nulph@comcast.net) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 05:55:54

address: 129 Buckminster Way

comments: I do not support moving the bike lanes. I do not support this City Council using tax dollars to make this change.

Thank you.

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From: [Mary Ellen Hoerman via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike lanes
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 5:29:10 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mary Ellen Hoerman (Hoermanme@gmail.com) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 16:29:08

address: 56 Dennett St

comments: As an avid cyclist for over 40 years, I have been following the debate on the bike lanes on Middle Road. I am astonished that there are councilors who are dismissing the experts on this issue. And why would they risk having to repay over \$223,000?? This makes no sense- please just implement the plan the experts have recommended. Yes, it takes time to get used to the layout , but this is forward thinking and planning. Make Portsmouth more bike friendly, please!

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From: [Mark Dorley via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike Lanes
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:12:13 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mark Dorley (Dorleymark@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 08:12:09

address: 777 Middle Rd. #25

comments: I support moving the parked cars back against the curb. I will not waste your time listing off all the reasons this is the right thing to do. Take a drive along Middle St., observe the situation and apply some common sense. I can say as a statement of fact my 7th grader does not utilize the the bike lanes when he bikes to PMS from our home on Middle Rd. He takes Lawrence to Mendum to Lincoln Ave.

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From: [Michelle Anderson via FormMail.com](mailto:Michelle.Anderson@formmail.com)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike Lanes... Let's move on please
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 9:48:15 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Michelle Anderson (anderson.michl@gmail.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 08:48:12

address: 236 Cate St.

comments: Councilor,

I am writing to implore you, yet again, to stop revisiting the Middle St. bike lanes with the intention to move or otherwise make significant changes to this project. The bike lanes began as an idea over TEN years ago. According to the Planning Department page, in that time, there have been:

- 8 press releases
- 18 public project documents, studies and plans
- 14 (at least) public meetings and presentations
- 1 \$12,000 study funded by taxpayer dollars
- Countless hours of council's time (present and past)
- Who knows how many Seacoast Online articles fanning the flames of division

I drive down Middle St a few times a week. I turn right and left off of Cass and Aldrich a few times a week. There isn't much of a difference in the difficulty of these basic maneuvers that I demonstrated over 20 years ago to get my driver's license. I've noticed that cars go slower on Middle, which is wonderful. Studies have proven that the bike lane has improved overall safety. It really isn't difficult to avoid Middle St if you feel unsafe driving that corridor.

Councilors, you spent taxpayer money on an independent study. Heed the advice given by the study. DO NOT stick tax payers with the bill to repay this grant. Citizens had AMPLE opportunity before this project was ever implemented to voice their concerns. The City has responded to concerns appropriately and made great changes to the bike lane.

Please know that I will not vote for any councilor who insists on driving this forward and I will also assist the campaigns of those who run against you. I feel this council has time and again used their positions to further their own personal agendas and does not operate for the greater good of the community and this is yet another example of that. Unless the council is going to collect private funds, or use their own personal funds, to repay the grant, you are acting in a way that is against the interest of the residents of Portsmouth by continuing to try to eliminate the bike lane.

I urge you all to Let This Go.

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From: [Jon via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike Lanes
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 6:48:49 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jon (Estimated_eyes77@yahoo.com) on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 17:48:46

address: Dodge A e

comments: I oppose wasting taxpayer money to “re-do” the portion of the bike lanes which would cost the city the money from the grant and additional funds.
There is nothing wrong with leaving them as is and this item should not be receiving anywhere near enough attention.

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From: [Kat Anania via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike lanes
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:00:39 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kat Anania (katanania@gmail.com) on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 19:00:36

address: 421 Striped Bass Ave

comments: Please leave the bike lanes as is. They keep cyclists safe and are used all the time keeping the cyclists off the streets where cars speed all the time. Theyâ€™re in place so leave them alone.

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From: [Pam Richard via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: bike lanes
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 7:04:52 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Pam Richard (pam@amaruq.com) on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 18:04:49

address: 1179 Maplewood Ave

comments: Please, please stop this nonsense with the bike lanes. Changing now is a waste of money. Portsmouth needs to work to be more bike and pedestrian friendly and changing these bikes lanes is a step backwards. Listen to what the experts have said!

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From: [Kimberly James via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Bike Lanes--What Portsmouth Has Done Right
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 11:07:47 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kimberly James (kimberly6james@gmail.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 10:07:44

address: 1600 Islington Street

comments: Dear Councilors,

I am writing to express my appreciation for the creation of bike lanes that currently go from PHS to downtown Portsmouth. You are all aware of the financial and safety reasons not to change the lanes that have been made clear by experts in the field. Here is a view of the meaning to families in this community.

As a resident living towards the end of Islington Street, this has allowed my family to safely access the city. One of the main reasons we moved to Portsmouth was to have access to a small city via cycling or walking. This was a HUGE draw for our family after spending significant time abroad and finding the ease and enjoyment of accessible cities. Myself growing up in New York, this was never a safe option. The joy cycling into town, to the Pierce Island Pool, library, indoor pool, farmer's market, various parks, etc. has given myself, my husband and my children is immense. Both of my children attended the Treehouse School on State Street and I was able to safely ride them in and pick them up in our cargo bike. This will remain a highlight of their early childhood.

As my children get older, they are patiently awaiting the days until they are ready themselves to ride into town. As a parent, I am looking forward to this because of the safety provided to riders in the bike lane.

You may argue that the move of bike lanes to Lincoln Street will still provide access to these same areas, of which I would agree. But I can tell you from personally taking Lincoln Street from its start by the City Hall to Middle Street (mostly to check out Halloween and Christmas decorations) it is not conducive to bike riding. The road as is, does not provide enough space for bikers to safely ride alongside with cars. There is a lot of navigating involving cars and bikers having to stop, or cars forming one-lane traffic to allow bikers to pass. In addition, the amount of stop signs greatly hinders on the ability to ride your bicycle. The constant stopping and looking for moving cars, which I myself have confused with parked cars many times on Lincoln, is a safety issue, especially if this is to be used by children going to school.

If you personally have never ridden a bicycle on the Middle Street Bike Lanes, please consider the experience of others before you consider removing them. I would also encourage you to get out of your comfort zone and give it a try. It is a whole new way to access the city and only enhances what Portsmouth already provides.

In regards to cars, the Middle Street bike lanes have only improved driver behavior on Middle Street. As mentioned before, as a former New Yorker, I struggled with following the speed limit down Middle until the bike lanes were constructed. The normal sized driving lanes that are now in place require a driver to drive slower, and therefore safer. I do not fear being "doored" by drivers on my bicycle until the bike lane ends, at which point I am forced to drive in the flow of traffic to create a buffer that the lanes so nicely provide.

I hope you have taken the time to read this message. While you may for some reason be persuaded to move against professional advice to keep the lanes as is, I hope the personal meaning of these bike lanes to the community will motivate you to think differently.

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From: [Tim Mardin via FormMail.com](mailto:Tim.Mardin@comcast.net)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Businesses for Portsmouth Bicycle Lanes
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:46:53 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Tim Mardin (tmardin@comcast.net) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 09:46:51

address: Mardin Capital Group 875 Greenland Avenue Portsmouth NH 03801

comments: Businesses for Portsmouth Bicycle Lanes

Dear Mayor and Councilors:

Bicycles mean business for Portsmouth and we urge you to follow the recommendations of the planning department and Toole Design Group instead of compromising the Middle Street bike lane project by removing the buffered lanes.

Study after study has shown that better bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure brings the following benefits to a city:

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Our business health depends on having safe, effective, inviting places to ride a bicycle. The Middle Street bicycle lane section is one of the only places in our city where you can ride a bike without the constant worry of encroaching vehicles on the narrow to non-existent shoulders on 95% of our roads.

Instead of removing the safest buffered section of the Middle Street bicycle lanes, we respectfully ask you to instead focus on further implementing the policies and recommended projects in the city's extensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The plan has been developed over many years and approved after extensive public input. When more people walk and ride bicycles, great things happen.

Sincerely,

Tim Mardin
President
Mardin Capital Group

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From: [Bill Truslow via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Businesses for Portsmouth Bicycle Lanes
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:49:21 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Bill Truslow (bill@truslowphoto.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 09:49:19

address: bill truslow photography 959 islington street #2 portsmouth, nh 03801

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Sincerely:

Bill Truslow
President, Truslow Photography

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From: [Arlon Chafee via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Businesses for Portsmouth Bicycle Lanes
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:52:05 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Arlon Chafee (arlonchafee@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 09:52:03

address: PO BOX 423

comments: Businesses for Portsmouth Bicycle Lanes

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Sincerely:
Arlon Chafee
President
GRVL, Inc.

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From: [Papa Wheelies via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Businesses for Portsmouth Bicycle Lanes
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:44:39 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Papa Wheelies (josh@papa-wheelies.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 09:44:37

address: 653 Islington St, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801

comments: Businesses for Portsmouth Bicycle Lanes

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Sincerely:

Josh Pierce, General Manager

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From: [James Hewitt via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Capital Improvement Plan
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 10:00:45 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
James Hewitt (samjakemax@aol.com) on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 21:00:42

address: 726 Middle Road

comments: Dear Mayor Becksted and City Councilors:

Portsmouth's FY 2022 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is not ready for prime time. Listed below are the reasons why.

1) As stated on page 11 of this this year's CIP, "The purposes of the CIP are to...Provide a complete picture of the City's major development needs". The FY 2022 CIP does not provide a complete picture of the City's major development needs.

City Hall first identified the Bartlett Street Railroad Bridge Replacement as a CIP project in 1997. It remained a CIP project for 19 consecutive years until it mysteriously disappeared in the FY 2017 CIP. Similarly, the Bartlett Street / Jewell Court Realignment project began appearing the CIP in the late 1990's and was last seen in the FY 2015-2020 CIP. This project was first recommended by City consultants in 1999 report (VHB Engineers), and again in 2005 report (Maguire Group Engineers) and lastly recommended in 2009 in a report titled "Islington Street Corridor Improvement Action Plan" prepared by Richardson & Associates. See report in link below for the report and Appendix A for the previous consultant recommendations to align Bartlett Street with Jewell Court.

[Microsoft Word - 100223_Islington_actionmatrixFINAL_comp \(cityofportsmouth.com\)](#)

2) As a planning document, it would seem the CIP's purpose is to identify needed projects and continue to list those projects every year until they are completed. Oddly, active CIP projects listed in prior years such as Peverly Hill Road Improvements, Elwyn Road Side Path and North Mill Pond Nature Trail are absent from the FY 2022 CIP. These projects need to be added back in order to "provide a complete picture"

3) The CIP needs to prioritize and fund the reconstruction of Portsmouth's two state red listed bridges, namely the Cate Street Bridge over Hodgson Brook (red listed since 1993) and the Maplewood Ave Bridge over North Mill Pond. The design plans for the Maplewood Ave bridge have been prepared since 2009 (see link below) . The construction cost estimate on page 44 is \$3.8 million. This project has been delayed long enough. The plans in the link below need to be put out to bid and then constructed ASAP.

[43-19 North Mill Pond Culvert Replacement Design & Tidal Restoration Project.pdf \(cityofportsmouth.com\)](#)

4) You will note in the cover letter to the City Council, (page 11 of 250), that City Hall claims it is only going to use \$1.48 million dollars from the budget to fund the CIP. This is money taken directly from the General Fund to pay for CIP related items. I also note City Hall plans to borrow \$41,450,000.00 to pay for other CIP items. The annual interest payments on a loan this large will be in the millions of dollars Where is that CIP expense accounted for?

[CAPITAL BUDGET \(cityofportsmouth.com\)](#)

By City Hall's own admission, the FY 2022 CIP expenses only represent 1.24% of the FY 2021 budget. With such miniscule fraction of the budget in play, I see no reason to rush its approval. I urge the City Council to delay the approval of the CIP until the Council is satisfied it represents "a complete picture of the City's major development

needs.”

Regards,

Jim Hewitt

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From: [Scott Healey via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Capital Improvement Plan for Willard Avenue Sewer Separation Project.
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:26:00 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Scott Healey (sdhealey@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 09:25:58

address: 208 WILLARD AVE

comments: Hi,

We've been dealing with frequent smell issues due to the combination of the sewer and runoff systems in the low spot on Willard Avenue. The DPW, with Jim and the boys, has been VERY responsive over the past several years. However they have been unable to correct the problem due to the fact that the system that is currently installed doesn't properly work and the road grade and the runoff/sewer isn't capable controlling the smell. I commend them on their efforts and responsiveness and they have tried many bandaids. The underlying problem needs to be corrected.

In the meantime, I have seen almost every other neighborhood with new sewer / runoff, new roads, and new sidewalks. I've seen brick sidewalks downtown laid, removed and replaced. It is time to prioritize Willard Avenue. The smell is horrendous and we'd like it corrected ASAP. As well, the sidewalks are not usable on most of the street.

Thank you,
Scott Healey
Portsmouth Taxpayer
Willard Avenue Resident since 2014

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From: [Emily Doe via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Capital Improvement Plan for Willard Avenue Sewer Separation Project
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 12:30:11 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Emily Doe (ecmo15@hotmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 11:30:09

address: 127 WILLARD AVE

comments: Hello-

I am writing to support the Capital Improvement Plan for Willard Avenue Sewer Separation Project. On Willard the issue of grey water smell and constant pumping is a large issue. I am very excited to hear this is on the agenda for City Council. This is an issue on Willard Ave, and look forward to it getting fixed!

Thank you,
Emily

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From: [Sarah Silverman via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Capital Improvement Plan for Willard Avenue Sewer Separation Project
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:29:20 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Sarah Silverman (sarah.o.silverman@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 08:29:16

address: 171 Willard Ave

comments: Since moving to Willard Avenue in 2013, there have been whiffs of sewer gas. We have neighbors who have had it coming into their house. We are lucky that hasn't happened to us. However, we do smell it if we have our windows open in the summer. Just last week, I smelled it at the corner of Willard and Ash. I know the city has upped the schedule of flushing the sewer lines during the non-winter months, but this is just a band-aid fix. Also, the sidewalks are not passable. Most people and children walk in the street because of the bad shape of the sidewalks. This needs to be addressed so kids walking to school, riding their bikes, or learning to scoot can do so safely. While Willard should be a quiet street, we often have cars speeding through, and it is not safe to be in the street.

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From: [Jill and Allen Brandt via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Changing 2 tennis cts to PB cts
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 4:07:12 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jill and Allen Brandt (rabrandt1@comcast.net) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 15:07:10

address: 219 Atlantic Ave, North Hampton, NH

comments: Councilors, As a tennis and pickleball player, I urge your support of the conversion of 2 tennis cts. to pb. Pickle lball, unlike tennis, is inclusive, it is a doubles game, with shortened games if players are waiting. It encourages socializing during wait times, it encourages movement by older adults. It has a quick learning curve so it can be included in middle, high school PE classes with fun and movement enjoyed by all. It does not require same skill level players to be fun! Make this change to increase recreation opportunities which include more numbers. Thank you.

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REMOTE_ADDR: 24.34.128.58

From: [Constance Leima via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Expansion of Pickleball courts
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 6:02:24 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Constance Leima (constance.leima@gmail.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 17:02:22

address: 887 Ocean Blvd

comments: Dear Sir/Madam,

There are few physically active events that seniors can begin after age 55 that require limited athletics and happy smiles! Pickleball brings elements of competition without exhaustive lessons or vocabulary. This explosive sport has brought me to Portsmouth and I sponsor more Portsmouth businesses now than in the 25 years living on the Seacoast. Please support this expansion. Thank you, Constance Leima

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From: [Benjamin Gamari via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: In support of the Middle St. bike lane
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 7:56:46 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Benjamin Gamari (ben@smart-cactus.org) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 18:56:40

address: 117 Middle Rd.

comments: I am writing to urge the Council to reject the changes proposed by Councilors Kennedy and Huda, described in the council meeting packet for March 8, 2021.

The proposed changes fly in the face of both public safety and common sense by eliminating a significant portion of Middle Street's separated bicycle lane while costing the tax-payers over \$300k due to grant repayment and further infrastructure changes.

Toole Design's recent engineering assessment of a similar proposed change concludes that moving the bicycle lane into traffic would

"effectively reduce the [intersection sight distance] because drivers exiting driveway and side streets would need to be able to view a bicycling traveling adjacent to the on-street parking instead of only the motorist in the center of their lane like they do today."

Meanwhile, the report is clear that intersection sight distance is already marginal at numerous points along Middle Street and that any further reduction would come at the expense of user safety.

In addition to jeopardizing rider safety, the proposed changes would serve to discourage cycling in the downtown area at a time when bicycle ridership has been increasing year-by-year. Given the traffic and parking troubles which Portsmouth has long struggled with, we should be *encouraging*, not discouraging alternative modes of transportation.

I ask that the Council swiftly reject the proposed changes and implore Councilors Kennedy and Huda to review the recommendations of the January 2021 Toole Design report if they wish to make further proposals along these lines.

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From: [Dr. Angela Lambert via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Islington Street project postponement
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 12:00:51 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Dr. Angela Lambert (drangela@mac.com) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 11:00:44

address: 249 Islington St., #10

comments: Hello - as a business owner of a medical office on Islington for 9.5 years, I have been waiting with anticipation for the repair and improvements promised for quite some time now. The sidewalks on Islington, especially in the area around the building of my office, are atrocious and incredibly dangerous. I treat many elderly patients and often have to escort them into the office from the street for their appointments to ensure that they do not slip and fall on these uneven walkways. I have waited for many years now through traffic, construction, delays and am quite distressed at the possibility of delaying this project out by even 1 year let alone 5 years. For what reason? None that make sense and frankly are fair. Condo after condo after condo gets erected. I pay my taxes, property and business, and it is time to finish this job. Please consider we business owners who have been waiting and tolerating horrific sidewalks and roads on Islington Street for far to!
o long while the west end has been improved upon. Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [Peter Bergh via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Keep Bike Lanes intact
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 8:37:14 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Peter Bergh (Pb@princecom.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 07:37:12

address: 54 Lincoln Ave

comments: As a resident and frequent bicyclist, I encourage the council to keep the bike lanes intact with only the minor city modification recommended. To remove the bike lanes, in addition to being an incredible waste of money, runs against making the city a pedestrian-friendly city. Enough is enough when it comes to bike lanes. Let's put this tiresome subject to bed for once and for all with a resounding vote of support by the council for its bike lanes and bike-friendly culture.

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From: [Kirsten Howard via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Keep the bike lane
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 11:48:47 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kirsten Howard (Kirstenbhoward@gmail.com) on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 21:40:23

address: 173 Stark Street

comments: Hello City Councilors,

I am writing to express both my support for keeping the Middle St bike lane and my frustration in the inefficient and out of touch governance that this Council has consistently demonstrated by prioritizing a completely misguided campaign to remove the bike lane. Your consistent willingness to pretend that you know better than the many experts who have studied and planned and tested the project and the many cyclists that have supported the project is bewildering to me. Your willingness to waste valuable hours that could be spent developing inspiring, creative responses to the real crisis this city faces today is bewildering to me. Please keep the bike lane—I feel safer driving on Middle St knowing the cyclists I share the road with are protected, and I feel safer and more excited to ride my bike around this city in separated lanes. If you really need to spend your time on bike infrastructure, there are so many bike infrastructure improvements that we need in other places—!

faded lanes on Maplewood and Woodbury full of rock debris and dangerous large storm water grates, etc. Stop wasting everyone's time and energy trying to dismantle a good project and focus on the other projects that need doing in your bike and pedestrian master plan.

Thank you,
Kirsten

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From: [Tony Maneen via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Lanes for bikes
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 2:15:39 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Tony Maneen (Agmmaneen@gmail.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 13:15:36

address: North Hampton

comments: I ride north often to Portsmouth and back and always get anxious through downtown but once i reach middle street I know i have a safer lane to use. I wish there were more of these

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From: [Effie Malley via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Leave our buffered bike lane on Middle Street intact
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:54:44 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Effie Malley (effie.malley@gmail.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 09:54:41

address: 428 Pleasant Street, Unit 3 Portsmouth NH

comments: Hello Councilors,

I understand that at the council meeting on March 8th, Councilors Huda and Kennedy will make a motion to return parked cars to the curb along a ¼-mile stretch of our buffered bike lane on Middle Street. This is contrary to the unanimous objections of the Planning Department, Parking & Traffic Safety committee, New Hampshire DOT, Seacoast Area Bicycle Riders, and the Toole Design group. It's clear from the data that removing this stretch of lane makes Middle Street less safe for all.

This bike lane is just a piece of the vision presented in the 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, which recommends bike lanes to improve health, give people options other than cars, relieve traffic congestion, decrease pollution, support economic development, and most of all, to increase safety. Beyond the community data, as an individual I ride my bike and drive my car here, and feel safer with the buffered lane.

The cost of this motion could be more than 300 thousand dollars. More importantly the exorbitant time spent reexamining this issue diverts the Council's attention from more important work, namely planning for recovery and reopening of the city in COVID times.

I appreciate your attention to this important issue.

Thank you.

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From: [Rachel Hopkins via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Let's move forward, not backwards - Middle Street Bike Lane
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:52:24 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Rachel Hopkins (rachel.hopkins@comcast.net) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 08:52:23

address: 9 Middle Road

comments: As a Middle Road resident (crossroads of Middle Road and Middle Street) who participated in the design process of the bike lanes I am deeply saddened by what I have been reading. We must move forward! Portsmouth has the opportunity to be a leader in transportation within the state of NH. Automobiles are just one piece of the puzzle. I moved to Portsmouth twenty years ago because it offered multiple options for me to get out of my car. With the increased development in the city, especially the west end we must add MORE bike lanes, not dismantle what experts have deemed are safe and right. I applaud your decision to suggest Lincoln as a safe route to school, my son used that route for three years. But, we also need a safe route to the high school, downtown, etc. I believe so strongly that we must continue to enlarge our biking routes so that they become commonplace. Our children deserve this, I see them in the bike lane every day.
Rachel L. Hopkins

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From: [Jeffrey Mattson via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Listen to Experts on Bike Lane
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 7:05:38 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jeffrey Mattson (jeffrey.m.mattson@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 06:05:37

address: 86 Emery Street

comments: Regarding the Middle Street Bike Lane, please follow the advice of the Toole Design expert recommendations paid for with taxpayer dollars. Lincoln Ave can still be used as part of the Bicycle Master Plan network, but that is in addition to the Middle Street Bike Lane designed by experts.

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From: [Andrew Goodell via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Listen to the Experts
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:14:29 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Andrew Goodell (abg521@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 10:14:21

address: Dover, NH

comments: Dear City Council,

I am writing in support of listening to the professionals about improvements to the Middle Street corridor. The city did an excellent job with working with transportation planners and engineers to implement this part of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to design a safe route for people of all ages to bike on. While it seemed unnecessary to get outside help from Toole Design at this stage, we now have further details about how to improve the roadway. That their suggestions would only cost an additional \$1,400 to improve the safety, I see no reason to not proceed with those professional recommendations.

However, I am shocked by the counselors that continually ignore all the professionals and instead are coming up with untrained ideas of how to change the streets. The data is in – protected bike lanes not only reduce crashes for people in cars and people on bikes, but also reduce the severity of those crashes. When the fire and police departments, city planners, NHDOT, and national experts all agree that Middle St is safer with the parking-protected bike lane, there is no legitimate reason to oppose that, especially given that the grant funds spent would need to be repaid.

The thought of removing the bike lane and instead pointing toward Lincoln or other streets has no merit. People will still bike on Middle St., but without the lane they will need even more space from car doors, requiring riding further into the road for their safety. Kids will be tempted to ride on the sidewalks again, which is not only illegal, but proven more dangerous as riders are less visible past each driveway and side street. The most recent suggestion that a crosswalk would help the situation ignores that people on bikes do not use crosswalks – DMV classifies bikes as vehicles, which share the roadway.

Listen to the experts, please.

Andy Goodell
Dover resident & Portsmouth employee

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From: [David Speltz via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: middle st bike lane and accident
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 9:49:38 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
David Speltz (Dspeltz@speltz.com) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 08:49:37

address: 579 Sagamore Ave #108

comments: A few days ago I sent an email providing my opinion on the Middle St bike lane. I do not support what Councilors Huda and Kennedy propose. Keep them as is with the modifications proposed by the consultant who reported to the Council and public a few weeks ago.

However, I neglected to add an experience I had riding (in another town) a city street that had no bike lane. I was hit from behind by a car that resulted in my literally flying across the hood of the car unto the street resulting in a trip to the hospital, out of work for two weeks, and of course, a destroyed bike. The lanes are now constructed protect us bike riders from that sort of accident. Being hit by 3 tons of steel really hurts. It could have been worse.

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From: [Anne Schwartzman via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle St bike lanes
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 3:03:38 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Anne Schwartzman (akey5@nycap.rr.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 14:03:36

address: 118 Spinnaker Way

comments: I am an adult bike rider. I have read many, many studies from various transportation organizations. I have ridden many roads around Portsmouth and elsewhere. Bike lanes are crucial to my feeling and being safe. I encourage bollards to keep vehicles away from bike lanes. Human drivers are imperfect. Separated lanes are the safer way as the recent study showed. Common sense tells us that too. Drivers need to slow down if the circumstances have changed from the past and they need to slowly inch up after stopping (before the crosswalk/stop sign) to see traffic. It may be different than what was there when you grew up, but the amount of traffic has too. Please keep the bike lanes away from vehicles and create new opportunities for additional ones within the city. I want Portsmouth to get gold for Complete Streets; you may lose bronze with some of the backward thinking happening now.
Thank you

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From: [Mark Gianniny via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle St Bike lanes
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:28:33 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mark Gianniny (bunch01@yahoo.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 14:28:31

address: 860 Maplewood Ave

comments: Councilers,

I'm writing in regards to the continued discussion and potential vote to move the middle street bike lanes. First, as tax payer I see no reason to spend any more money on this issue except for minor changes and improvement. The intent of the road design was to make it safer for all and slow traffic and that is what has happened. Vehicle speeds are down, accidents are down. I understand not everyone likes the changes because its different and people have to drive slower to navigate something they are not used to. As a Maplewood Ave. resident the recently installed speed tables have worked to reduce speeds even through they are not liked by all.

There are many other issues the city needs to address during this time of the pandemic. Reworking and spending another quarter of a million dollars one this is not one of them.

Regards

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From: [John Martin via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle St bike lanes
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 7:06:59 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
John Martin (Jtmartin9908@gmail.com) on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 18:06:56

address: 11 Dwight Ave

comments: Dear City Council

I am writing to implore you to leave the Middle Street bikes lanes as they are. I live in Elwyn Park and work at the Shipyard. I ride my bike to work year round and each morning ride down Middle Street using the bike lane and they are a treasure. Anytime I am on my bike on Middle Street I always feel much safer than I do anywhere else. Having the extra space between me and the cars going by me allows me to relax and enjoy my commutes. Altering these lanes as has been proposed would be detrimental to the city and a colossal waste of taxpayer money.

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From: [William M> Kennedy via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle St. Safe Bike Lane
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:22:15 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
William M> Kennedy (bk47gh@comcast.net) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 09:22:13

address: 25 Dovetail Lane, Dover NH

comments: Why is it that some people when given the answer to a question they have asked, feel the need to keep asking the question, if they don't like the answer? Please vote against the amendment to the Middle St. bike lane proposed by Councilors Huda and Kennedy. Portsmouth data, and world wide data support cyclists are safe when in protected lanes. We overcame the initial confusion caused by moving parking away from the curb and now two councilors want to create more confusion by moving parking back to the curb, but only for part of the lane. You've heard all the details, and I won't waste your time repeating them, so please vote against the amendment proposed by Councilors Huda and Kennedy.

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From: [Kean McDermott via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle Street Bicycle Infrastructure
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 2:21:27 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kean McDermott (keanmcd@gmail.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 13:21:25

address: 128 Back River Road, Dover, NH 03820

comments: Good afternoon Portsmouth City Council,

I am writing to you in support of the existing Middle St roadway designs to be discussed at the March 8th Council Meeting. As a bicycle commuter, I regularly use this infrastructure to get around the city and accomplish my daily routine. Protected bike lanes are a proven way of increasing comfort for cyclists and pedestrians in urban spaces. This bike lane, in particular, was created to increase comfort for all users of the road and preserve on-street parking, representing a years-long compromise for many parties involved in the decision-making process.

Removal of this infrastructure is a shortsighted approach to city design, in returning the parking to the curb you are creating less than ideal roadway conditions for non-motorized transportation through this corridor. With comfort diminished, more people will be forced to seek alternate (motorized) transportation through this part of town.

There has been no indication that this infrastructure is less safe, in fact, it's proven safer than previous roadway design. Not listening to your engineers and consultants is similar to knowing that covid is out there and deadly and not wearing a mask because you don't find it convenient or comfortable.

Lastly, the fiscal responsibility of this decision to move the parking to the curb is questionable, think about the \$320,000 in wasted and returned monies that you could use elsewhere to improve city infrastructure.

Thank you for your time,
Kean McDermott

Resident of Dover, NH/Work in Portsmouth, NH

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From: [Thomas Smart via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle Street Bicycle Route
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 5:21:19 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Thomas Smart (tomsmart123@msn.com) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 16:21:17

address: 133 Lincoln Ave.

comments: To the Council:

I am a regular user of the entire project from Cabot St. to the High School and I appreciate the improvements in safety, especially in the buffered lanes between Cabot St. and Cass St. As a cyclist new to Portsmouth in 2004, I did not feel entirely safe between Cabot and Cass, nor did I dare to make a left turn from Cass into the traffic on Middle St. Only recently do I feel comfortable in making this turn now that the sight lines have been improved. Some people want to bring automobile parking back to the curb. If so, even more space would be needed to insure the safety of the cyclists. The buffered lane would have to be moved to the other side of the parked automobiles to maintain the protection from being doored. And state law requires another three feet between a cyclist and an overtaking vehicle. So motorists in this part of Middle St. will find their road even narrower when cyclists are in the road.

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From: [Wm North Sturtevant via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle Street Bike Lane
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 3:19:52 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Wm North Sturtevant (nsturtevant@jsainc.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 02:19:50

address: 250 Highland Street

comments: I urge the Council to reject the motion proposed Counselors Kennedy and Huda to modify the Middle Street bike lane. It has proven to be a safe route, which can be improved by following the recommendations of national experts. Furthermore, the taxpayers should not be subjected to the risk of losing \$250,000 + in Federal payback, the likely result of a seat of the pants, uninformed revision.

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From: [Catherine Arakelian via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle Street bike lane
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 7:20:32 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Catherine Arakelian (cjarak@comcast.net) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 06:20:30

address: 18 Kent St. Portsmouth

comments: I would like to voice my opinion on leaving the Middle Street bike lane as is. As a taxpayer, I would like to see the funds to be saved for something more important. I think painting the lane a different color would help the safety issue as well . See this article with an image.

<https://www.fastcompany.com/3031392/the-case-for-protected-bike-lanes>

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From: [Dave Mitchell via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle Street Bike Lane
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 9:06:15 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Dave Mitchell (dave@amaruq.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 08:06:13

address: 1179 Maplewood Avenue

comments: Dear Councilors,

The short stretch of protected bike lanes on Middle Street has been found to be a safer improvement by the NH DOT, Parking and Safety committee, and the Toole Design group. Removing it will be a gratuitous waste of taxpayer money and will make that stretch less safe for both the biking public and drivers. Please listen to the traffic engineers and bicycle safety advocates and stop wasting time and money fighting progress.

thank you,
Dave Mitchell

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From: [William M Lyons via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle Street Bike Lane
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 7:25:46 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
William M Lyons (wm.lyons@comcast.net) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 06:25:44

address: 62 MENDUM AVE

comments: Dear Mayor and Council,
I request that you proceed with the improvements recommended by the consultants to the Middle St. bike lane and not make the proposed changes that would make the route much less safe and result in a big cost to repay the grant. Please look for ways to make Portsmouth a truly bike friendly city, as envisioned in the excellent city Bike Plan, developed with extensive study and engagement. Let's look for ways to make Middle St. an anchor, connecting to Lincoln and other parts of the plan.
Thank you.

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From: [Roscoe Bishop via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle Street Bike Lane
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:58:54 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Roscoe Bishop (roscoe.bishop@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 10:58:52

address: 440 FW Hartford Dr

comments: Hi folks, I am reactional cyclist and would like to voice my support for the continued improvement of bike lanes to enable others to safely ride their bike in and out of town on Middle Street. The recommendations by Toole Design seem like the right steps in achieving this goal at a reasonable cost. Please consider and pursue safe, easy, and cost effective enablement of bike riding in our town.

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From: [Mary Malloy via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle Street Bike Lane
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:10:25 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mary Malloy (mrymlly@yahoo.com) on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 19:10:23

address: 24 Kensington Road, Portsmouth

comments: Dear City Council members - I ride my bike on the path path regularly. It feels safe because of the physical barrier between myself and cars. Please don't take it away. We need more protected bike lanes. Portsmouth is already too crowded with cars. Thanks!

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From: [Marie Cowgill via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle Street bike lane
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 7:52:24 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Marie Cowgill (Mariecowgill@gmail.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 06:52:21

address: 88 Wibird St, Portsmouth

comments: To the members of Portsmouth City Council, I am in favor of keeping the Middle Street bike lane. This bike lane provides a safe route for cyclists to travel to and from local neighborhoods and the high school and connects to the downtown area. Why make these places less accessible ? Not only does it benefit local residents as it is a convenient and safe way to travel it also benefits businesses by making it easier for people to visit downtown area stores.

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From: [Mark Neubauer via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle street bike lane
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 12:37:53 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mark Neubauer (neubyfly@msn.com) on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 23:37:44

address: 101 Marne avenue, Apt 218

comments: Please DO NOT waste \$250,000 plus on the ridiculous idea of moving the bike lane. It's fine where it is.

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Engage: Submit

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From: [charlie griffin via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle Street Bike Lanes
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 12:35:50 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
charlie griffin (charlesgriffinesq@gmail.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 11:35:47

address: 210 Hillside Drive

comments: As you know, Councilors Kennedy and Huda are proposing modifications to the Middle Street Bike Lane from Highland Street to the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Middle Street which consist of moving the vehicles back to the curb and relocating the bike lanes to the outside of the parked cars and next to the motor vehicle travel lane.

In her Memo to the Council, the City Manager states that the requested modification consists of 1600 linear feet or 16% of the entire project length, which means that 84% of the project as originally designed and constructed will remain unchanged. And yet, she goes on to state that Bill Watson of NHDOT claims that the entire Federal Grant will have to be refunded if this change is made. That makes absolutely no sense. Why should the entire grant need to be returned when only 16% of the project is proposed to be modified ?

In previous e-mails to you on this topic, I have maintained that the requirement to return the Federal funding must be set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations or similar paperwork and suggested that you ask Mr. Watson to produce such documentation. Have you done so and has he produced it?

I ask because in reviewing correspondence on this matter I have only seen references to Mr. Watson's conclusion , but never seen the documentation on which he bases that conclusion.

As I understand Mr. Watson and others, the reason the Federal funding must be returned is that the proposed modifications do not demonstrate safety, environmental or other concerns that would justify the redesign. However, what about TDG'S proposed bike lane alteration near Cabot Street which is designed to create a smoother transition and the creation of a Pedestrian Crossing improvement by installing an RRFB at the intersection of Middle Street and Wibird Street? Do not these modifications demonstrate safety concerns.?

In conclusion, giving Mr. Watson the benefit of the doubt, I submit if the Federal funding must be returned, the amount to be returned should be 16% of the \$223,764 or \$35,802.24, minus a credit of \$16,200 , the cost of the bike lane alteration near Cabot Street plus the cost of installing the RRFB at the intersection of Middle and Wibird Streets , for a net of \$19,602.24.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [Patrice Gerard via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle Street Bike lanes
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 1:23:20 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Patrice Gerard (chefpatriceg@gmail.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 12:23:18

address: 94B Highland St, Portsmouth NH 03801

comments: I am writing in sorry of keeping and improving the existing bike lanes on middle Street. Particularly to voice my opposition to the motion out forth to remove them and return the parking spaces to the curb. The current bike lanes configuration had made cycling safer for cyclists and drivers alike, according to experts in this project. WE The Taxpayers are already invested in the current system. The proposed motion would cost is AND reduce safety! Not the direction we should be heading.

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From: [Beth S. Margeson via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle Street Bike Lanes
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 6:16:04 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Beth S. Margeson (bmargeson@myfairpoint.net) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 17:16:02

address: 24 Marcy Street

comments: Dear Mayor and Councilors,

I have hesitated to write in about the bike lanes since I haven't followed it very closely and like to know all the ins and outs of things prior to writing. I also want to say that it is a good thing to make roads safer for bicyclists. Portsmouth is a great city to bike around in and I love seeing kids bike to school.

But, that said, I drive Middle Street daily to get to work and have never gotten used to the cars parked away from the curb. My car is equipped with a radar that alerts me to stationary objects in front of me to warn me to brake. Very often, this feature goes off as I am driving down that portion of the street due to the position of the parked cars in the road.

If circumstances allow - no restrictions from the federal government per the grant and so forth - please just move the cars back to the curb and put the bike lanes next to the cars.

Thank you,

Beth S. Margeson

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From: [JamesShanley via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle Street Bike Lanes
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 8:51:33 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
JamesShanley (james.shanley8@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 07:51:31

address: 170 McKinley Road NONE

comments: Dear Mayor Beckstead and City Councilors,

I am writing to urge you not to remove the bike lanes from Middle Street, but to look for ways to improve the existing design.

In addition to providing a safer route for students who choose to ride their bikes to the middle school, bike lanes provide a measure of safety for bicyclists of all ages. Bicyclist have as much right to the roadway as automobiles. Bike lanes recognize and honor that fact.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

James Shanley
170 McKinley Rd
Portsmouth

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From: [Joanne Wolfe via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle Street Bike Lanes
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:22:19 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Joanne Wolfe (joannewwolfe@comcast.net) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 08:22:12

address: 213 Gates Street, Unit 1

comments: I am writing to oppose the changes proposed by Councilors Kennedy and Huda to the bike lanes on Middle Street.

Experts have agreed that the council's proposal makes the road less safe for cyclists, drivers and pedestrians — nobody benefits, and it will cost taxpayers \$320,000 in additional and wasted monies (\$242,000 detailed in the city council's packet, plus the \$80,000+ that the city spent to augment the original grant, which will have to be repaid to the state should the council's motion pass). This proposal received the unanimous objections of the Planning Dept, Parking & Traffic Safety committee, New Hampshire DOT, Seacoast Area Bicycle Riders, and foremost national expert of safe bike lane design, Toole Design group. Everyone agrees -- removing this stretch of lane makes Middle Street less safe.

Instead, the Council should focus on what makes the existing bike lanes better, rather than worse. Putting aside an already-funded new flashing crosswalk beacon, the cost is \$1,400, as most adjustments are included in upcoming road repaving.

I urge the City Council to reject the changes proposed by Councilors Kennedy and Huda to the Middle Street bike lanes, and instead focus on making the existing lanes better.

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From: [CJ Fleck via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle Street Bike Lanes
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:01:36 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
CJ Fleck (cj.fleck@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 09:01:27

address: 6 Rockaway Street

comments: I see a new motion by Councilors Huda and Kennedy to move the Middle Street Bike Lanes again.

Please do not do this.

Please quit arguing that this is about safety when it clearly is not. All evidence points to the bike lanes making things safer than before for ALL road users.

Please quite arguing that the city won't have to pay back the grant money when the evidence laid out says we will.

Please implement the recommendations from the Toole report. That is how we get a better Middle Street.

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From: [Kimberly Meuse via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle Street Bike lanes
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 9:51:03 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kimberly Meuse (Kimberlymeuse@gmail.com) on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 20:51:01

address: 579 Sagamore Avenue

comments: Dear Councilors,

I, like so many other residents in town, am sick to death with the navel-gazing and handwringing over the bike lanes on Middle Street. No offense, but I trust the experts and bikers over the negative musings of a few on the Council. Weâ€™ve already spent quite a bit on this project to spend more undoing it. Meanwhile, more time on the Council has been spent arguing against these lanes than on COVID relief for our residents and business owners. Please stop wasting time, resources and dollars on this project and move on.

Best,
Kimberly

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From: [Gerald Duffy via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle Street bike lanes
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 5:02:53 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Gerald Duffy (gerald.duffy@seacoastbikes.org) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 16:02:46

address: 428 Middle Street, Unit 3

comments: Dear Mr Mayor and councilors:

I was delighted to read that the implementation of the Toole Design group recommendations for the Middle Street bike lane safety project will have a net cost of only \$1,400 to the city taxpayers. These recommendations — but the foremost experts in the country — are aimed at making the road safer for all users: drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Full disclosure: I'm the secretary of Seacoast Area Bicycle Riders (SABR) and our non-profit has had to devote 100s of precious volunteer hours to protecting and improving the Middle Street project from being dismantled. To be honest, we'd rather be focusing on our mission — making bike lane an easier and safer choice for the town's several thousand riders, including commuters, kids going to and from school, people running errands, sports riders, and people just enjoying recreation.

In this work, we want to be a valuable partner to the city as it expands its multi-modal transportation infrastructure, outlined in its master plans. We can play an important civic role in this. Our newsletter email distribution list exceeds 700 Portsmouth residents and we know they feel the same way.

I'm looking forward to a positive vote in authorizing the city to implement the recommended changes for the safety of all.

Warm regards,
Gerald Duffy

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From: [Aubrey C Gewehr via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle Street Bike Lanes
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 9:43:44 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Aubrey C Gewehr (agewehr@gmail.com) on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 20:43:42

address: 255 Cass Street

comments: Dear City Councilors,

I am writing to express my strong opinion to keep the Middle Street Bike lanes as they are and NOT to make the proposed change to move parking closer to the curb and the bike lane to the traffic side of the parked cars.

I live on Cass Street just a couple of houses down from Middle Street and I drive, walk, and/or bicycle this street daily. While it did take a little time for me to get used to the cars parked away from the curb, I absolutely understand that this is much safer for bicyclers. Not only is it common sense to keep them shielded from rushing traffic where possible, it also reduces the possibility of being hit by a parked car door as someone leaves their car. Every car has a driver but most car trips (sadly) are only a single person so the passenger doors are used far less often. Even if a passenger's door hit a cyclist, they would crash onto the sidewalk, not into the street with traffic.

A secondary effect of having the cars parked away from the curb is that it is a traffic calming measure. I have noticed a marked slowing of the Middle Street vehicle traffic since the bike lanes were installed. Previously, with a relatively wide street, cars were encouraged to drive much higher than the speed limit here. It is much safer now for anyone travelling it by any means.

Please listen to the experts that have studied this project and presented to you that this is the safer option. Do not waste precious city resources to create a more dangerous situation.

Thank you for your service,

Aubrey Gewehr

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From: [John Pendleton via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Multisport Complex Presentation, Monday May 8, 2021
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 2:03:30 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
John Pendleton (jpendleton8@gmail.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 13:03:28

address: Portsmouth, NH

comments: I have reviewed the agenda for Monday March 8, 2021, and recently read the Seacoast Online Story about the Edge Sports presentation. I write to express my great interest in this project. I am a father of a Portsmouth High School hockey player, and a hockey coach. I coached within a youth club travel program for over 8 years. I have been a life time hockey player, and in my 50's continue to play in adult hockey groups. I have coached soccer and baseball within Portsmouth, and in my professional life work with children and families within our community every day. I believe our city would greatly benefit from a well-planned multiple purpose sports facility. I have seen similar facilities in action. It offers a safe place for our children to engage in the positive social activities associated with sports. It also brings economic benefits to our hospitality businesses. Finally, having such a facility offers all of us a great opportunity for engaging in healthy!

athletic activities. It certainly will help our youth and high school athletic programs as well. A public private partnership strikes me as a great financial arrangement for limiting or eliminating cost to our residents. I realize this is only a preliminary examination if such an idea would benefit our City. I express my support and belief that it would.

John Pendleton

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From: [Judith Lambert via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: New pickleball courts proposal
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 4:22:48 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Judith Lambert (judyl296@comcast.net) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 15:22:46

address: 259 Scituate Road, York, Maine

comments: Although I do not live in Portsmouth now, I live in York, ME. but I was born in Ports. and spent many years there. I so enjoy playing pickleball at the tennis courts at the south playground and appreciate that I am able to do so, We pickleball players are all hoping you will approve the new pickleball courts proposed. It is such a popular growing sport and so few courts presently to accommodate everyone eager to play on a daily basis. Thank you for your consideration. Judy Lambert

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From: [Dave Cosgrove via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Non-Traditional Sports
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 9:42:09 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Dave Cosgrove (dcosgrov@gmail.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 08:42:07

address: 174 Echo Ave

comments: Mayor and fellow council members,

Moving forward, as you consider proposals for various sporting venues, I would like you to at least consider the fact that there are many athletes that follow less traditional paths (i.e. do not play baseball, basketball, hockey, etc...). Many of the Portsmouth youth in our community are just as passionate about less traditional sports such as skateboarding, BMX, scootering, etc... yet they do not have what I consider to be a proper facility within the city. I happen to be someone that fortunately found skateboarding as a young teen and it provided the perfect combination of athleticism and artistry. Furthermore, I believe it truly kept me away from unhealthy activities as a teenager while providing a strong foundation for future athletic pursuits such as rowing in college. With the closure of the most prominent local park, Rye Airfield, the demand for alternatives to this park will only increase and likely lead to more skateboarding in downtown areas where such activities are prohibited.

Currently, the Greenleaf Ave. "park" (I use that term quite loosely) designated for some of the aforementioned sports was designed very poorly using low quality prefabricated structures decades ago. I found these Greenleaf structures to be unusable and hazardous 10 years ago when I last skateboarded actively. Based on recent visual inspection, these structures seem to have just degraded further. Lastly, the location of the park on Greenleaf Ave. is not conducive to safe access by foot/skateboard for most interested residents.

In closing, I just want you to be aware that while I fully support acquiring whatever resources are deemed necessary for more traditional sports (i.e. outdoor fields, indoor basketball courts, etc...), I am strongly in favor of pursuing a venue for these less traditional yet equally important sports. I would appreciate any guidance that the council can provide with respect to how I can help finally make such a facility happen.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration,

Dave Cosgrove

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From: [Tomas Dundzila via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Oppose removing bike lane on Middle St
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:15:57 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Tomas Dundzila (tomasmaya@gmail.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 09:15:52

address: 79 Greenbriar Dr, Eliot ME

comments: My wife and I frequently ride through Portsmouth on our bicycles and oppose the removal of the bike lane on Middle Street. The proposed change would endanger us and other bicyclists. We enjoy riding in Portsmouth to visit restaurants and shops, but would reconsider our plans if we feel the streets are not safe. Instead of removing bike lanes, Portsmouth should increase their number and improve the existing ones. Thank you.

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From: [Kathleen Larney via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Opposed to proposed changes to bike lane
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 8:51:54 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kathleen Larney (Kathleen.larney@gmail.com) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 07:51:52

address: 313 Aldrich Rd.

comments:

I am writing to you regarding the Middle Street bike lanes. I live on Aldrich so I regularly drive, walk and bike on middle street with my school aged children. My personal feeling is that the bike lanes as currently designed make Middle safer. When my sons go to middle school in a few years I want them to have a protected, buffered bike lane so they can get to school safely. That said I am not sure anyone's personal feelings should be determinative. Instead I think we should consider objective criteria and expert opinions.

Crash and traffic data confirm that the bike lanes as currently designed make Middle Street safer. The Planning Dept, Parking & Traffic Safety committee, New Hampshire DOT, Seacoast Area Bicycle Riders, and foremost national expert of safe bike lane design, Toole Design group agree that the proposed change of removing a stretch of lane makes Middle Street less safe.

For this reason I am very much opposed to the proposal to remove a portion of the bike and return parked cars to the curb. I am opposed to any other proposal that will cost money and make the bike lane less safe. Any changes to the bike lane should be supported by data and/or expert opinion. The fact that this proposal is being made with out any factual data supporting it and at a time when there are so many other issues facing our city is baffling.

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From: [Allison McGrimley via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Opposition to proposed changes to Middle Street Bike Lanes
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:35:05 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Allison McGrimley (allie.m.wolfe@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 10:35:04

address: 56 Sheffield Road

comments: I am writing to oppose the changes proposed by Councilors Kennedy and Huda to the bike lanes on Middle Street.

Experts have agreed that the council's proposal makes the road less safe for cyclists, drivers and pedestrians. It will cost taxpayers \$320,000 in additional and wasted monies. This proposal received the unanimous objections of the Planning Dept, Parking & Traffic Safety committee, New Hampshire DOT, Seacoast Area Bicycle Riders, and foremost national expert of safe bike lane design, Toole Design group. Everyone agrees -- removing this stretch of lane makes Middle Street less safe!!!

Instead, the Council should focus on what makes the existing bike lanes better, rather than worse. Putting aside an already-funded new flashing crosswalk beacon, the cost is \$1,400, as most adjustments are included in upcoming road repaving.

I urge the City Council to reject the changes proposed by Councilors Kennedy and Huda to the Middle Street bike lanes, and instead focus on making the existing lanes better.

Thank you!

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REMOTE_ADDR: 64.140.244.2

From: [audrey.parker via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: pb courts
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 3:40:26 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
audrey.parker (aphiker4@gmail.com) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 14:40:23

address: portsmouth

comments: Let the game begin!!!! Portsmouth needs the new pickle ball courts to accommodate all the people who
now play the game thank you-

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REMOTE_ADDR: 24.61.218.226

From: [Glenna Kimball via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: PB courts
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 4:50:03 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Glenna Kimball (gkimball25@gmail.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 15:50:01

address: 256 Shore Rd

comments: Thank you for supporting the proposed PB courts at South Mill Pond. Pickle ball is such a great sport for people of all ages. It can be learned and played by almost anyone, is affordable and is played almost all year. I play with my women friends, on teams with my husband and with our high school grandkids. The need is there, we just need the courts. Thank you. Glenna

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 76.179.122.177

From: [Bernice Richards via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: PB courts
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 12:45:24 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Bernice Richards (Batkr@comcast.net) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 11:45:22

address: 435 Cutts Ave.

comments: I am in favor of the repurposing of 2 tennis courts at South Mill Pond into pickleball courts.
PB has become a new favorite among people of all ages.
Thank you

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 66.31.2.98

From: [Erik Anderson via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: PDA Meeting / 3/11/21
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 8:54:41 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Erik Anderson (andy42152@aol.com) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 19:54:39

address: 38 Georges Terrace

comments: Dear Councilors,

In trying to inform you of PDA BOD's matters / meeting, there is a scheduled meeting this week on Thursday, March 11, 2021. There will be a closed session consultation w/ counsel between 9 - 10 a.m. and a public workshop beginning at 10 a.m. It is a 1 item agenda meeting on the application of a potential Fixed Base Operator (FBO) in the name of Pease Aviation Partners, (PAP) LLC d/b/a "Million Air Portsmouth" . They have submitted an application to become the 2nd FBO at Pease and the board will discuss the application and its merits. There is currently an FBO at Pease in the name of Port City Air (PCA).

For the purpose of explanation an FBO functions at the facility to perform the services needed for any aircraft flying in or out of Pease. This would include fuel. maintenance, food, logistics, hanger space, de-icing, ground transportation and a variety of other aircraft needs.

PCA has functioned and serviced this need for many years and now PAP has interest to operate at Pease in its application and requirements to meet operational standards to do so.

With that explanation to inform you and any interest in this matter I would welcome any questions, concerns, or opinions with a reply.

With thanks to your time and concern

Erik Anderson

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From: [Michael Johnston via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Phase 2 Islington
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:09:46 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Michael Johnston (mcjohnston75@gmail.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 09:09:44

address: 410 Islington St

comments: Hi,
Extremely aggravated about any delay to the Islington corridor. It has been delayed enough and the work will go into a well-deserved upgrade to the heavy traffic part of the town and support business. In turn, this should help generate more revenue in the long run.

includeInRecords: on

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From: [Maureen Lieto via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickle Ball Court at South Mill Pond
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 7:26:58 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Maureen Lieto (MickeyL2223@aol.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 18:26:52

address: 27 Baycliff Road

comments: Dear Council,
I would like to express my support for the Pickle Ball Courts
project at South Mill Pond. I play Pickle Ball there and it would be so nice to have more courts for us to play on
since the sport is getting more and more popular and the wait time would be reduced. Thank you for your
consideration in this matter.

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 71.232.211.230

From: [Paul Clark via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickle ball court expansion project
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 3:25:06 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Paul Clark (seastar1946@yahoo.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 14:25:04

address: 68 Schooner Landing

comments: Just wanted to put my two cents in here to encourage your proposed court expansion to 8 courts for all of us happy pickle ball players here on the seacoast.
As this great sport grows more and more seniors are taking it up so the more the merrier . Thanks.....Paul

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 35.139.2.232

From: [Richard Laramee via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickle Ball courts
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 1:46:56 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Richard Laramee (richard.laramee@gmail.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 12:46:53

address: 5 Woodman Way, Newburyport, 01950

comments: Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country. It has been adopted Nationally and Internationally. All ages can play it and all you need is a paddle. The primary issue is lack of PB courts " please approve this expansion.

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 174.58.213.169

From: [Joany Lincoln via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickle ball courts
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 9:32:26 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Joany Lincoln (joanylincoln@yahoo.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 20:32:24

address: 141 Mill Pond Way, #1, Portsmouth

comments: I started playing pickle ball just a few months before the pandemic stay-at-home, and have missed it quite desperately over the last twelve months. If we could really have those outdoor courts, it would be wonderful, as the courts where I used to play are "closed", and being outdoors would lessen some of the worries that Mr. Corona has brought us all. For retired people such as myself, I believe staying just a little bit in shape can make a HUGE difference in one's outlook and productivity. Thank you for what you do for Portsmouth's quality of life.

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

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From: [Jeffrey S Certo via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball @ South Mill Pond
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 4:20:59 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jeffrey S Certo (jtcerto@gmail.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 15:20:57

address: 579 Sagamore Ave #105

comments: City Councilors,

We moved to Portsmouth in Dec19 and have had the opportunity to meet a bunch of people at the make shift pickleball courts at South Mill Pond. As new residents to the area we have greatly enjoyed getting exercise and meeting our neighbors. If you ever stop over to the courts (most mornings including Dec & Jan) you will see dozens of people playing pickleball and the courts regularly are overflowing with people waiting to get in a game. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the country and if the town approves this project it will also take some of the pressure off the tennis court usage at peak times. As taxpayers in the community, we completely support this project.

Thank You,
Tracy & Jeff Certo

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

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From: [Anne Schwartzman via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball at South Mill Pond
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 10:57:53 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Anne Schwartzman (akey5@nycap.rr.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 21:57:50

address: 118 Spinnaker Way

comments: I support the new dedicated pickleball courts as being proposed. This is my second year playing there and it is amazing to have the option to have actual pickleball courts. I will frequent them often. I even enjoyed playing after shoveling off the snow! Portsmouth will not be sorry if it puts forward this proposal.
Thank you.

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 174.58.101.77

From: [Lori Martone via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball court conversion
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 12:58:22 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Lori Martone (Lorimartone@gmail.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 11:58:19

address: 7 Raymond Lane, Hampton

comments: My husband and I have been playing pickle ball on the Portsmouth tennis courts approximately 3 to 4 times per week. We completely support converting the tennis courts to 8 pickle ball courts. Please vote yes!

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 24.34.131.78

From: [Jane Roberts via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball Court expansion
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 2:36:41 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jane Roberts (janerobrtrs55@gmail.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 13:36:39

address: 5 Seapoint Road Kittery Point, ME

comments: Increasing the Pickleball courts on Junkins Ave is a great way to bring the community together while promoting daily exercise. Players of all ages will benefit from these proposed changes.

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 108.49.249.136

From: [W Lee Hladki via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball court expansion
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 8:20:49 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
W Lee Hladki (leehladki@gmail.com) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 07:20:46

address: 29 Sudbury, Portsmouth

comments: Writing in support of the project. I am 73 and play everyday, important part of staying healthy and active.

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 73.54.69.104

From: [Alison Sollee via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball court proposal
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 9:42:13 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Alison Sollee (amsollee@comcast.net) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 08:42:11

address: 558 Union St

comments: I have played at the DOver courts that have the same configuration as the proposed PB courts in Portsmouth and find them used frequently and have organized clinics and tournaments. It would be nice to have dedicated courts since so much of our Portsmouth population (as well as surrounding communities) use them to stay active.

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 73.159.246.186

From: [Arthur Bruinooge via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball Courts
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:26:45 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Arthur Bruinooge (abruinooge@me.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 09:26:42

address: 292 Islington St

comments: To City Council,

I fully support the proposal to convert two tennis courts into eight regulation pickleball courts at the South Playground. I can't think of a better investment in a project that benefits as many Portsmouth residents as this one. Children and adults of all ages will utilize these courts all year long. There are many reasons and benefits to completing this project by Spring. The proposal lists the top ten. Please vote in support of this project.

Thank you,
Art Bruinooge

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

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From: [Kathryn Kaknes via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball Courts
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 2:35:14 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kathryn Kaknes (Kathy.kaknes@gmail.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 13:35:11

address: 128 Porpoise Way

comments: Dear Councilors,
Iâ€™m writing in support of the proposal to convert 2 tennis courts at South Mill Pond to 8 Pickleball courts. This would allow more Pickleball players to play at the same time without taking up as many tennis courts. It would alleviate some of the crowding that has sometimes been an issue and allow for an equitable use of the courts. Thank you for your consideration.
Kathryn Kaknes

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 73.159.246.166

From: [dorothy dibona via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball courts
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 1:47:14 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
dorothy dibona (skibones@rcn.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 12:47:12

address: 4 laurel lane kensington

comments: Please consider adding 8 Pickleball courts at South Mill pond. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country (maybe the world right now) and all ages are playing.

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 24.218.78.239

From: [Todd Shaver via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball Courts
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 10:19:30 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Todd Shaver (Todd@BullMarket.com) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 09:19:28

address: 2 Captains Way

comments: Hi Councilors. Having the pickleball courts at South Mill has been a blessing. THANK YOU. And having them open in the winter is the greatest gift you have given us. At any time during a 30-50 degree day in the winter there have been well over 100 people playing pickleball. Some days is is 25 degrees out and windy, and many of us show up anyway. We love this game. We love the South Mill complex.

Having 8 dedicated pickleball courts is a GRAND IDEA.
Thank you,
Todd Shaver

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 24.61.223.125

From: [Robert R LeGros via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball courts
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 4:20:39 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Robert R LeGros (boblegros@aol.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 15:20:37

address: 579 Sagamore Avenue, Unit 49; Portsmouth

comments: I am a regular and very frequent pickleball player at the South Playground tennis courts. I fully and enthusiastically support and welcome the plan to convert 2 of the courts to pickleball courts.

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 73.46.222.206

From: [Frances Buck via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball courts
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 10:07:11 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Frances Buck (franbuc01@gmail.com) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 09:07:09

address: 89 Clinton St

comments: Dear Council members,

I want to show my strong support for turning 2 tennis courts into 8 Pickleball courts. I play year round with many other residents. At times we have over 40 people playing each morning. By having these courts it provides benefit to both Pickleball players and tennis players by giving them dedicated courts. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports and terrific for all ages. Also, the city will have the ability to sponsor tournaments which will bring lots of benefit to our great city especially after this year of Covid. Please vote YES to move forward on this initiative.

Thank-you
Frances and Floyd Buck

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 66.31.226.93

From: [James Swartzbaugh via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball Courts
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 8:27:51 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
James Swartzbaugh (jims138@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 07:27:49

address: Pleasant St, So. Eliot

comments: A social sport for The community enjoyed by so many, revives the use of the parks and rec. look at how many there are daily. Big boost for our epicenter.

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 72.71.194.44

From: [Rachel Kurshan via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball courts
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 10:32:49 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Rachel Kurshan (rk00@comcast.net) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 21:32:47

address: 33 Humphrey's Court

comments: I am writing to express my support for converting two of the tennis courts off Parrot Ave. into eight pickleball courts. There is clearly a need for more pickleball courts, as we often had to wait for a court this past fall. The proposed plan would not only create more pickleball courts, but would free up tennis courts for the tennis players.

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 24.61.219.95

From: [Kevin Semprini via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball Courts
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:50:48 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kevin Semprini (ksemprini@comcast.net) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 09:50:46

address: 300 New Castle Ave

comments: I'd like to take this opportunity to ask for your vote/support for tonight's proposal of 8 pickleball courts to be constructed at the South Playgrounds. These courts will help represent the City's commitment to encourage recreation and fun, at a competitive level, to people of all ages. Due to the courts size, it's especially accommodating to those of us who are Middle to upper Middle aged, "recreational athlete's". Your vote tonight will help make these courts a little more diverse and draw attention to an outdoor recreational complex that should serve as a model to other communities. Thanks so much for your time, and your continued effort to make Portsmouth the destination location it's become.

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 174.196.206.48

From: [Jon Houghton via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball courts
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:49:48 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jon Houghton (jonhoaty@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 08:49:46

address: Stratham N H 03885

comments: Being in Portsmouth since 1980 I appreciate all the recreation departments hard work! I believe the 8 Pickleball courts will be a plus for all involved as after this mild winter itâ€™s nearly played year round! Also hosting tournaments would generate revenue for all and introduce our town to many people!

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 73.38.41.202

From: [Dr. Arthur Butt via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: PickleBall Courts
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 8:21:18 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Dr. Arthur Butt (ecogen@mac.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 07:21:16

address: 253 Durham Point Rd, Durham

comments: While not a Portsmouth resident, I frequent the South Mill Pond courts to play PB. I could go to Rochester, Exeter or Dover, but enjoy the local players and do my shopping nearby. I'm sure new PB courts would draw more "visitors" to the park and allow actual tournaments to be played, thus increasing revenue to Portsmouth.

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Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 73.17.231.241

From: [Roberta Cutting via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball courts
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 12:23:04 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Roberta Cutting (rgc5003aj@comcast.net) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 11:23:02

address: 195B State Street

comments: In the winter months I play Pickleball in FL 5 days a week and in the summer I look forward to being able to play every year in Portsmouth. Please make designated Pickleball courts.

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 174.227.133.21

From: [nancy hamilton via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: pickleball courts
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 2:40:50 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
nancy hamilton (nancyhamilton28@gmail.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 13:40:48

address: 77 taft rd portsmouth

comments: I am writing to show support for the relining of 2 tennis courts to make 8 pickleball courts. As someone who enjoys playing, I have often had to wait to get a court. For a relatively low cost we would now have 12 courts total (tennis & pickleball combined) instead of the current 6.

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 73.142.129.17

From: [Eileen Greeley via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball Courts
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 12:21:01 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Eileen Greeley (Greeleyeileen@gmail.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 11:20:58

address: 777 Middle Rd

comments: Please vote yes on turning 2 tennis courts into 8 Pickleball courts. The Portsmouth Pickleball community is thriving and growing. Most of us have lived here for 30+ years. We shop local, eat local and love to gather everyday to play our sport. Our dedication to each other, our community and our sport really shined this winter as we gathered to snow-blow, shovel and squeegee the courts to go outside to play and socialize during these trying often lonely times

includeInRecords: on

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 71.233.86.13

From: [Paul Johnson via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball expansion
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 8:49:40 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Paul Johnson (pjrunners@comcast.net) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 07:49:38

address: 77 Greenwood St. Eliot, ME

comments: This mod is wonderful. It will accommodate the many pickleball players as well as free up the other courts for the tennis players. Even in winter, many times there are far more players than courts. Thanks.

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From: [Mike Murphy via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball in the Park
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 8:36:00 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mike Murphy (mike1murphy@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 07:35:58

address: Kittery Point ME

comments: Please vote YES on converting tennis courts to pickleball. People like me come to Portsmouth now to play and would double our visits if the courts were converted to proper pickleball courts. We happily spend money when we visit Portsmouth in support of local merchants.

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From: [Peter Cass via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pickleball proposal
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 2:46:29 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Peter Cass (pfcass@gmail.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 13:46:27

address: 33 Hunking St

comments: As a regular Pickleball player I am writing in support of creating dedicated courts in the South Mill
playground. Please give it careful consideration. Thank you.

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Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 71.233.80.203

From: [Iiro Lehtinen via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Please keep the bikelanes on Middle
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 9:42:57 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Iiro Lehtinen (iiro.lehtinen@gmail.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 08:42:55

address: 740 Woodbury Avenue

comments: Honorable Mayor and City Councilors,

I have seen proposals to remove the Middle Street bike lanes and return parking to the curb. According to safety experts hired by the city, this would make travel less safe for cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists. Also, removal of the bike lane would result in substantial cost to taxpayers, from repayment of grant money, as well as cost of reconfiguring the roadway.

This was included in January 11 City Council meeting packet:

Toole Design Group's analysis does not find that the design modifications requested by Council are merited and their independent review of the bike lanes did not demonstrate safety, environmental, or other concerns that would justify a substantial redesign. However, Toole has identified several measures that could be implemented to improve the safety and operations of the bike lanes and pedestrian traffic, while not exposing the City to possible repayment of the federal grant.

Also:

Bill Watson, Administrator at the NHDOT Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance, has provided an email as follow-up to that meeting on January 11, which also verifies that the City would be expected to pay back the federal funds should we decide to move forward with the Council's request.

The proposal to remove the bike lanes is a solution in search of a problem. Actually, it is a solution that would result in making the situation less safe for all road users, and adds cost to taxpayers.

Please do the right thing and end this nonsense.

Thank you!
Iiro Lehtinen
740 Woodbury Avenue

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Engage: Submit

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From: [Jeff Latimer via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Please keep the Middle Street Bicycle Lanes
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 12:27:40 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jeff Latimer (jeff@gusbike.com) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 11:27:38

address: 1115 Washington Road

comments: Dear Council -

"Those complaining about the building of protected cycleways are on the wrong side of history". This from a report out this week on the astounding growth bicycles have experienced world wide during the pandemic. (Forbes Magazine).

Bicycle sales grew from 32 to 42 million annually and demand is forecast at 52 million for 2021. In short, bicycles are not going away and the demand for bicycle infrastructure is on the rise. "Governments around the world are investing to ensuring safety" and are "recognizing the benefits of bicycling for transportation" .

Portsmouth needs to be moving forward to improve and expand the bicycle infrastructure and network of the city. A person should be able to ride safely to shop,to work and to visit neighbors. Creating this network, puts Portsmouth on the right side of history. After all, roads are part of the common and belong to all.

Jeff Latimer

PS - Here's the link to the referenced article: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/carltonreid/2021/03/05/billions-of-dollars-to-be-made-post-covid-so-increase-bicycle-production-specializeds-vp-tells-asian-suppliers/>

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From: [Frank Fermino via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Please Support Protected Bike Lanes
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:31:12 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Frank Fermino (frankfermino@yahoo.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 09:31:05

address: 15 Bow Street, Apt 2. Exeter, NH

comments: Attention All,

It has come to light that there is upcoming discussion about removing portions of the protected bike lane on Middle Street.

However what has not come to light are reasons for wanting to do so. If we have learned anything lately it is that transparency is needed in the moves and decisions by our elected officials. If you are supporting this removal, we have the right to know why. Not just residents of Portsmouth either, but all of us because we travel, commute, meet friends in the area even if we dont live in town.

If there is data showing that it be safer, please share it. Otherwise all the data, the traffic studies, and the people using these bike lanes support keeping it in place for safety of all.

The voices of the people say to support this, as does the data. As the number of cyclists grow in a post pandemic world, the challenge is to support them and a new healthy lifestyle, not to discourage and make biking more dangerous.

Please support the bike lanes and be willing to engage in discussion of their importance.

Thank you for your time.

Frank Fermino

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From: [Gabe Dakowicz via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Portsmouth Bike Lanes
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 9:56:02 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Gabe Dakowicz (g.dakowicz@gmail.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 08:56:00

address: 270 McKinley Road

comments: I support bike lanes throughout Portsmouth. I was hit by a truck in 2015 and I still continue to ride my bike thousands of miles a year. However, I still live with shoulder pain to this day. Bike lanes need to be considered to keep people safe.

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From: [John Thompson via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Portsmouth pickleball
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 9:33:15 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
John Thompson (jtbyfield@gmail.com) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 08:33:13

address: 114 Elm Street

comments: I support the proposal to make two tennis courts into eight pickleball courts. This would eliminate the chaos and confusion of where to play in the current arrangement; plus, eight courts would provide a significant increase of playing opportunity for the throngs of pickleball players currently playing in Portsmouth. I say, go for it!

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From: [Grace Lessner via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Preserve the Middle Street bike lane
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:11:07 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Grace Lessner (glessner@mindspring.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 08:01:05

address: 15 Hawthorne St

comments: Dear City Councilors,

As a frequent bike rider around the city and state, I request the the Middle St bike lane be preserved and that the City Council adhere to its fiscal responsibilities by preserving the lane. The proposed gutting of the bike lane will cost taxpayers \$320,000 in additional and wasted funds.

Bike and traffic experts consistently agree that the council's proposal makes the road less safe for cyclists, drivers and pedestrians — who will benefit from this? Hospital emergency rooms?

I strongly support the preservation of the Middle Street bike lane and I hope that you will too. The safety of bicyclists, pedestrians and drivers rely on your vote.

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From: [Mike Millikan via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Proposed dedicated Pickle Ball courts
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 7:08:19 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mike Millikan (michael.millikan@icloud.com) on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 18:08:15

address: 284 New Castle Ave, Portsmouth

comments: I am writing to register my enthusiastic support for the proposed dedicated Pickle Ball courts at the South Mill playground. The explosive nationwide growth of the sport, and its appeal to all ages and genders, make for a very appropriate investment in the city's recreation facilities. I encourage all Council members to give it a try, you'll be hooked like some many of us already are.

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From: [Nancy Manley via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Proposed Pickleball Courts
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 5:54:24 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Nancy Manley (Nancer54@comcast.net) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 16:54:22

address: 579 Sagamore Ave. unit 101 portsmouth

comments: As a relatively new Portsmouth resident and Pickleball enthusiast, I am very excited that the Council is seriously considering the renovation of two tennis courts into regulation Pickleball courts. As Iâ€™m sure you know Pickleball is not only one of the fastest rising sports nationally but a wonderful opportunity to meet and play with others at all levels. I encourage you to vote positively for this important project. In advance...Thanks!

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From: [Joanne Knox via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Proposed Pickleball Courts
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 12:46:46 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Joanne Knox (Joanneknox@aol.com) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 11:46:44

address: 1003 South Street

comments: Please consider the proposal for expanded pickleball courts at South Pond. We are enthusiastic senior players, but the game attracts teens, kids, adults of all ages and will be a big plus for the city of Portsmouth.

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From: [Steven Taylor via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Proposed pickleball courts
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 7:23:03 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Steven Taylor (sdt01986@yahoo.com) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 06:23:01

address: 4 Twin Pond Cr. Exeter NH

comments: I would like to support the creation of new pickleball courts at your next upcoming City Council meeting. This is an underserved community service for the fastest growing sport in the country. Thank you.

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From: [Matthew Glenn via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Questions on what you propose for Middle Street
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 8:50:04 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Matthew Glenn (matthglenn@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 07:50:02

address: 34 Harrison Ave

comments: Dear Mayor and Councilors,

I'll be brief-- you have a choice tonight between two very different directions for Middle Street. Implementing low cost improvements to make the road safer and better for all-- perhaps fulfilling a campaign promise to make Middle Street better.

Or, to require city staff to make changes that the experts say will be less safe for bike riders, walkers, and drivers. This safety factor is far more important than cost, but by the way, the council packet is clear it will require a full grant refund.

We at SABR are still not clear what exactly you are asking for on Lincoln or Middle Street. Crosswalks are not designed for bicyclists, and we're not sure if some of you are asking for a painted bike lane on the driver side of parked cars, or "sharrows" and "share the road" signs indicating bicyclists should ride in the center of the driving lane. And how would Lincoln Ave be changed? Do you plan to consult with an engineering firm on either?

I would just like to respectfully request that you talk to SABR to explain what you would like to do, and let us know if you feel anything we have publicly said about this process was unfair. We are very open to dialogue on this and all issues. Thank you to those who have already engaged with us.

Thank you all for your time.

Matthew Glenn

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From: [Margaret M Tosi via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Re: Pickleball
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 1:10:45 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Margaret M Tosi (margaremtosi@yahoo.com) on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 12:10:43

address: 21 , Brewster St #2

comments: Dear City Councilors,

I am a resident of Portsmouth and have lived here most of my life. I love Portsmouth and feel that having two tennis courts, converted into eight Pickleball courts would be a great amenity added to our city. I have played there many times and would be so happy to have dedicated courts. Pickleball has become extremely popular and is enjoyed by all ages. Thank you so much for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Tosi

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From: [Dean Merrill via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Save the bike lanes
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 2:47:52 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Dean Merrill (downhill85@gmail.com) on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 13:47:51

address: 112 Raleigh Way

comments: Hi City councilors, I write to you as a cycling member of Portsmouth. I enjoy riding my road bike all long the seacoast area of NH. While I am comfortable riding on roads that don't always have a dedicated bike lane, there are many more people who do not feel the same way. They need the comfort of a dedicated and protected bike lane to feel safe when ride their bikes. These people vary from kids to elderly citizens. I implore you to reconsider your thoughts on "altering" the bike lane we already have. People have the right to feel safe while enjoying the outdoors and riding their bikes.

-Thank you, Dean Merrill

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Engage: Submit

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From: [Kelly Cioe via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: School Budget
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 2:38:21 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kelly Cioe (kelly@whalenpr.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 13:38:19

address: 44 Melbourne Street

comments: Dear City Council Members,

I am reaching out to you in regard to the school budget for 2021-2022. I have many concerns about the City Council's request for a ZERO percent increase in the school budget. As it stands currently, Steve Zadravec and the school board have presented a budget with a 2.97% increase, with contractual obligations and an increase in benefits and retirement funding primarily driving that increase. And yet it is clear that schools will need more funding next year to ensure the health and safety of our students, as well as additional support and enhanced instruction for students due to the pandemic. So many of our students have experienced disruption and distress due to the pandemic and a ZERO percent increase is not only unachievable due to contractual obligations, but also irresponsible of us to NOT support our students and schools during this difficult time.

The current proposed school budget (as presented by Steve at the Feb. 9 school board meeting) eliminates the equivalent of 7 full-time positions throughout the school system. While some are administrative and can be absorbed into other positions, others like an elementary teacher, reading and literacy specialists, and the Farm-to-School coordinator have significant impacts on our children. While Steve has presented the elimination of these positions as positions that can be "absorbed" into other existing role or positions, I am concerned that we are not redirecting those salaries and benefits into NEEDED positions to support our student population, like additional reading and math specialists, paraprofessionals, counselors to offer emotional support to students and staff, tutors, or filling new positions like a second language teacher for elementary schools. If we eliminate the funding for these positions from the budget, that could be redirected towards needed positions!
, it will take years to get these funds back into the budget.

The pandemic has only amplified our need for additional support staff, specialists, and paraprofessionals at our schools. A Department of Education report, titled the Condition of Education 2018, states the number of students aged 3 to 21 receiving special education services increased from 6.6 million to 6.7 million from the 2014-2015 school year to the 2015-2016 school year. Among those, 34 percent had specific learning disabilities, of which 20 percent had speech or language impairments and 14 percent had other health impairments.

This national trend is also playing out in our elementary schools, with Mrs. Joanne Simons, principal at New Franklin School, noting one of her biggest challenges is maintaining the number of paraprofessionals to support students with identified needs. "We are seeing our identified numbers and needs increase, and the para positions are essential in implementing IEPs and supporting our students in the classroom," states Mrs. Simons. In addition, should we be in the same position of remote learning and less in-school time next fall due to the pandemic, Mrs. Simons notes she will need an additional teacher to keep class sizes smaller due to social distancing requirements.

Removing these salaries from the proposed budget is irresponsible, knowing that we have additional needs for students that will need to be met due to the pandemic. Recent studies have shown that the cost to schools to help students "catch up" from the pandemic school year could be between \$12,000 to \$13,500 per student over the next five years. Please refer to the link below for the article.

Caught in a Financial 'Triple Squeeze,' Districts Could See Annual Costs of \$2,500 Per Student to Address Pandemic-Related Learning Loss | The 74 (the74million.org)

While federal funds will help with some of the additional costs, it will not be enough. We need to keep our schools

moving forward. Budget cuts to our schools this year, impact school budgets for years to come.

I currently have a fourth and fifth-grader at New Franklin School. My fifth grader has been fortunate enough to be in school “full-time” since an opening in her grade allowed her to be there 3.5 days a week in early November. She is now in full days Monday through Thursday with the new schedule. We are extremely fortunate that she was the student that was “next” on the list to be full-time. Remote learning was a struggle for her and a battle for us. Even with our fortunate circumstances, she has lost a lot of progress we achieved last year in her reading comprehension and fluency. She has slipped dramatically in her recent DRA assessment. We know firsthand, that she will need additional support for the remainder of this year, possibly over the summer, and certainly starting up in middle school next year.

Our fourth-grader had been going in for his one day of instruction until the new schedule which brings him in for four half-day sessions. Academically, he has always excelled, but the pandemic has brought challenges for him emotionally and socially. Last spring, we noticed him become very withdrawn and reclusive with remote learning. Over the summer we saw him perk up with outdoor play dates with friends, only to withdraw again this fall.

We can't let the pandemic derail our children's education and asking for a zero percent increase in the school budget will do just that. We MUST adequately fund our 2020-2021 school budget to allow for not only the contractual obligations but provide for the resources and staff that will be needed for years to come.

I know the City of Portsmouth is facing challenges as well due to the pandemic and they are not to be taken lightly. Reduced revenues coming in, means reduced spending levels. But as you look at all of the departments and the City's overall budget, I am asking you to NOT let our kids take the brunt of the pandemic. The City and community rallied this summer to help support our local restaurants and businesses, we must now rally for our students and schools. We must find additional funds to support our students and our schools. Our children are our future. Our schools attract new residents and companies to Portsmouth and keep our city growing and innovating, our emphasis on K-12 education is a big part of that.

Thank you for your service to our City and I ask you to please support our schools with an increase in school funding to appropriately meet the needs of our students.

Best,

Kelly Cioe

44 Melbourne Street

Mom of a 4th and 5th grader at New Franklin School

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From: [Lauren Wool via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: School budget
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:17:04 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Lauren Wool (laurenwool@yahoo.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 09:17:02

address: 53 SUMMIT AVE

comments: Hello respected City Councilors,

Understanding there are difficult decisions to make related to the city budget, please know how valuable the team of professionals and staff at LHS are to our 3rd grader and ultimately to our entire family. During a year when we all have lost so much (routines, connections, social opportunities, etc), the team at LHS literally did not skip one beat from pre-pandemic to today. Our daughter has special needs and one would argue, a lot at stake in terms of her academic and social development taking her longer than typically developing children. In spite of the additional supports she needs to succeed, we have felt continually heard and respected as we have navigated the necessary changes to her schedule and in addressing her IEP goals. We rely on the professional expertise that the SPED team and the Para Professionals provide every step of the way. Our 3rd grader is not just enduring this challenging time, she is indeed thriving - primarily because of this level of world class !

support and flexibility the LHS team writ large has offered throughout the past year. We do not take our residency in Portsmouth and access to LHS for granted for a single minute - in fact, this year, we have grown ever more grateful to live here and be raising our children here. Thank you for your dedication in public service and in grappling with these difficult budgetary decisions and trade-offs. Please know that for our family, the proposed school budget represents the people and functions that are quite literally a life line for our daughter's near term and long term success. Thank you!

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From: [Andrew Ervin via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: School Budget
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 8:17:50 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Andrew Ervin (andrew.e.ervin@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 07:17:45

address: 192 Park St, Portsmouth

comments: Hello - my name is Andrew Ervin, and I am a father of 3 kids in the Portsmouth school system. I am also a homeowner in town. I am writing in regard to the proposed cuts to the school budget.

With the lack of full-time school for my kids, I am supportive of cuts to the school budget. The school system should be a free, public benefit to the residents of this town. But without the school delivering on its mission to educate our children, I don't believe our tax dollars are well-spent by allocating them to the school.

Unfortunately this is a self-fulfilling cycle because as more parents take their kids out of the Portsmouth school system (or move out of town) due to school not being full-time - this further reduces the budget and resources available to the school system.

I suggest to the City Council that they force the school system to return to full-time, in-person school (ignoring social distancing guidelines if needed). This is the only scenario in which I would be supportive of allocating more resources to the school system.

Thank you,
Andrew Ervin

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REMOTE_ADDR: 73.167.217.105

From: [Anka Vidacic via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: School budget
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 7:06:45 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Anka Vidacic (anka.vidacic@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 06:06:43

address: 8 dunlin way

comments: Dear City Councilors, I implore you not to cut the school budget! Look around, private schools are booked with such long wait lists because our public schools are not delivering. Teachers are already overwhelmed and have lowered their expectations. Zooms of 40 kids, reduced curriculum, no athletic programs are weighing heavily on kids and parents. This is a list year academically, please help the schools recover and rebuild. Please help them don't abandon them! I'd rather pay higher property tax than see a yet again reduced school budget. When will this practice stop?? There must be another, more equitable way to close the budget gap. If the kids are thriving, the whole community is thriving. Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [BRAD HELM via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: SPORTS FACILITY
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:16:58 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
BRAD HELM (bradhelm95@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 09:16:55

address: 230 EASTWOOD DRIVE

comments: As a parent of a 6 year old that loves to play sports, I think it would be a great idea to have a facility that he can go to at a reasonable price inside our great city. Currently we do not have this to offer and have to drive out of town for sports.

As long as this can be done within a reasonable budget, I am all for it.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [Carol James via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Support dedicated Pickle Ball Courts
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 8:42:36 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Carol James (Carol.56@comcast.net) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 07:42:34

address: 34 Mill Pond Road Kittery, Me 03904

comments: Hello. I want to encourage you to support the proposal to make dedicated pickle ball courts. PickleBall is increasing in play, and having dedicated courts is needed.
Thank you for your work and consideration for this needed recreation adjustment.
Carol

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From: [Thomas Silverman via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Support for Capital Improvement - Willard Ave
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 8:41:05 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Thomas Silverman (tom.silverman@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 07:41:03

address: 171 Willard Ave

comments: I would like to voice support for the capital improvement plan which includes sewer separation/upgrade for Willard Avenue. There has been a strong (and unpleasant) odor coming from the storm sewers along Willard Avenue for the past several years which will be addressed by this upgrade.

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From: [Chris and Anna Shultz via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Support of athletic complex
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 10:53:42 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Chris and Anna Shultz (clshultz@comcast.net) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 09:53:39

address: 140 Orchard St. Portsmouth, NH

comments: We would like to voice our support of an athletic complex in Portsmouth. Our son and daughter attended Portsmouth Schools and both played ice hockey for PHS. Our neighborhood is teeming with elementary and middle school kids and it would be an incredible outlet and opportunity for them. We believe having affordable ice time for those who would like to learn to play is important as well.

We like the idea of an indoor walking track to be available for all ages. Sports is such a confidence builder for our youth and this complex would be a tremendous asset in personal development. Especially coming out of a pandemic, this is a amazing positive opportunity for our community. If this facility is built, it will be fully utilized and would also help support our Portsmouth businesses.

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From: [Brian Ratay via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Willard Ave sewer project
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:16:25 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Brian Ratay (2cupsofjoe@gmail.com) on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 10:16:23

address: 139 Willard Ave

comments: PLEASE PLEASE consider proceeding and finishing the sewer project on Willard. We have now spent almost 6 years will daily grey water smell around and in our houses, with weekly pump trucks to come pump and move sewage, with no drainage due to no grade and decaying sidewalks with a much larger than average pedestrian route, due to the width of the Street and dead end on Orchard.

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From: [Carol Carpenter via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Yes to Pickleball Courts in Portsmouth
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 12:21:37 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Carol Carpenter (fusse@comcast.net) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 11:21:35

address: 579 Sagamore Ave Unit 101

comments: Iâ€™ve been playing pickle for 5+ years in this area including at Spinnaker (precovid) in the winter months. It would be wonderful to have dedicated courts outside (and the tennis players will be much happier to have their own dedicated courts as well!).

Thank you!

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