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Birmingham City Commission
151 Martin Street
Birmingham, MI 48012

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Dear Commissioners,

My wife and I have lived at 577 Arlington in Birmingham for over 50 years and the purpose of this letter is to voice our strong opposition to the Multimodal Plan to convert West Maple Road from 4 lanes to 3 lanes as part of the resurfacing project.

Our opposition stems from a certain belief that the 4/3 plan will cause traffic congestion on West Maple Road, increase cut through traffic on side streets, reduce revenue to local businesses/churches, lose an important 4-lane evacuation route in the event of a city emergency, as well create safety problems for bike lane riders and those who now benefit from the Lake Park traffic light slated for removal under the plan.

W also are concerned that the city is subjecting citizens to costly litigation costs from those who may be injured in traffic accidents as a result of adding bike lanes to a busy artery, as well as adding taxpayer costs for bike lanes used by very few residents and not supported by local bikers.

In view of these many concerns, we are asking the City Commission to delete the 4/3 lane proposal from the Multimodal Plan now so that no taxpayer money is spent on studying this proposal as part of the road's resurfacing project.

Sincerely,

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