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Birmingham City Commission
151 Martin Street
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Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this letter is to register our opposition to the Multimodal Plan to convert West Maple Road from 4 lanes to 3 lanes as part of the resurfacing project. We have lived on Hawthorne for 23 years. Elaine grew up on Arlington. We are both bike riders.

We believe that the 4/3 plan will cause unnecessary traffic congestion on West Maple Road, substantially increase cut through traffic on side streets, reduce revenue to local businesses/churches, and create safety problems for bike lane riders. Removing the Lake Park traffic light would make left hand turning onto Maple extremely difficult (hard enough already).

We frankly find it rather puzzling that the City seems to be listening to a group from Ann Arbor rather than City residents like us and our neighbors who use West Maple several times each and every day.

In our view, the City made a wise decision in rejecting a similar plan on East Maple. We urge you to do the same by deleting 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,