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Birmingham City Commission
151 Martin Street
Birmingham, MI 48012

Dear Commissioners,

As 36 year residents of Birmingham, we want to voice our strong opposition with the Multimodal Plan to convert West Maple Road from 4 lanes to 3 lanes as part of the resurfacing project now scheduled for 2016.

This opposition stems from a wide spread 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.

We also have concern 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, the City Commission is being asked 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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