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Sun 7/14/2024 11:15 AM

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Hello EPC Commissioners:

I am an employee of UNMH-Project ECHO, a member of Strong Towns ABQ, and a Downtown resident. I am also a cyclist and public transit user and am excited by the potential opportunities for improved transportation contained in the 2024 CABQ Bikeways and Trail Plan.

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I have heard that the Sanitation Department has concerns about this plan, particularly in how the inclusion of separated bike lanes could disrupt trash collection. In addressing their concerns, separated bike lanes can be designed in a way that minimizes disruption to other activities, including trash collection. Innovative solutions such as flexible scheduling for collection times or design adjustments to accommodate both cyclists and sanitation vehicles and bins can effectively address logistical challenges. Cities across the country have successfully implemented separated bike lanes alongside efficient sanitation services, demonstrating that these concerns are manageable with proper planning and collaboration. Portland, Oregon, for example, has created cuts that allow for bins to be rolled out, as well as procurement of smaller sanitation vehicles for dense urban districts.

As a resident, cyclist, and employee in downtown Albuquerque, I have frequently encountered the dangers of cars parked or idling in bike lanes. These situations have led to near-misses and have sometimes resulted in confrontations when asking motorists to move their vehicles, which can be intimidating and unsafe. This aggression and lack of clear separation between bike lanes and vehicle lanes are significant barriers, particularly for new cyclists who may feel discouraged from cycling altogether.

Separated bike lanes are crucial because they clearly delineate where cyclists should ride, reducing conflicts with motor vehicles. In cities where separated bike lanes are implemented effectively, such as New York, Salt Lake City, Denver, and Minneapolis, these lanes not only improve safety but also encourage more people to cycle, contributing to healthier and more sustainable communities.

In the United States, cars in bike lanes create some of the largest conflict points for cyclists, leading to numerous injuries and fatalities each year. The implementation of separated bike lanes is not just about convenience; it's about saving lives and ensuring the safety of all road users. The concerns of the sanitation department regarding trash collection must be carefully weighed against the environmental benefits of bike lanes and the vital safety they provide. Innovative solutions, such as adjusting collection schedules, using specialized equipment, and accommodating bins in the lane plans, can effectively mitigate any potential logistical challenges while maintaining the integrity and safety of separated bike lanes.

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Thank you,

Jordon McConnell

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As a biker myself, there's nothing better than having a nice weekend ride through the winding and lush trails through the bosque. This plan will ensure that our biking infrastructure only improves. The outdoors community is a massive value add to Albuquerque and the more amenities to promote outdoor recreation, the better.

In closing, I want to express my wholehearted support for this project. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of countless individuals and build a safer, healthier, and more equitable community for generations to come.

Thank you,  
JT Mitchell  
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Albuquerque Resident and bicycle rider

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