

## Tinti, Elisa

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Hi Elisa,

I'd like to submit these comments for tomorrow's council meeting. Thank you.

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To the Council:

I would like to comment on two issues. First of all the proposed regulations on bikes and E bikes in the city. Given my experience as a pedestrian and cyclist, I feel that adding any more infrastructure and riders at a time when there is so much hostility from drivers to non- car transportation, would be foolish. It seems to me that the logical solution is to pass legislation barring bike and E bike rental vendors without city approval, and then to work on not just regulation, but education and infrastructure improvements that will make the city safer for everyone.

I also wanted to speak about the curb extensions that have been placed on Franklin St. I've included a photo. While I applaud the move toward greater visibility for pedestrians, there is, again, I need for education about these extensions, and what they mean for drivers and pedestrians. no one I spoke with understood what they signified. In addition, I would hope the city would try to beautify these crosswalks. I've included a link below to the NACTO web pages on curb extensions. They can be filled with plantings. They can be bricked over, and made into small plazas. There are many options that are more attractive than this, and I'm certain those would be welcomed by the residents of the neighborhood. There's an opportunity here to create innovative and beautiful street infrastructure, and I hope the city will take advantage of it.

Thank you,

Sarah Wenk

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