



Durham Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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Dear Mr. Egan and Mr. Williams,

Thank you for responding to our concerns and suggestions regarding the Martin Luther King, Jr Parkway pavement preservation method. We are pleased to hear about the incorporation of buffered bike lanes, higher visibility crosswalks, pavement markings that complement existing transit stops and the “No Turn on Red” blank-out sign. Though not part of this project, we are also pleased to learn that the city is working to install vertical separation posts and green markings for the bike lanes.

We still strongly urge the city to consider the reduction of the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph. Since the time the parkway was designed and built, there has been considerable development and changes to intersections along the corridor. The roadway continues to change and will include a planned elementary school at the intersection with South Roxboro Street. In fact, the section of South Roxboro Street near the future school has a similar cross section to what will be implemented on MLK and has a posted speed of 35 mph.

BPAC requests that the city maintain funding for vertical separation posts and provide timelines for when they will be installed. To aid with traffic calming, would the city consider placing the posts close to the edge of the roadway, to promote a traffic calming effect?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deniz".

Deniz Aydemir
Chair, Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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Javiera Caballero, Durham City Council

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