



Durham Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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Ed Johnson
Safe Routes to School Coordinator
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Dear Mr. Johnson,

The Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) is a citizens group whose purpose it is to advise Durham's City Council and Board of County Commissioners on bicycle and pedestrian issues. BPAC has an Education, Encouragement and Engagement committee that strives to promote safe cycling and walking as means of transportation for all of Durham's residents. This committee provides this letter in support of Bike Durham's request for children's bicycle helmets from the NCDOT Bicycle Helmet Initiative.

Bike Durham is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) community advocacy and service organization whose vision is that "Everyone should have access to safe, affordable, and sustainable transportation regardless of who they are or where they live." BPAC and Bike Durham have worked together successfully on advocacy issues in Durham over many years.

In addition, both BPAC and Bike Durham are dedicated to safe biking and walking education. The Education, Encouragement, and Engagement committee has provided much school and community safety education, and the committee's chair used to also serve as the volunteer coordinator for Durham's Safe Routes to School. Now, Durham is fortunate to have the Safe Routes to School Coordinator position through a contract with the city, which allows for dedicated focus on this important work. BPAC and Bike Durham are committed to enhancing bike safety lessons and equipment for children in Durham with low socio-economic status, and BPAC looks forward to continued collaboration with Bike Durham to make cycling safer and more accessible for these children.

To achieve our shared goals, BPAC requests that NCDOT grant the much-needed bicycle helmets for underserved children in Durham to Bike Durham.

Sincerely,

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Deniz Aydemir
Chair, Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission