

From: Linka, William
To: [City Clerk's Office; Elizabeth Roark](#)
Subject: Monroe Ward parking permit, ordinance 2021-242
Date: Thursday, September 16, 2021 3:24:46 PM

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This email is written in support of ordinance 2021-242. I am the property owner and conduct my business at 7 South First Street. Approval of the ordinance will make parking easier and allow those of us who work and live in this area to find a parking space. As a result of the apartment construction and other projects, there are days when there is no parking within a reasonable distance for my clients. I'm sure other businesses in the area have the same issue. I support the ordinance as drafted and ask that consideration be given to its adoption.

Please contact me if any other information is needed.

Thanks, Bill Linka

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Truly Yours,

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From: Mark Gans
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support of ORD 2021-242
Date: Friday, September 17, 2021 3:37:58 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing with respect to ORD 2021-242, which proposes a much-needed residential permit parking district in the Monroe Ward area. I am the owner of a 12-unit multifamily apartment building located at 12 E Main Street within this neighborhood. While I understand that the proposed ordinance may not be feasible for every property owner in this area, it is an ordinance that I STRONGLY feel should be approved and implemented as soon as possible. Since I do not have any space behind my building for tenant parking, the closure of the parking lot located at the corner of E Main and S Foushee streets has eliminated all viable parking options for the tenants in my building and has directly impacted the rentability of these units. Not only has this closure caused reduced rents and vacancy issues, but it has also limited my tenant pool because I'm now only able to attract prospects that do not own registered vehicles; primarily VCU students. In the past, this building was made up of a diverse group of tenants ranging from VCU undergraduate and graduate students, young professionals, and even young families. This problem, along with the City of Richmond's 50% Real Estate tax increase has pushed this property to be not profitable for me.

Therefore, I urge you to please approve this ordinance as soon as possible.

With respect and gratitude,
Mark Gans
EMS Rentals, LLC, Managing Member

From: John Murden
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); Katherin.Jordan@richmondgov.com; [Jones, Michael J. - City Council](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#)
Subject: RE ORD. 2021-226 and ORD. 2021-227
Date: Monday, September 20, 2021 12:25:09 PM

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Hello!

I am writing to you in support of Ordinances 2021-226 and 2021-227.

As a Forest Hill resident who works in the Fan, this corridor is my daily commute - which most days is by bicycle. In addition, I also ride part of this corridor when I am taking my boy to and from elementary school. He and I ride this route across the river over to Maymount, Byrd Park, and to the t-ball field. We ride this route to get to the little beaches under the Nickel Bridge.

As this is one of the few places to cross the river, there is a fair amount of pedestrian, bicycle, and foot traffic here. It would be great to make this important corridor more safe for bicycle traffic, which will then allow folks to walk and ride bikes.

Thank you,

John Murden

From: Paul V Schmidt
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Public Comment for the September 21st Land Use/Housing/Transportation Committee
Date: Monday, September 20, 2021 3:56:26 PM

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I write to this committee in support of City Ordinance 2021-226 to pursue development of a bicycle lane on St Rt 161. Bike lanes, such as this proposal, help advance the safety & attractiveness of our community.

Sincerely,
Paul V Schmidt
3006 Landria Dr, Richmond, VA 23225
(614) 745-7553 mobile phone

From: Chip Coutts
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Westover Hills Bike Lane
Date: Monday, September 20, 2021 9:35:23 PM

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Creating a bicycle lane on Westover Hills Boulevard would provide a critical link in Richmond's bicycle infrastructure. It would provide safe passage between Forest Hill and the Nickel Bridge, and better connect North and South of the James River.

Please support this project.

Donn Moore Chip Coutts
Churchill, Richmond, VA
Seventh District

From: Julie Arendt
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Land Use, Housing, and Transportation Committee Meeting Comment
Date: Monday, September 20, 2021 9:39:23 PM

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Dear Committee Members,

I am a resident of the 4th district and would like your support for ORD. 2021-226 on the agenda for Sept 21.

In just over the last year, the area near Westover Hills and Forest Hill Avenue has added more residents with the addition of apartments in the mixed-use development with the new Veil Brewing location. More residents may be moving into the area. According to Richmond BizSense, plans are underway for a similar development across the street from Veil with 30 more apartments and for 144 income-based apartments on 44th St., just a few blocks from Westover Hills Blvd. Adding bike lanes will make bicycling more appealing to residents of the neighborhood. With any luck, people will get around on their small two-wheeled vehicles, mitigating some of the traffic and environmental impacts of adding more residents.

For me, as a regular bike rider, bike lanes on Westover Hills would provide a safer, easier way for me to get to places near George Wythe High School.

Sincerely,
Julie Arendt

From: Jeanne Minnix
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Re: ORD. 2021-226 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Meeting Sept. 21, 3pm
Date: Monday, September 20, 2021 9:48:36 PM
Attachments: [Bike Lanes Westover Hills Blvd..docx](#)

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Attached in a word document and in the body of this email is my support for the bike lanes on Westover Hills Blvd.

Please forward this email or attached document to the

Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Meeting Sept. 21, 3pm meeting.

Thank you.

From: Jeanne Minnix, 1305 W. 41st Street, Richmond, 23225

Minnix1@verizon.net

804-405-6433

Please support ORD 2021-226.

Bike lanes on Westover Hills Blvd. are long overdue. We need safe places for bike riders to ride their bikes.

Since the pandemic the need for bike lanes is even greater than before. The bike sale industry has exploded. More people are buying and riding bicycles as a safe way to get outside and exercise.

Biking is an environmentally responsible way to combat global warming. More people are choosing to invest in e-bikes as an efficient and economical way in which to run short errands. They need safe bike lanes.

Approximately 20% of Richmonders do not drive and rely on multi-modal transportation, which includes biking, to get to work. They deserve to have bike lanes to ride their bikes.

Bike lanes will calm traffic, making WH Blvd. safer. Bike lanes on WH Blvd. will connect to existing or soon to come lanes, on Forest Hill Ave. and Jahnke Rd.

Rarely do residents park on WH Blvd., so bike lanes will have minimal impact on parking.

Studies have shown that communities that are more bikeable and walkable are happier and healthier. For these reasons, I believe our community will greatly benefit with bike lanes on Westover Hills Blvd.

Please support Re: ORD. 2021-226

Thank you.

Jeanne Minnix

From: Bryce Lyle
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Jordan, Katherine - City Council](#); [Jones, Michael J. - City Council](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Philipsen, Sven J. - City Council](#); [Thaxton, Dominique J. - City Council Office](#); [Floyd, Tavares M. - City Council](#); [Wagner, Daniel M. - City Council Office](#); [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#); [Bond, Aaron A. - City Council](#)
Subject: In Favor of Westover Hills Blvd Bike Lane
Date: Monday, September 20, 2021 11:26:13 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I write in SUPPORT of Ord. 2021-226 (item 17 on the Sept 21 Land Use committee agenda) to further the longstanding plan to enact a road diet and install bike lanes on Westover Hills Blvd south of the Nickel Bridge.

For more than a decade I have lived two doors down from Westover Hills Blvd with my wife and our three small children. I am a former president of the Westover Hills Neighborhood Association and active member of our community. My family uses this road on a daily basis and we are delighted to see the city make this a more bike and pedestrian friendly thoroughfare.

Since returning to in-person learning my children and I have crossed this road on foot at least twice each day on our way to and from Westover Hills Elementary School (as we did routinely pre-Covid). The current width of the roadway, and the speed that engenders, can lead to a nerve-wracking crossing. I cannot wait for the day that we will only have to cross two lanes of traffic and not the current four. As my youngest children are just learning to ride bikes, I would never be comfortable allowing them to ride on this road in the current condition even though it would help us get to the library, the playground, the drugstore, school and grandma's house. With protected bike lanes (and a little more experience) we will be able to travel safely and comfortably around our neighborhood and Westover Hills Blvd can become a safe and usable thoroughway to so many others who wish to ride these streets.

The protected bike lanes, improved parking lanes, and reduced speeds brought by this plan will help to make our city, our citizens and especially our children safer and will enhance our community.

Thank you for your support of this project and other pedestrian and bike projects throughout the city.

Bryce Lyle
4th District Resident

From: Whit Clements
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Cc: [Bond, Aaron A. - City Council](#); [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#)
Subject: LUHT Committee 9-21-21 Support for ORDINANCE No. 2021-226
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 9:32:21 AM

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Good morning,

I wanted to express my support for the addition of bike lanes included within ordinance 2021-226. I use that stretch of Westover Hills Blvd multiple times a week on my bike or running. The addition of protected bike lanes will allow more riders and especially the families in the area another added layer of protection and comfort when biking. Over the past two years I have volunteered to count the bike/pedestrians along that stretch. The last count on 9-14-21 showed that 41 cyclists and 66 pedestrians used that stretch of road in only an hour and a half. Additionally narrowing of the traffic lanes will have the added benefit of slowing car traffic and residents feeling more comfortable parking on that stretch (which currently they do not).

Thank you
Whit Clements
1010 W 42nd St.

From: Alison McGrail
To: [City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Westover Hills bike lane
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:28:55 AM

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Hello! I am strongly in agreement that we need more cycling infrastructure in Richmond City, including the bike lane on Westover Hills Blvd. This project has been many years in the making and with the growing number of retail and restaurant businesses in southside along Forest Hill Avenue it would be wonderful to be more inclusive of people who bicycle both for transportation/commuting and recreation. Also this would provide a safer route for people on southside to visit other nearby neighborhoods across the river (and vice-versa!). People complain about parking in Richmond City but if we would provide the means and opportunity for people to travel safely within the city by bike this would be less of an issue. I am one of the many, many people who invested in a new bicycle during the pandemic for the benefit of exercise, to reduce my environmental impact, and convenience. I hope you will move forward on this bike lane for the benefit of not only those of us who live nearby, but also the countless others who will benefit from a safer connection between the north and south side of the James River.

Thank you,

Alison McGrail, Richmond resident
1302 W. 41st St
RVA 23225

Sent from my iPhone
Alison McGrail, RD, CDCES

From: [Reid, Candice D. - Clerk's Office](#)
To: [Addison, Andreas D. - City Council](#); [Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#); [Jones, Michael J. - City Council](#)
Cc: [Wagner, Daniel M. - City Council Office](#); [Floyd, Tavares M. - City Council](#); [Thaxton, Dominique J. - City Council Office](#); [Nichols, Pamela E. - Clerk's Office](#); [Warren Jr., Richard A. - Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: FW: Request to Resend Public Comment Regarding Bike Plan
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 2:38:05 PM

Members:

Below is one more public comment email, that did not initially get to my inbox regarding an item on this afternoon's agenda.

Candice

From: Melissa Meadows
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 2:18 PM
To: Reid, Candice D. - Clerk's Office
Subject: Re: Request to Resend Public Comment Regarding Bike Plan

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Hello,

Thank you for your email. Here are the comments again. I hope it's not too late!

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From: **Melissa Meadows**
Date: Tue, Sep 21, 2021 at 8:52 AM
Subject: Support for Westover Hills Bike Plan!
To: CityClerksOffice@rva.gov <CityClerksOffice@rva.gov>

Dear Members of the Land Use, Housing, and Transportation Committee,

My name is Melissa Meadows and I am a homeowner in Stratford Hills right off Forest Hill Avenue. I wanted to write to show my strong support for the Westover Hills bike lane and encourage you to recommend that the proposal pass.

We love to ride our bicycles and often avoid biking through Westover Hills due to fast moving traffic and unsafe biking infrastructure. If a protected bike lane were in place I know we would use it regularly and be able to travel on the south side not using our car. We know a bike lane would absolutely improve our quality of life and for our family and our neighbors. We know that the bike lane would also be good for the existing new businesses along the corridor.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact me if there is any additional information I can provide.

Sincerely,
Melissa Meadows
203-545-4535