

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Arden Stevens <ardenfstevens@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 11:09 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: 9th Street Redesign

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Please make a commitment to ensure that a safe and protected bike lane connecting Franklin Street to Bank & 12th is included in any and all proposals to redesign the area around the Capitol. It is vital to demand that the State protect our City's pedestrian and bike/scooter traffic, as well as access to public transit. Thank you!

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Graeme Murray <murraygf@mymail.vcu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 11:11 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Plans for 9th street/franklin street bike lanes

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Hello,

I am bicycle commuter from shockoe bottom to VCU monroe park's campus daily. I should love the franklin street bicycle lane, but because of the states closure of bank street the franklin street bike lane dumps off at 9th street with nowhere to go.

Now it appears the state wants to essentially make this situation permanent with the release of their plans for redesigning 9th street. It is frustrating that the state only cares about pedestrians and bicycles when it is they themselves who have to cross street (closure of bank street).

A safe and protected bike path connecting Franklin Street to Bank & 12th must be part of any proposal to redesign the area around the Capitol. The City should do everything in its power to alter the State's current plan for 9th Street.

If nothing is done, then east-west connection is broken and investment in the franklin street bicycle lanes (and 17th st connection to the capitol trail) is useless.

Thanks for your time,
Graeme

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: michael grabow <michaelgrabow@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 11:46 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Safe bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on 9th Street

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Hello,

A safe and protected bike path connecting Franklin Street to Bank & 12th must be part of any proposal to redesign the area around the Capitol.

The design as currently planned, runs counter to Richmond's Bicycle Master Plan and will leave a hole in the City's bike network that prevents safe connections between the Franklin Street bike lane, the Capital Trail, and points east.

Sent from my iPhone

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Peter Henry <henry.peter.r@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 11:22 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: please maintain bike route

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Dear Mr. Son:

I'm writing after having discovered that the Commonwealth is planning to disrupt Richmond's existing bike route along Franklin to 12th and Bank due to the 9th St re-design plan.

I know the city's hands are largely tied by the Commonwealth, but I encourage you to do what you can to ensure that robust east-west bike access remains.

Thank you-
Peter Henry
1701 Seddon Rd

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Amber Foster <amberva1@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 9:48 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Cc: Mayor Levar Stoney
Subject: Safe and Protected Bike Path at Capitol

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Dear Mr. Son and Mr. Ebinger,

I'm contacting you to emphasize the importance of a connected bike network in the City – for safety and convenience. I have recently learned of the State's plan to redesign [9th Street in Richmond](#) to “improve” Capitol Square. This plan severs a critical bike lane connection between the eastern and western parts of the city. In an effort to protect the cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists, please consider a safe and protected bike path connecting Franklin Street to Bank and 12th Streets when redesigning the area around the Capitol. All residents of the City deserve to have a continual and safe pathway for traversing through this and every part of the City. If safety and security are your goal, do not accept a plan from the State that puts that goal in jeopardy. Please consider other modes of transportation other than vehicles (e.g. bicycles and pedestrians) when reviewing this and all transportation plans for the City.

Thank you for your time,

Amber Foster
[1615 Nottoway Ave](#)
[Richmond, VA 23227](#)

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Abigail Lewis <abigailvlewis@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 9:59 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: please make 9th street redesign bike friendly

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Hello,

I am so excited for the new redesign of 9th street but was saddened to learn that the current design leaves cyclists traveling in the protected bike lane on Franklin high and dry as they approach the newly designed section of bank street. I support Mayor Stoney's bicycle master plan and his commitment to vision zero. As Richmond's population continues to increase we have to make the city a safe and accessible place to move around if you are not in a car. Thanks for your time.

Abigail Lewis

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From: Abby Patterson <aspproducts1991@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 9:15 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR; Mayor Levar Stoney
Subject: State 9th St. Proposal

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Good Morning,

I just wanted to send a quick email to let you know that the plan the State has to break up 9th Street is just silly. It breaks up planned and existing bike lanes and networks and creates more confusion. The application says it is for safety, but it prioritizes cars. Instead, if we prioritize other modes of transportation - such as bikes and pedestrians - these should also help the Capitol with safety because a biker or walker cannot do as much harm as a fast speeding car. It's also rather annoying that the State is not considering the City's plans when it wants to re-do the street. Couldn't the State engineers come up with a solution that incorporates protected bike lanes, bus lanes, pedestrians, and still provides them with the added safety they seek?

Thank you,

Abigail Patterson

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Amanda Westlake <amanda.m.westlake@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 7:31 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Capitol Area Redesign

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Hello Mr. Son,

I am writing to request that the Urban Planning Committee ensures that any proposed plans to redesign the Capitol area downtown include a safe and protected bike path connecting Franklin Street to Bank & 12th. We have made many improvements to the safety of bike and pedestrian traffic in our city. Failing to include a protected bike path through this area would create a large gap in safe east to west travel for bikers in the city. As a family of bike commuters, this is a top priority for us.

Thank you,
Amanda

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Brian Beard <brianwbeard@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 9:15 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: 9th Street Redesign

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Hey Josh!

You know I want to lend my voice as a Richmond homeowner and business owner that the 9th Street redesign proposal by the state needs to include a way for cyclists to get through. It would be a real shame if our new bike infrastructure was broken up by the state.

Brian

Sent from my iPhone

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Betsy Troyer <btroyer@revcar.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 7:30 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Bike path connecting Franklin Street to Bank & 12th

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Hi Josh – Thank you for all the work you are doing to improve safety and our streets. Please create a bike path connecting Franklin to Bank & 12th. It is imperative to ensure the safety of all forms of transportation.

I live across the river in Manchester and love our city. Downtown would further be improved if the bike path was created.

Thanks

Betsy Troyer
Marketing Manager

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Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Colin Baumgartner <colinarthurbaumgartner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 7:43 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Bike Network Downtown

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Dear Mr. Son,

I am reaching out because I am concerned about the State's plan to disrupt our bike accessibility downtown. I depend on a bike to navigate Richmond and am hopeful that new infrastructure will make Richmond more bike-friendly rather than impede cyclists (as this new legislation seems to). I hope that you are planning to challenge any legislation that comes to you that is detrimental to this goal.

Thanks for all you do.

Colin Baumgartner

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Carrie Naumann <carrienaumann@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 7:52 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: bike path connecting Franklin Street to Bank & 12th

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Dear Mr. Son,

Please let the committee know that a safe and protected bike path connecting Franklin Street to Bank & 12th must be part of any proposal to redesign the area around the Capitol.

Thank you for your time.

-Carrie Naumann

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Eric Croscutt <ecroscutt@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 8:58 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Proposed Plan for 9th Street

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Good morning, Mr. Son,

I wanted to voice my concerns regarding the proposed plans for the rework of 9th Street. A safe, protected bike path connecting Franklin St. and Bank St. needs to be included in any redesign to this area. The community has spent a significant amount of time, effort and financial resources to plan and implement the bike network in Richmond, and a solution that maintains or improves both the bike network and access to the Capitol Campus is the only acceptable option.

Thank you for your time,

Eric Croscutt

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Felipe Nascimento <edgatech@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 3:26 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Downtown Bike Lanes

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Hello, I am a resident of Richmond and I'm writing to let you know that I do not support the Department of General Services modifying our streets to disrupt our Bike Master Plan and give yet more priority to vehicles. A safe and protected bike path connecting Franklin Street to Bank & 12th must be part of any proposal to redesign the area around the Capitol.

Thank you,

Felipe Nascimento

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Graham McNeely <graham.mcneely@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 9:36 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: 9th Street Redesign Consideration

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Hey Josh,

My name is Graham McNeely. I've been living, working, and biking in RVA for 2 and a half years, and I would like to express my concern over the proposed 9th St redesign.

My main concern is the lack of any safe or protected bike path connecting the terminus of Franklin St bike lanes to Bank & 12th Street. As a bike commuter (work in the arts district, live in the east end) this interrupts a vital connection to the rest of downtown's infrastructure. I hope that in your consideration of any proposed redesign around the Capitol, you'll prioritize a safe and protected bike path connecting Franklin St to Bank & 12th.

Thanks for your time,
Graham McNeely

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Gustave Weiland <gusweiland@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 7:47 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Bike

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Please consider a bike plan with the new proposals regarding road work downtown. Thanks.

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Joe Acanfora <joeaca04@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 9:17 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Bank Street

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Hey,

Concerned citizen here, just wanted to reach out.

I ride my bike to work everyday from Oregon Hill to Shockoe bottom. The only safe way to get down to the bottom is to take bank street past the state capital.

Please consider cyclists when you are making plans for that area.

Thanks,

*Joe Acanfora
joeaca04@gmail.com
607-643-1262*

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Joseph Ball <jball@newarka.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 7:45 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Downtown bike lanes

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Good morning Mr. Son,

I am a 69-year-old lifelong bicycle enthusiast. I try to do all my errands by bicycle, in part to do my part to be as carbon neutral as possible. I implore you to do your best to make sure bike lanes downtown are not compromised. In fact, I hope you can use your good offices to enhance, expand, and improve the bike lanes around the city of Richmond.

Gratefully,

Joe Ball
4610 Bromley Ln.
Richmond 23226

Sent from my iPhone

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Jason Deitz <jason.d.deitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 8:53 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Save the Bike Path, Please!

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Mr. Son,

I'm writing to express my desire that Richmond's bike network not be severed during the redesign of the area around the Capitol. Biking as a means of transport is crucial for those without access to public transportation or access to a private vehicle. It's also good for the environment and good exercise for humans!

Please do what you can to ensure a safe and protected bike path connects Franklin Street to Bank and 12th.

Thank you,
Jason Deitz

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: jennifer grogan <jenniferrsgrogan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 9:32 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Protecting bike lane on Franklin through to 12th

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Dear Mr. Son,

The importance to Richmond of expanding and enhancing its bike lane system is key to the growth in the city we want to see - leaving aside its benefits for people's health and for the environment.

I am writing accordingly to ask that whatever plans may be approved around the state house do not interfere with it disrupt the Franklin - Banks - 12th street bicycle lane connection.

Thank you.

Jennifer Grogan
Richmond

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Jeremy Hoffman <jerunplugged@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 2:38 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Save bicycle infrastructure!

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A safe and protected bike path connecting Franklin Street to Bank & 12th must be part of any proposal to redesign the area around the Capitol.

As a regular user of the Franklin Street bike lane, I strongly insist that the City advocate for the inclusion of a bike lane on the redesign of the Capitol.

Thanks

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Jeremy S. Hoffman, Ph.D.

"Our species needs, and deserves, a citizenry with minds wide awake and a basic understanding of how the world works." - Carl Sagan

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Long, Jonathan W <Jonathan.W.Long@rich.frb.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 9:54 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: <AR> We need a safe bike connector - Franklin to Bank & 12th!

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Hello Joshua,

You're probably getting flooded with emails from a certain newsletter, as you should be. The cycling commuters and riders of RVA are making it known loud and clear that we need a safe and protected bike path connecting Franklin Street to Bank & 12th. This must be part of any proposal to redesign the area around the Capitol. The State government is not thinking clearly about how they are redesigning 9th Street - this is a terrible design for the growing cycling community in the city. The UDC needs to intervene and put safety for cyclists first in the effort and to stop the nonsense the State government is mindlessly throwing out there. There are enough flaws with missing signs and lights for riders on Franklin St as is! Enjoy your day.

Jonathan W. Long
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Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Lindsey Noble <lindsey.a.noble@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 9:24 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Cc: Abigail Lewis
Subject: Bike Lanes

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Hello,

I appreciate the hard work you do on the Urban Design Committee, thank you for serving our community. I write to you today regarding the bike lanes downtown. I live in the North Side of Richmond and I am a bike commuter. Bike commuting safely around town are incredible important to my family and myself. I want bike lanes downtown that do not just end. I want a safe and protected bike path that connects Franklin Street to Bank & 12th Street. This must be a part of any proposal to redesign around the Capitol. You have the power to redesign the plan - please use that power wisely. Thank you,

Lindsey Noble

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Margaret Hopkins <hoffhop@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 8:52 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Bike Lanes

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Hello Josh,

I'm writing to ask that the UDC ensure downtown bike network be protected. As proposals for downtown streetscape redesign are considered, inclusion of a safe and protected bike path connecting Franklin Street to Bank & 12th must be a priority. I'm an urban planner and bike commuter myself, and cannot overstate the importance of safe bike infrastructure, both for human and environmental health.

Thanks for your time,
Maggie Hopkins

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Marjorie Menacker <msmenacker@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 4:49 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Richmond City deserves safe bicycle infrastructure

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As a bicycle commuter and a survivor of vehicle vs pedestrian injury at 9th and Main Sts due to a double left turn lane, I believe a safe and protected bike path connecting Franklin Street to Bank & 12th must be part of any proposal to redesign the area around the Capitol.

Marjorie Menacker
Richmond, VA 23225

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Mike Platania <mikeplatania9@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 9:32 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Opposition to State's proposed redesign of 9th Street

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Hi Josh,

I'm a city resident and I regularly use the Franklin St. bike lane all the way to its intersection with 9th St.

The state's Department of General Services' proposal to add a slip lane on Ninth will only lead to more dangerous driving and increase the likelihood of cyclist and pedestrian fatalities on that corridor.

A protected bike lane must be part of any proposal to redesign the area around the capital, and I hope the city does all it can to oppose the DGS' proposal for 9th St.

Thanks,
Mike

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Mike Platania
(804) 380-1774

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: meghann.j.quinn@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 7:51 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Redesign of 9th street

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Hi Mr. Son,

I'm concerned that the proposed resign of 9th Street does not incorporate planing for bikers. Navigating the end of the Franklin st bike lane can be dangerous. I currently bike through that area to get down to main st. It's taken years to find a path to work that feels relatively safe on a bike. Please don't make it less safe.

Meghann Quinn

Sent from my iPhone

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Rachel Anderson <rachelgilmer92@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 8:37 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Protected bike lane across Bank and 12th Street

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Hi Josh,

Will you please work to make sure that the state doesn't remove the plans to have a protected bike lane at Bank Street? Getting off the Franklin Street bike lane and trying to get to Shockoe Slip right now is super dangerous!

-Rachel

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Steve Catrow <steve@catrow.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 8:21 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Protected bike path

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As the Urban Design Committee reviews the State's plan to redesign 9th street, please ensure a safe and protected bike path connecting Franklin Street to Bank & 12th must be part of any proposal to redesign the area around the Capitol.

Thanks *** Steve

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Tina Coleman <tccole1@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 9:09 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Bike path

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Dear Sir,

I am writing as a City of Richmond resident. I am concerned to hear that downtown planning may disrupt safe bike travel paths. A safe and protected bike path connecting Franklin Street to Bank & 12th must be part of any proposal to redesign the area around the Capitol. Thank you for your efforts to make Richmond an area that is safe for bicyclists.

Jennifer Surratt
Brookland Park

Sent from my iPhone

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: William Benton <william.benton@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 9:39 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Franklin to Bank cycling connector

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Hello,

I'm writing to ask that any changes to the traffic pattern and rights of way around the state capitol include access to the city's network of cycle paths and routes. It would make very little sense to abruptly terminate the flow of cycling traffic coming east from the Franklin street protected lanes. Please include a connector to 12th st. via Bank in any plans.

Thank you,

William Benton,
Church Hill, Richmond.