

Resolution In Support of Temporary Bike Lanes on Clifton Avenue

Approved in August 12, 2020 Board Meeting

Whereas the Clifton Town Meeting Board of Trustees has voted twice (July 2014 & January 2016) to support bicycling infrastructure such as bike lanes; and

Whereas, the benefits of biking have been well known particularly during a shelter-in-place COVID-19 time: mental & physical health through exercise, easier physically distanced commuting to work and/or shopping, and proven economic benefits for small business; and

Whereas, temporary protected bike lanes have been popping up literally overnight in cities around the world as a quick, efficient and cost-effective way to enable biking during the COVID period; and

Whereas, given the COVID-19 restrictions, small businesses along Ludlow Avenue have been adversely impacted from reduced foot traffic that could benefit from cyclists; and

Whereas, there is a proposal for a temporary two-way protected bike lane from Calhoun Avenue to Ludlow Avenue on Clifton Avenue on the east side of Clifton Avenue. This would incorporate moving the current parking lane over one (no elimination of parking and no impact on residential parking). This would be similar to the attached photo from a two-way bike lane in Columbus;

Whereas the Clifton Town Meeting Transportation & Public Safety Committee is in support of this proposal; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Clifton Town Meeting Board of Trustees supports the pursuit of these temporary bike lanes and finalizing implementation details with DOTE and other stakeholders impacted by the proposal (CUFNA, UC/The Heights, Cincinnati Parks, Hebrew Union College and TriHealth) and work with DOTE on installing bike racks donated to the city at Diggs Plaza and other locations in Clifton.

Resolved, that the Clifton Town Meeting Board of Trustees authorizes the CTM Transportation & Public Safety Committee to partner with these stakeholders to finalize a plan for implementation & measurement, and share that plan back with Clifton Town Meeting with an objective of having it in place by September 15, 2020.





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Dear CTM President Brunner and CUFNA President Kussmaul,

Cincinnati Parks is excited to support the Clifton Town Meeting resolution to pursue the installation of temporary bike lanes along the east side of Clifton Avenue from Calhoun Avenue to Ludlow Avenue.

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There are known environmental, economic, health, and wellness benefits to increased access to bike lanes. Cincinnati Parks is happy to support this project for its positive impact on the community and its proximity and improved accessibility to Burnet Woods.

Sincerely,

Kara S. Kish
Director



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

representing Clifton Heights | University Heights | Fairview

September 3, 2020

Re: Temporary Bike Lane on Clifton Ave.

To Whom It May Concern:

On Tuesday, September 1, 2020, the CUF Neighborhood Association Board of Trustees voted to support the proposal for a temporary/pilot 2-way bike lane on the far east lane of Clifton Avenue between MLK and Ludlow.

The CUF Neighborhood Association supports efforts to improve bicycle infrastructure and safety, especially as we work toward solutions to address an insufficient supply for the demand of on-street residential parking in CUF.

Sincerely,

Chip Kussmaul, President
Clifton Heights-University Heights-Fairview Neighborhood Association

Temporary Protected Bike Lanes Connecting Clifton Heights to Clifton Gaslight on Clifton Avenue

5 Minute Clifton: Making a 5 minute jaunt to Burnet Woods or between business districts Inviting & Easier

Cities around the world are converting car lanes to temporary bike lanes, causing a surge in biking amid the pandemic. In 1 day, Boston converted 1.7 miles of lanes to a temporary bike lanes, Bogota, Columbia converted 13 miles of lanes to bike lanes overnight while other cities such as Oakland, Paris & Chicago have followed suit.

The result:

- An increase in economic activity: one study indicates that **people who bike spend 41% more** than people in cars.*
- Improved vibrancy and health: the **mental and physical health benefits of increased biking** – especially during a pandemic where people have been sheltered in place – are well documented.
- Reductions in pollution: cities have seen a **20-30% reduction in pollution** with shelter in place and fewer cars on the road – temporary bike lanes have been a solution enabling those levels to continue to remain low.



The opportunity – in Clifton: Temporary protected bike lane on Clifton Avenue

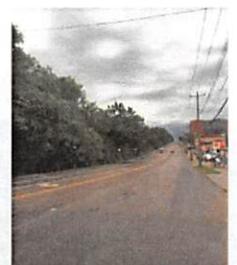
Convert the east side of Clifton Avenue from Calhoun Avenue to Ludlow Avenue to a temporary protected bike lane while also installing bike racks on Clifton Avenue & Ludlow adjacent to the fountain on Clifton.

Benefits:

1. Increase in economic activity in Clifton Gaslight business district as well as in Clifton Heights business district along Calhoun and McMillan Avenue without eliminating on-street parking or impacting private residences in the same way that studies have proven the economic upside in other cities*.
2. Improved air quality: From March 23 to June 30 during Shelter in Place, major pollutants in the Cincinnati air dropped by 20% vs the same period in the previous three years as car traffic declined from 20-42%. In July, however, as traffic increased, air quality measures have started to deteriorate. Enabling more biking vs travel by car reduces those air pollutants – the impact of which is immediate.
3. Enabling physically distanced travel while improving health: particularly in a time when physical and mental health are taxed by the pandemic, encouraging biking has clear benefits even for non bike owners with Red Bike.

Implementation Plan:

1. Enroll other stakeholders in the proposal: CUF council, UC, Parks Dept, TriHealth & Hebrew Union.
2. Convert curbside lane to a temporary bike lane with a physical barrier while moving the parking lane to second lane on the east side of the street by Burnet Woods/the UC Campus.
3. Install temporary markers (similar to ones in above photo) & paint (which local volunteers can supply/paint if need be) to ensure clear communication to cars & bikers.
4. Install signs similar to the above along route while promoting it in social media among UC students and Clifton/Clifton Heights residents to make residents aware of the change.
5. Work with DOTE on plan to measure the impact.
6. Leverage 1,000 bike racks donated to the City of Cincinnati to install them on Clifton Avenue near fountain across from Skyline at Diggs Plaza to enable easy parking of a bike and the walking along Ludlow; explore installing some also at CVS, by Clifton Plaza and Clifton Market.



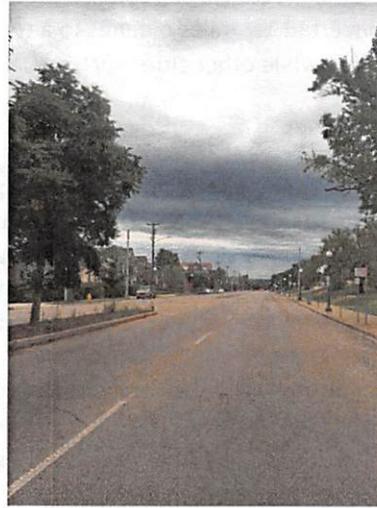
Temporary bike lanes are just that – temporary. Without significant cost, this has been done literally in a day as cities around the world have shown. The benefits are clear – there's no risk to installing them now.

Appendix

25 foot space on Clifton by Burnet Woods & Diggs Plaza to install bike racks



South of MLK on Clifton by UC



Inspiration from other cities:

