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Dear Honorable Members of the Cambridge City Council:

I lived in Cambridge for many years and served on both the Mayor's Bicycle Committee under Mayor Alice Wolf and the Cambridge Bicycle Committee that formed thereafter. I recently returned for a visit and was surprised and pleased with the many visible improvements to the bicycling infrastructure: thoughtful signage mediating auto, bicycle, and pedestrian interaction, well-marked bicycle lanes on many thoroughfares (on Mass. Av. no less!), a proliferation of bicycle racks, even police officers and parking control officers on bicycles.

The environment for bicycling and walking in Cambridge has improved dramatically in only a few years. It seems as if the entire city staff has shifted to active consideration and implementation of bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Congratulations to all in city government responsible for fostering an environment that makes such rapid change possible.

And, if I may, I'd like to single out one individual I identify as having been particularly instrumental in effecting these positive changes. Transportation Program Manager Cara Seiderman has been with the process from the very start. As the facilitator for the Bicycle Committee, she has weathered the at-times tempestuous relationship between the committee and various city agencies to find points of agreement and acceptable compromise. That the city has come so far so fast during Cara's tenure is a credit to her skill as a public administrator: I believe that her past and present participation in the process has been instrumental in achieving this much progress this quickly.

Through the ongoing improvements to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, Cambridge becomes a more pleasant, a more accessible, and a more livable city. It's heartening to see the city working so effectively on these issues.

Sincerely,



Peter Mui

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