



ColorBrightonGreen.org

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Rochester, NY 14618
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Daniel Schwind, Design Section
New York State Department of Transportation
1530 Jefferson Road
Rochester, NY 1462e

Dear Mr. Schwind:

I am writing regarding the East Avenue project in the Towns of Brighton and Pittsford referred (PIN #409661). ColorBrightonGreen.org supports transportation infrastructure that will provide safe travel for non-carbon emitting vehicles such as bicycles. Bicycle infrastructure is critical to encouraging residents to reduce their carbon footprint to meet critical environmental goals that the Town of Brighton is developing for its Climate Action Plan.

As noted in the East Avenue project description, the NYSDOT is investigating a "Lane Diet" that would reduce the roadway from 4 lanes to 3-lanes, including a center turn-lane and shoulders. Our understanding of the current NYSDOT concept is that each of the 3 vehicle lanes would be 11 feet wide as opposed to the current 10 foot lanes, and that 3.5 foot shoulders would be available at the road edge in both directions.

Instead of 11 foot wide vehicle lanes, we assert that the vehicle lanes should keep their 10 foot widths, and that the shoulders should instead be marked bicycle lanes with 5 foot widths. This will provide a greater margin of safety for bicycle riders and is much more likely to encourage people to use their bikes to get to important destinations along the East Avenue Corridor. This would be particularly helpful for students of St. John Fisher and Nazareth Colleges and residents of Brighton, Penfield, the City of Rochester, and Pittsford headed to bikeable destinations.

In addition to the 5 foot width of Route 96 bike lanes, we assert that it is critical to provide road markings to designate the bike lanes and to ensure that any catch basins on that roadway be installed at grade to minimize bicycle instability along the roadway.

On behalf of ColorBrightonGreen.org I am communicating our support for the concept of 5 foot wide bicycle lanes on East Avenue between the City of Rochester border and Route 31F. Your inclusion of 5 foot wide bicycle lanes will benefit all local residents as non-carbon generating transportation displaces some vehicles emitting carbon into our environment. A bike lane

design will also help meet Governor Cuomo's Reforming the Energy Vision and goals identified by the City of Rochester and the Town of Brighton in their Climate Action Planning efforts.

Thank you for consideration of these design components.

On behalf of the ColorBrightonGreen.org Board,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margy Peet". The signature is written in a cursive style. To the right of the signature is a vertical line.

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