

May 22, 2015

City Hall
94 Washington St,
Hoboken, NJ 07030

Dear Honorable Dawn Zimmer and Hoboken City Council,

We are four girls from Girl Scout troop 12402 in Hoboken writing to you about a topic we strongly believe in: bike lanes on Washington St. in Hoboken. We have decided on the idea of creating more bike lanes in Hoboken as our Silver Award service project. As bikers ourselves, we feel very strongly about bike lanes on our main street.

More bikes = Less cars!

Here are the reasons we believe we need bike lanes on Washington St:

- Adding bike lanes will allow people to bike instead of driving cars, reducing congestion.
- Cars emit gases that are ruining the environment, adding to this global problem.
- Biking is a way to stay healthy and fit.
- By biking, there will be more parking spaces for tourists visiting Hoboken.
- Safe biking lanes will allow children to bike to school.
- Biking is cheap and convenient.
- The income for many stores around Hoboken will go up due to people stopping at stores. People are more apt to stop when they are on a bike instead of in a car (this has been found to be true in NYC).
- Biking can calm the mind and take stress off many people.
- It is an easy and fast way to get around – and fun too!

By creating bike lanes and promoting people to bike more than drive, we are taking a step in the direction of making our community a safer and cleaner environment.

Sincerely,

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