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Dear Committee Members:

I'm writing to provide input into the State Street Master Plan because I'm unable to attend the Dec. 14 meeting. I am an older, non-athletic woman, and I ride my bike on State Street almost daily as my primary form of transportation. The opening of State Street to safe bike and pedestrian use has made it much easier for me and people like me to run daily errands without the use of a car. **With my bike, I'm now much more likely to shop at local businesses on State Street than to shop online.**

I completed the recent survey and participated in one of the community design workshops. In the group I was assigned everyone other than me was initially strongly against allowing bicycles on State Street, but after they learned about my experiences and observations, they were much more receptive to including bikes as part of the master plan. I therefore want to urge you to take into account that **often the strongest opponents to bikes on State simply haven't yet considered how they can be safely integrated and may be open to having their mind changed by a well-designed inclusive plan and by talking to ordinary people who rely on bikes for mobility.**

In short, **I strongly urge you to support keeping bikes on the entire State Street promenade**, with appropriate infrastructure to keep all users safe and able to use the space equitably.

Thank you very much,

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