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Lori Schanche
Non-Motorized Transportation Coordinator
Traffic Department
Municipality of Anchorage
4700 Elmore Road
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Dear Ms. Schanche:

Please accept this as the comments from the Fairview Community Council on the August 2009 Public Hearing Draft of the Anchorage Bike Plan. The plan was reviewed by the Executive Board at our monthly meeting yesterday, and there was unanimous consent on the following points.

First, we are pleased with the draft plan. We think it is good and makes sense. When implemented, it should do a great deal to promote more bicycle riding in Anchorage and in Fairview. Second, we appreciate that the clustering of accidents in the northern part of Fairview (re: #41 in the Issue-Response Summary) has been recognized, and we encourage the Traffic Department to move forward with plans to carry out a special study in the Gambell-Ingra corridor to improve safety conditions there for bicyclists. The Fairview Community Council looks forward to being actively engaged in such a study. Third, we are supportive of the idea of a "bicycle boulevard" along 10th Avenue from Medfra Street to P Street. However, it should be noted that 10th Avenue has diagonal diverters at two intersections (Juneau Street and Medfra Street). One of the main purposes for constructing these diverters was to prevent motor vehicle movement through those intersections. We urge the Traffic Department to keep this in mind when constructing the bicycle boulevard, and ensure that the integrity of the diverters is maintained. While "through-going" bicycle traffic is desired, "through-going" motor vehicle traffic is not.

Please feel free to contact me at 222-0649 or chamard@gci.net if you have any questions.

Regards,

Sharon Chamard
President, Fairview Community Council