



Erik DeSean Barrett

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Chairman, BPaT
Norfolk City Hall
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Dear Nash,

After I read through the goals, I found myself feeling a tad left out. Seeing as I am not a member of the biking community, I could assume this commission, though its name bares two other objectives, only seeks to focus on one. Long before my arrival, there has been an outcry for more attention to be focused on something else's besides bikes.

I get how this game is played. Bike Norfolk, and its allies are massive, and accompanied by the ERT makes its a loud force. However I must protest that the government, as well who influence same, bare allegiance to the well being of all 240k plus NFKers, not just the less than 5% who make up the biking community.

Do I take offense to anyone who supports bikes, or that the conversation is loud in their favor? Absolutely not. It's called politics!! However I do believe we MUST spend more time, even if it's separate from the traditional meeting, tackling other matters. It is obvious, Elaina has a passion for the pedestrian section of our commission. I would like to personally explore what Active Transportation means.

In essence, exactly how do people of NFK move? How are they impacted, and what can we do to make their daily transition better!!

Sincerely yours,

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