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Alderman Murphy,

I know that you are a supporter of safer streets in Milwaukee. Given the tragic injury of the two DPW workers today, and my close work with so many of the fantastic folks at DPW. I felt compelled to send you this email.

Many other communities have confronted these challenges and come up with various plans. Certainly, every community is different, but a thirteen-year study of 12 communities found that a network of protected separated bike lanes was one of the biggest factors associated with lower fatalities and injuries for ALL road users. In fact, cities with protected, separated bike facilities have 44% fewer deaths than cities without them.

(<https://usa.streetsblog.org/2019/05/29/protect-yourself-separated-bike-lanes-means-safer-streets-study-says/>)

I'd encourage the City to adopt the NACTO Urban Streets Design Guidelines (<https://nacto.org/publication/urban-street-design-guide/?fbclid=IwAR1FQRyXv-d1Xw9AzWQqeuVq1JYWARpW8W3MEcBSznUTFAcJbnhFf7ZYeiY>) and start building a network of protected, separated bike lanes.

I am also working with other organizations to get the state DOT to adopt the NACTO Urban Street Guidelines, which will make it easier to use state money on these types of projects.

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