

Hi Laura,

I would like to add a few more thoughts to my letter of last week, thanks for your assistance.
Lyn Robinet, Riverside Drive

Town Council,

Thank you once again for your attention.

In my original correspondence, I sent a picture of the path east of Manning abutting Riverside Drive. Since then I have measured this path, it is only 8ft 3in wide. I have no trouble passing people, even with social distancing. Why is this proposal pushing for a wider trail, when its unnecessary?

My brother, an avid biker, made the comment he'd use the road even with a path, due to concerns about getting hit. My husband and I attended the first meeting at town hall to discuss the trail, we were told there's a plan to upgrade Riverside Drive. Why push a trail through when a Riverside Drive plan is already in the works? This could, and should, be co-ordinated and done together. The north sidewalk needs some attention. Add a south sidewalk plus bike paths on both sides of the road - **a win for everyone**. Property could be absorbed from both sides, less damage done to front yards, more aesthetically pleasing, a choice given to walkers, and safer travel for bikes. Extra funding is great but if it's not accomplishing the goal, it's not a bargain.

With all this talk about adding green space for people to enjoy, the proposed trail is actually taking away green space and putting tons of asphalt across properties. Once the damage is done, it can't be undone. Isn't it better to do it right the first time?

There's a reason people hop in their cars for a leisurely drive down scenic Riverside Drive. Please re-think this trail.

Sincerely
Lyn Robinet