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Mr. Kevin Bush, Regional Director
New York State Department of Transportation
1530 Jefferson Road
Rochester, NY 14623

December 7, 2017

Re: East Avenue Reconfiguration

Dear Director Bush:

This is to request that your Department modify its plan to reconfigure East Avenue in Pittsford, by reducing by one foot the width of each of the proposed motor vehicle lanes, thereby accommodating a 5-foot dedicated bicycle lane on both sides of the road. Doing so would retain the 10 foot width of the motor vehicle lanes as they exist now.

The requested modification would permit proper designation of a bicycle lane in each direction, with appropriate signage and road marking as such. This would make use of the shoulders substantially safer for cyclists, with minimal change to the plan as currently proposed.

Such a change would make the East Avenue configuration compliant with Pittsford's Active Transportation Plan. It calls for a road diet for East Avenue in the manner your Department proposes, with designated bicycle lanes on each side of the road. Moreover, it would make the reconfiguration compatible with plans the Town has discussed with St. John Fisher College for the section of East Avenue in front of the college.

I would add only that the Active Transportation Plan has been an important undertaking by the Town and Village of Pittsford. It called for designated bicycle lanes along East Avenue, from St. John Fisher and west toward Brighton, well before DOT announced its currently proposed plan for the roadway.

We admire the vision of you and your staff in the reconfiguration you have planned. We ask for what we hope you can agree is a minor modification that creates a major benefit. I can say for certain that the benefit would be important to the residents of our Town, and would respect the extensive public engagement in the planning process that brought about the ATP's recommendation for dedicated bicycle lanes along East Avenue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Smith", written in a cursive style.

William A. Smith, Jr.

Cc: State Senator Rich Funke
State Senator Joe Robach
Town Supervisor Bill Moehle