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To: Council

Subject: Support Section 5 - as is

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Council members:

It has come to my attention there is a possibility you will be revisiting your decision to proceed with Section 5 of our bike path, and I want to make sure my opinion is heard. And my opinion is that the city should proceed as quickly as possible to build this trail, as it was presented and passed.

My reasoning includes:

- 1) this has been discussed enough. I'm on the Gahanna Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee; we've discussed it for years. The Parks and Rec Board has discussed it. Council has discussed it. ENOUGH discussion already.
- 2) you can't make everyone happy. The reality is it isn't going to be perfect for everyone. But for the greater good of all the people that will be using the trail on a regular basis, everyone is going to have to make some concessions.
- 3) to delay trail building is going to put Gahanna further behind other comparable cities. You may have noticed 8,000 people, including myself, rode Pelotonia this past weekend. Folks from Gahanna are always asking me when we'll have trails like Dublin, Westerville, or even Columbus so they can ride. I keep saying "hopefully someday". Can you imagine what it would be like when folks from other areas come to our trails to ride and then stop for lunch at Creekside? I can.

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