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**From:** James Lubitz <jimlub@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 19, 2020 7:47 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** support for CB49-2020

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Please support CB49-2020 to make parking in a bike lane a ticket-able offense. I've had too many close calls going downhill fast in a bike lane, only to encounter a parked car in front of me, while traffic speeds by on my left side.

thank you,

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September 18, 2020

To the Members of the Howard County Council:

On behalf of the Howard County Multimodal Transportation Board (MTB), I wish to offer our support for Council Bill 49-2020 that will clearly prohibit parking in designated and marked bike lanes and Council Resolution 138-2020 which will establish the fine of \$33.

A fundamental role of the MTB is to make recommendations concerning transportation services in Howard County. The MTB is greatly concerned with matters of safety, access, and connectivity for individual and multimodal transportation. We wholeheartedly support clearer designation and enforcement of laws that will protect the safety of bicycle users on our roads.

Bicyclists are already vulnerable when sharing the roads with motor vehicles. Bike lanes should be an area reserved solely for bicycle use to promote ease of access and safety. When motor vehicles are permitted to use bike lanes for parking, it requires cyclists to move unexpectedly into traffic lanes when cars, trucks, and buses on those roads are not expecting them. It increases the chance of a collision with and collisions between cyclists and motor vehicles inevitably result in injury or even death for the cyclist. By prohibiting parking in bike lanes, our crash rates will be lower, and our cycling population will be safer.

The MTB supports this clarification in Howard County law and requests the County Council support the passage of Council Bill 49-2020 and Council Resolution 138-2020. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

*Lawrence J. Schoen*

Lawrence J. Schoen, P.E., Chairperson  
Howard County Multimodal Transportation Board

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**From:** warren wortman <wortmanwj@yahoo.com>  
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I strongly support CB49-2020.

Allowing cars to park in a bike lane forces a bicyclist to enter the street, risking life and limb riding amongst 1,000+ pound automobiles. In my village of Oakland Mills, parking in the bike lane was so prevalent that the bike lane was unusable. Adding a no parking sign was an immediate and effective solution. CB49-2020 makes no parking signs unnecessary.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Denis Manneville <denisgm14@gmail.com>  
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Could parking on a bike lane be tickable

Sent from my iPhone