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Subject: Fwd: City Council Feedback - Mayor Fischer

FYI- would you mind responding and seeing that this gets to the mobility committee for the next meeting?

Justin



Justin Fischer | Mayor
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Resident of Novi? (*)

Yes

If Yes, number of years

35

Feedback (*)

I would like to address the Walkable Novi Committee regarding my concerns about safe walking on South Lake Drive between West Park and Henning. I've sent my concerns to the

Walkable Novi Committee previously, and Sheryl Walsh was asked to contact me. In her message, she said she spoke to the police and there haven't been any police reports. That's because we've been fortunate not to be entangled with anyone yet. I think it would be great to have a police officer walk the route with me on a nice day to experience the walking path from street level. I'm most concerned with motorized bikes/scooters sharing the paved walkway with walkers in a safe and respectful way. The section between Henning and West Park is wide and marked for bikes and walkers to share. There are several ongoing issues with this section of path: 1. Speeding car traffic. Despite added speed signs (which seems to have been turned off in the past few weeks) and notifications, cars are often flying, especially between Lilley Trail and West Park. A speed reminder just east of West Park might keep the speed down as cars reach the residential area. Speed humps would be helpful all along South Lake Drive. 2. Bikes need to be directed to notify walkers when they come up behind them. As it stands, walkers have to be on high alert to keep an eye out for bikes that ride up behind them. A few bikers will ring a bell or call out "on your left," but plenty of them just fly on past without warning. They should have direction to yield to walkers, especially those with dogs or children who may wander across the sidewalk. I am frequently looking behind me to make sure I'm out of the way for oncoming bikes, but sometimes they come along too fast (especially motorized bikes) and they startle me. What are we to do if a bike hits us from behind or gets tangled in our dog's leash? Motorized bikes, skateboards, scooters, and wheelies are traveling on the path regularly. Is that allowed? If not, there should be signage to indicate they shouldn't be on the non-motorized path. They pose the biggest danger to pedestrians because they come up behind us too fast for us to get out of their way. If they are allowed, they need explicit instructions to yield to pedestrians, provide notice, and maintain a specified speed.

Is a Response Desired? (*)

Yes

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Feedback Submitted to (*)

Mayor Justin Fischer
Council Member Brian Smith
Council Member Ericka Thomas