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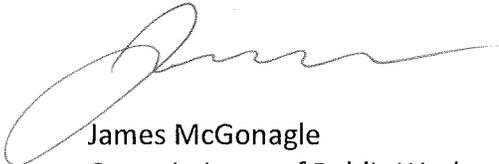
Dear Councilors,

We heard Councilors, business owners and the community; therefore, we will be removing the bicycle lane on the south side of Washington Street between Kempton Place and Lowell Avenue by tomorrow. The parking lane will remain in place and no new parking restrictions will be added to this section of Washington Street.

The bike lane trial was put in place as an emergency action in the hopes of expanding the number of students walking and biking to address the capacity restraints of school busses as we were planning for the re-opening of schools. Over the past few months, we closely monitored the area to determine parking needs. The south side of Washington Street was not utilized for parking during this time of light travel, which was why the trial was implemented.

We look forward to working with Councilors, business owners, and residents on any future Washington Street transportation plans.

Regards,



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