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Subject: latest article on city's closing roads to accommodate growing number of users

All,

We all know that exercise is necessary right now. Driving around for fun is not, which is why so many cities are taking quick action to support recreation that promotes health and wellness, while keeping everyone at a safe distance.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/transportation/2020/04/15/pressure-grows-dc-close-roads-giveresidents-more-room-walking-jogging-biking-during-covid-19-shutdown/>

Karen will be sending out a meeting invitation for 12:30pm today. Please be on the lookout for it.

Thanks to all for taking the time, on very short notice, to meet. This issue is urgent for our city and our citizens and we are grateful to everyone for making the time to gather.

My best to all of you.

Jill G.

From: Palus, Karen

Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 9:03 AM

To: Easton, Travis W.

Subject: FW: latest article on city's closing roads to accommodate growing number of users

Can you accommodate their request in downtown to make something like this happening. Do you see a need?

Have a great day!

Karen Palus

Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department

From: Easton, Travis W.

To: Palus, Karen

Cc: Greene, Jeff H.

Subject: RE: latest article on city's closing roads to accommodate growing number of users

Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 9:33:52 AM

Read the article, copying Jeff, as I think he and Mayor should be aware. My proverbial two cents below:

I question the need. Are we really seeing sidewalks and bike lanes overcrowded to the point that people cannot maintain the recommended 6' separation?

As we begin discussions about certain portions of our economy reopening, I think that by the time we identify these roadways in the City, and then modify them, it won't be long before they will need to be reverted back to their original status.

Lastly, there will be a trade off. i.e. if we have folks changing the striping on streets, those are the same folks who will not be filling potholes, etc.

Don't want to shoot this down, those are simply my concerns. And, having said all that, I am certainly open to discussing certain streets to see if we can accommodate, if there is a need.

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