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Subject RE: Prospect Park Bike Lanes

These are letters now being generated by our grass roots efforts, so at least that's happening (slowly, but I tend to be impatient). Connie and Bob Linn have said they will approach Amanda Burden, who Carlo, Marty's CoS says carries weight with the major. We are hoping that you (if still able to) and Bob can approach Patricia Harris as well. The rest of us plebs will be working on the grass roots efforts and data.

I hope she sends this to Jeanette, Amanda, and even Bloomberg himself.

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**From:** "Markowitz, Marty" [marty@brooklynbp.nyc.gov]  
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**Subject:** RE: Prospect Park Bike Lanes

the good fight will continue but...at this point, I am the only elected official that opposed and opposes this ridiculous 2 way bike lane....and only the Mayor can reverse a policy of his Transportation Commissioner Sadik-Khan.....perhaps some direct email (or formal letter) from you to the Mayor and your local city council member may help as well.....best wishes to you and Terry for an enjoyable summer marty

**From:** Constance Christensen [mailto:conchristensen@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 11, 2010 6:27 PM  
**To:** AskMarty  
**Subject:** Prospect Park Bike Lanes

**Dear Marty,**

As a resident of Park Slope for 40 years and living on PPW for the last 30 years, I find the new bike lane configuration terrible.

PPW has always had a fair amount of traffic and the additional lights put in during the last few years have been very valuable in giving pedestrians regular, safe places to cross. Now, however, pedestrians have to deal with two way bicycle traffic (on a one way street) that is not required to stop at lights. If you just watch the cyclists zooming up and down the new bike lane you know they haven't a thought of yielding to pedestrians. Try walking across with a stroller and toddler in tow to the Garfield Tot Lot (yes, grandmothers end up walking small kids all over again!) After crossing easily with the light, you have to stop, corral the kids and wait for the cyclists to pass.

This makes no sense when the alternative of giving over the southbound drive of the Park is available and would provide two way cycling, running paths and walking all without cars at all.

In addition, note that the "temporary trial" is only summer months when there will, in fact, be numerous cyclists but what about the rest of the year? The first snow storm will find PPW one lane wide after plowing. Have emergency vehicles been considered? I stopped to inquire of firemen in front on 9 PPW and they said it will be a nightmare for them when it snows but "no one ever listens to us". There are already regular traffic back-ups into Grand Army Plaza when trucks double park (UPS, Fresh Direct) in front of 9

PPW.

Finally, there is the visual aspect. Prospect Park was one of the great avenues in NYC and the sweep and proportion is now entirely gone. I was a commissioner on the NYC Art Commission (now the Public Design Commission) for 9 years and became very sensitive to the Manhattan-"Outer Borough" divide. No one would ever even suggest destroying Central Park West but it's ok in Brooklyn.

Please continue to speak up for everyone in Brooklyn and urge DOT to go back to the alternative that would free the Park of cars on the south drive, make pedestrians and cyclists safer and preserve the beauty and elegance of PPW.

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