

Naples City Council
City of Naples
735 8th Street South
Naples, FL 34102

Date

TO: The City of Naples Mayor Bill Barnett and Members of City Council

RE: Gulf Shore Blvd Rebuild and safety concerns

I fully support the City of Naples' installation of bicycle lanes and a sidewalk along Gulf Shore Boulevard (GSB) from 8th Avenue N. to 2nd Avenue S.

The number of people that choose to travel on GSB on foot and bicycles will only continue to increase as health and wellbeing are pushed to the forefront of daily life. GSB is known for its beauty and close proximity to the beach and pedestrians and bicyclists should not be discriminated against utilizing this ten block section of public right of way due to unsafe conditions. There are public safety issues that now plague this busy section of GSB, putting all bicycle riders and pedestrians at risk.

National studies have concluded that "Sharrows" are confusing to those operating vehicles and provide bicyclists a false sense of security. Traffic is often brought to a stop in one or both directions while vehicles wait for oncoming cars to pass by before overtaking a bicycle rider or jogger. This only adds to motorist frustration.

Bicycle lanes and a sidewalk help preserve Naples' Small Town Character and Culture by allowing residents opportunities to engage with one another. The City of Naples' Community Redevelopment Agency, Parks and Bike/Ped Master Plans focus on sidewalks and bicycle lanes to allow connectivity for safe multi-modal transportation to the beach, parks, shopping and dining. Bicycle lanes and sidewalks are also in accordance with the Complete Streets Policy and Blue Zones Initiatives adopted by the City of Naples.

My signature below represents my strong support for the installation of bicycle lanes and a sidewalk on GSB from 8th Avenue N. to 2nd Avenue S. Please instruct the Director of Streets and Stormwater Department to include bicycle lanes and a sidewalk in the repaving of this section of GSB. Your support is important to us. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Signature

Printed Name

Address

Email optional

COMPLETE, SCAN OR PHOTOGRAPH AND EMAIL TO:

INFO@NAPLESPATHWAYS.ORG

OR MAIL TO: NAPLES PATHWAYS COALITION

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