

I Want to Bike and Walk but..

Dear Mr. Avedisian,

I am a 9th grade student at Warwick Veterans Memorial High School. I am writing to you about my concern for our city's bike and walking safety. Walking and biking are great forms of exercise however I do not believe that our city is bike or walking friendly.

I once use to walk to my school every morning, during those two years I did not feel safe. Especially when it was winter, the snow plows would push all the snow onto the sidewalk and breakdown lanes so I was practically walking on the street. Also drivers need to drive more carefully and pay attention to the bikers and walkers. I believe our city can make some small changes to become more bike and walking friendly. My first suggestion is that the city hires people to make pathways for bikers and or walkers do not have to walk through the snow that the plows push over the sidewalks. This would even create more jobs and lower Rhode Island's unemployment rate. Another suggestion I have to make Warwick a more biker friendly city is to have biker awareness days. This would encourage drivers to be more careful when they are driving so accidents do not occur. Also dropping the speed limits in the city could make the roads a much safer place for our city's bikers and walkers. Although many drivers will not agree with this suggestion it would make our city much safer. My fourth suggestion is that Warwick makes our breakdown lanes and roads wider. With a bigger brake down lane we could have bigger sidewalks. This change would make walking and biking much more safer.

Sir, I also believe that our city should put bike racks around bus stops. With this bikers could ride to the bus stop and feel safe that their bike was secured safely. My final suggestion is that Warwick should make more bike and walking trails throughout the city. If more trails were made then bikers and walkers would never interact with cars making their time exercising much safer. However our bikers and walkers must be careful and make smart choices while out on the streets. With these small suggestions I believe that Warwick will be much safer. Also these suggestions will decrease our state's high unemployment rate, make our city a safer place and stop pollution which would save the Earth. So Mr. Avedisian what do you say? Lets make our city a safer place.

Sincerely,

TJ Boyajian