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Mayor Brandon Johnson  
City Hall  
121 N LaSalle  
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Re: Clark Street Bike Lane Proposal

Dear Mayor Johnson,

The Streeterville Organization of Active Residents (SOAR) is aware that CDOT is considering the installation of a protected bike lane (concrete curbs) on Clark Street between Oak and Kinzie Streets. SOAR is opposed to this planned installation, which will reduce Clark Street to two south bound lanes from the current three lanes. SOAR is opposed to this proposed reduction of traffic lanes on Clark Street for the following reasons:

- Clark Street is a major north south thoroughfare and is a main connection to the highway
- Clark Street is a commercial street with major restaurants
- The restaurants get major deliveries and the trucks double park
- The drive through by Portello's already blocks traffic on Clark Street
- The current closure of Clark Street for outdoor dining will be further compromised and bicycles would have to navigate the street closure
- BALLY'S will be opening soon and we do not have any experience as to the new traffic pattern will result with this new major traffic obstacle
- There are alternative bike routes currently available

SOAR is opposed to the installation of a protected bike lane on Clark Steet and respectfully requests that the City and CDOT reconsider this plan.

Sincerely,

Deborah Gershbein,  
President, on behalf of the SOAR Board of Directors

cc: Tom Carney, Acting Commissioner, CDOT  
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