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Dear resident,

The City of Cincinnati recently adopted a “Complete Streets” ordinance to improve the vitality of our neighborhoods. A complete street allows pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities to share the road safely.

The Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) is pleased that College Hill Forum has been awarded a Devou Good Foundation Active Transportation Grant to implement a Complete Streets traffic calming project on North Bend Avenue. The goal of the proposed project is to reduce speeding and improve safety for all street users while providing added protection for cars parked on the street. The project would be constructed with interim materials that have longevity but also provide flexibility for us to test and improve the proposed safety interventions.

The proposed project includes the following:

- A **protected two-way bicycle lane** on the north side of the street between Collegeview Place and Edwood Avenue. The protected bicycle lane will be separated from traffic using concrete wheel blocks and fiberglass paddles.
- **24/7 on-street parking** on the south side of the street between Witherby Avenue and Hempwood Avenue. The parking will be protected with curb extensions comprised of concrete wheel blocks and plastic paddles. This will:
 - calm traffic by visually narrowing the street
 - improve the safety of pedestrians crossing the street by shortening the crossing distance
 - prevent dangerous passing in the parking lane
- **Centerline hardening** in the Hamilton/North Bend intersection. Centerline hardening forces left turning vehicles to slow down and make more of a 90 degree turn. This can improve safety for pedestrians who are crossing the street

We would appreciate your feedback as we consider this proposal. Please visit [X](#) to share your feedback with us prior to [X](#).

Sincerely,

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