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To whom it may concern;

As everyone knows, the future of Orange Street has been a contentious topic over the past few years. Cyclists, business owners, residents, and visitors have aired competing plans. I was quite pleased when I saw the recent redesign proposal – the planners seemed to have thread the needle and come up with a design that accommodates all interests. Obviously in such a plan, no one group gets all that they wish. That is to be expected – preserving an urban ecosystem, especially one as vibrant as Orange Street, requires compromise. But overall, both aesthetically and functionally, the current proposal is strong and should be funded.

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