

October 6, 2010

Honorable Danny Solis  
Alderman, Ward 25  
2439 S Oakley Ave  
Chicago, IL 60608

Dear Alderman Solis,

A parking situation at 1549 South Halsted Street contributes to hazardous conditions for bicycling. The allowable parking zone extends into the tapered section of the bike lane and narrows the roadway shared by bicyclists and motorists. This narrow section does not allow enough room for bicyclists and motorists to safely share the road side by side.

My proposed solution to this hazard is to adjust the length of allowable parallel parking by moving the “No Parking” with arrow sign north to the start of the bike lane (as noted by two parallel, solid stripes). The photos below indicate the existing and proposed conditions.



Existing



Proposed

As a 25th Ward resident, I know there are hundreds of people who bike on Halsted daily (see Department of Transportation for more accurate estimate) and pass through here to and from jobs and social activities in Pilsen, University Village, UIC, and Downtown. By increasing the active roadway width, you will make it safer for people riding bikes in the 25th Ward. Please communicate to me and your constituents the results of your survey and recommended course of action.

Sincerely yours,

Brandon Souba

CC Mayor Richard Daley, Ben Gomberg