

From: [Champlin, Byron](#)
To: [Bonenfant, Janice](#)
Subject: Fw: Loudon Rd and Trees on City Property
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Hello Janice:

Please place Mr. Bedard's email on the May City Council agenda for referral to TPAC.

Thank you,

Byron

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Dear Mayor Champlin,

I live in Concord near Memorial Field and commute to work in the heights (by bicycle) via **Loudon Road**. I offer the following for your consideration, some of which is a repeat of information I shared in October of 2024.

I-93, Exit 14

I strongly suggest that I-93 exit 14 to Loudon Road be eliminated.

I think this would go a long way in connecting downtown with the Merrimack River and the Heights. Furthermore, the spaced used up but the Exit 14 northbound off ramp could create some valuable publicly accessible green space along the Merrimack River.

Loudon Road

As the community discussions sponsored by Concord Greenspace continue, I urge you to support a more friendly and inviting Loudon Road. I suggest we decide what kind of road we want first before looking at traffic volumes. Once we decide the kind of road we want, let planners and engineers figure out how to make it work. Don't let the existing traffic determine what we build.

Speed on Loudon Road between Everett Arena and Hazen Drive

I commute to work on Loudon Road most days by bicycle. I am a confident bicyclist, but the speed of vehicles on the section of Loudon Rd between the Everett Arena and Hazen Drive can be **unnerving**. The 85th percentile speed is 50 mph meaning 15% of the cars are traveling 50 mph or faster. That is not a comfortable speed for bicyclists to be sharing the road. Regardless of what happens with exit 14 or Loudon Road east of Hazen Drive, the excessive speeds on this section of Loudon Road should be addressed.

Cutting trees on city property

The recent removal of trees at Memorial field has made the area less attractive. Even if justified, I suggest the City give the public advance notice of the planned cutting of any trees on city property, give the reasons for the removal, and state if there is a plan to replace the trees.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters and for your service to the city.

Sincerely,

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