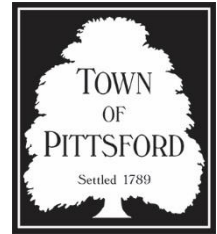


# MEMORANDUM



**To:** Town Board

**From:** Robert Koegel

**Date:** March 16, 2018

**Regarding:** East Ave. Bicycle Lanes

**For Meeting On:** March 20, 2018

The Town has expressed to the State Department of Transportation (“DOT”) its desire to have properly marked 5-foot wide bicycle lanes on each side of East Avenue, as part of State DOT’s proposed reconfiguration of East Avenue from State Route 31F (at St. John Fisher College) going northwesterly to the town line with the Town of Brighton.

The section of East Avenue in issue currently provides four vehicle lanes (two in each direction) and no bicycle lanes. The State DOT proposes to reconfigure the road to contain one vehicle lane in each direction, a center vehicle turning lane servicing both directions, and two lanes, one on either side of the road, to accommodate cyclists. Following State DOT guidelines, the middle lane would be 11-feet wide, thereby allowing bicycle lanes of only 4-1/2 feet wide, thus rendering them ineligible for proper marking as bicycle lanes. There exists the possibility that, under County DOT standards and guidelines, a 10-foot center turning lane would be permitted. A center turning lane of that width would allow 5 feet for each bicycle lane. At 5 feet, the lanes could be fully marked as bicycle lanes.

The Town, of course, cannot require the State DOT to apply County DOT guidelines to the road to accommodate the Town’s stated policies. However, the Town can consent to the application of the County standards and guidelines and can strongly recommend that the State DOT make this small but effective adjustment to promote safety for cyclists without compromising vehicle safety.

Accordingly, the Town Board may wish to employ the following resolution:

## **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, that the Town of Pittsford consents to the use of Monroe County DOT standards and guidelines for the proposed reconfiguration of East Avenue by the State DOT between State Route 31F and the Brighton Town Line; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Pittsford hereby requests that the Regional Office of the State DOT apply the Monroe County DOT guidelines for the proposed reconfiguration, which would permit a 10-foot wide center turning lane, thereby providing room for 5-foot wide, properly marked bicycle lanes on each side of the road.