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**To:** Tim Akers, City Planner  
**CC:** Bart Robinson, City Engineer  
**From:** City of Oxford Pathways Commission  
**Date:** 16 August 2013  
**Re:** Maintenance of City Bicycle Facilities

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As the Board of Alderman completes its budgeting process for the coming year, the Pathways Commission would like to request that adequate funds be reserved to keep Oxford's bicycle lanes safe and free of glass and other debris.

The city has made a tremendous investment of bicycle infrastructure in the past few years. Members of the Pathways Commission are extremely grateful. With the completion of Phase 2 of the Bikeways project, the length of bicycle lanes in town will more than double from roughly 7 to 16 miles.

Cyclists' most common complaint with our bike lanes is the accumulation of trash from the roadway just outside the travel path of cars and trucks. Stones, broken glass and other debris are swept out of the motor vehicle travel lanes and deposited in the bike lanes. A particular hazard occurs on downhill runs that terminate in merging traffic – examples are Molly Barr Rd and Old Taylor Rd as it approaches the MS-6 bridge from the south. A cyclist traveling at high speeds whose tire punctures as the bike lane ends is in a very dangerous situation.

The pathways commission requests that the city ensure that adequate funding for equipment and personnel to sweep 16 miles of bike lanes at least bi-weekly.