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To: SPEEA Council Representatives

From: Stanley Huang

Subject: PRE-SUBMITTED NEW BUSINESS: Building relationships between motorists and bicyclists

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### **Background**

Bicycling has been around since the early 1800s. Cars have been around since late 1800's and the first accessible cars to the masses was the 1908 model T by Ford. Today, there are several different types of cars as well as bicyclists. Although the development of the transportation industry later became heavily focused on highway and interstate travel, the inner-city roads are still used today by motorists and cyclists. State and City laws including roadway development pave the path towards developing safe spaces, designated lanes, and traffic regulation. Note that it was cyclists that first fought for US roads to be paved. See <https://www.vox.com/2015/3/19/8253035/roads-cyclists-cars-history>

SPEEA is a union that represents engineers and technical employees who work in the transportation industry. As all SPEEA represented areas are faced with bicyclists and motorists on the roadways daily, supporting healthy relationships between motorists and bicyclists is important for many reasons. Safety. Accident Prevention. Traffic Regulation. Showing concern for others. Slowing down. Life is not always about living in the fast lane. It's about making healthy lasting relationships with everyone around you, so it makes the place we live in better for everyone else.

### **Motion**

It is moved that **SPEEA** supports healthy relationships between motorists and bicyclists.