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"Honor to him who serves the common good" -Abraham Lincoln

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Caroline Kennedy
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Caroline,

Per your request, this letter is to advise you on my feelings on the proposed bike routes through the village as explained in the public meeting held at the Village Council Chambers on Monday March 9th, 2020.

Although any route would contain inherent risk, I am recommending S. Bayshore Dr. to Oak/River to Cedar to Isle of Pines to Dexter. This would replace the proposed River to Dexter route.

By using Cedar in lieu of Dexter, the route would avoid 39 parking spaces in a busy part of the village. Furthermore, Island of Pines is less traveled by motor vehicles.

Once the route is in place, I would consider it a "pilot" route and would insist on a short-term assessment with periodic follow ups by the police department. These assessments would use accident reports, complaints, and officer observations as a basis for the continuation of the current route.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

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Dave Centala,
Chief of Police