

Emails regarding bicycle access
along Highway M for the June 22,
2017 public hearing of the Dane
County Environment, Agriculture,
and Natural Resources
Committee

Regarding northern Dane Co bicycle needs

porchchat@gmail.com on behalf of Robbie Webber <robbie@robbiewebber.org>

Thu 6/22/2017 1:48 PM

To: Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>; Downing, J Patrick <Downing@countyofdane.com>; Jones, Nikole <Jones.Nikole@countyofdane.com>; Ritt, Michele <Ritt.Michele@countyofdane.com>; Salov, Robert <Salov@countyofdane.com>;

Dear supervisors,

I am writing about tonight's listening session on bicycle access in northern Dane County, especially along the Highway M corridor. I was planning on attending in person, but now that won't be possible.

Bicycle of all types is growing rapidly and is of benefit to the county as a whole and the citizens living here. Transportation biking -- both of commuting and daily needs as well as tourism travel -- grows each year and benefits everyone. Each person that travels by bike for a trip that might have been made by car allows our roads to be a little less crowded and last longer. Bicycling in Dane County has become big businesses. We have a fantastic network of farm roads, trails, and local roads that attract people from across the county. You would be surprised at the number of people who bike from Minneapolis to Madison, Milwaukee, or Chicago, and they all pass through Dane County and spend money at local businesses.

Recreational and sport biking is enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities, and is a clean, healthy way for families, groups, and individuals to see small towns and larger communities alike. Again, these people frequently eat and spend money in our local businesses. Have you seen anyone who has biked 60 miles eat?

There are three corridors in particular that need attention in northern Dane County. All three of these are critical to the growing network that has been built in the county and adjacent jurisdictions.

1. The Highway M corridor. Many people would like to bike around Lake Mendota or even commute into Madison or Middleton, but Highway M can be quite terrifying for all but the bravest and experienced of bicyclists. As development has grown, the shoulder of the highway has become inadequate as a safe route. We have already seen a tragic death on Highway M, and I would urge you to build a path parallel to the highway to provide greater safety and separation from fast-moving traffic.

2. A route from the Merrimac Ferry. Although the ferry landing itself is not in Dane County, many people bike up to Baraboo and Devil's Lake from Dane County. Long-distance bicyclists frequently use the ferry as part of a longer trip. We need a route that is both safe and relatively direct. Some parts of Hwy 113 have shoulders, and some do not. There are alternative local roads, but many from outside the area may not be able to easily follow changing names and directions (e.g. Lodi-Springfield Road is a beautiful ride, but it is hard to follow.) The Merrimac Ferry is one alternative on U.S. Bike Route 30, which comes down from Minneapolis. Wisconsin has not dedicated its section of Route 30, and the links in Dane County are critical to fill the gap between the 400 Trail in Reedsburg and the Glacial Drumlin Trail in Cottage Grove.

3. Fill the gap in the Hwy 12 Path. When Hwy 12 was rebuilt as a divided freeway, the Wisconsin DOT included a path in the right-of way approximately eight miles north of Middleton. There is another path from Sauk City SE along the highway from approximately two miles. This leaves a gap between the two paths on approximately 6.5 miles. Filling this gap would be a wonderful thing, as many people ask me every year where to go from the end of the trail. Local roads are one alternative, but the terrain becomes quite hilly, and similar to the route from the Merrimac Ferry, many people may not be familiar with the options. In addition, route on the local roads is more than nine miles, adding 50 percent additional travel distance to the direct route.

While the first need is the easiest to fix, the other two should be addressed as well, as they are important to the health, environment, and economy of the county. (You'd be surprised how many people might bike commute the entire length of Hwy 12 from Sauk City to Middleton if there was a path the whole way.)

Thank you for your attention to these needed linkages and your dedication to improving bicycling of all kinds in Dane County.

Robbie Webber
Transportation geek

Re: Reminder -- Listening Session on Bicycle Access Thursday June 22 in Waunakee

Grant Foster <grant@madisonbikes.org>

Thu 6/22/2017 11:56 AM

To: Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>;

Hi, Tim.

Thanks for promoting this. I was hoping to attend, but it conflicts with Madison's Long Range Transportation Policy Committee meeting tonight.

Please count me in as a strong supporter of creating safe and comfortable, low-stress bicycle access for people of all ages and abilities around the lake. It's an important connection and would start closing some critical gaps, particularly for communities in the northern part of the county. Looking at other important connectors (like River Road) would also be worthwhile.

Thanks, again.

Grant Foster
President
Madison Bikes

On Wed, Jun 21, 2017 at 5:19 PM Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com> wrote:

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Tim Kiefer

Dane County Board of Supervisors

608 358-7213

Dane County Board Listening Session on Highway M Bike Access

Sandhill Studio LLC <marykay@sandhillstudio.com>

Thu 6/22/2017 11:36 AM

To: Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>;

Hi Tim,

We live on Borchers Beach Road and are avid bikers. We would like to safely bike to Madison, Middleton and around Lake Mendota. Biking along Highway M in the narrow space designated for bikers can be daunting though.

Going east from our home, we attempt to avoid M for a small stretch by biking along the roads in Governor Nelson to the hiking trail on the northern edge, then walking our bikes to North Shore Bay on the trail and taking this road to M. The stretch along M from North Shore Bay to Westport Road is our only way to Madison. This is where a bike path is most needed. Along this stretch, we are concerned for our own safety and that of others, including a gardener we hire who bikes from downtown Madison to our home along Hwy M.

Wouldn't it be great if bikers could ride safely all the way around Lake Mendota as they do around Lake Monona?

Thanks for your efforts to increase bike access in Dane County.

Mary Kay and Mick Warner

4939 Borchers Beach Road
Waunakee, WI 53597

bike path or access on M

Jane Richard <jane.e.richard@gmail.com>

Thu 6/22/2017 11:17 AM

To: Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>;

Hi Tim,
I am sorry but I will be out of town tonight and won't be able to attend the meeting in Waunakee. I live on M and have biked for years. I am 70 and biking is still my preferred mode of exercise. I used to ride out to West Middleton Elementary School to teach (even in the winter). People used to say they would never ride on Mineral Point Rd because in those days it was 55 mi an hour and two lanes and often busy. But those were fears for people who don't really bike. The worst road to ride is a busy one that has no shoulder. Riding on Pleasant View was MUCH scarier, (especially the hill). I will get killed by a car going much slower than 60 so it isn't the speed that is the problem. It is avoiding cars altogether. The second most scary ride is one where the shoulder is in bad condition and there are many cracks my tires can get caught in or upset by. I have always avoided M unless it was a Sunday morning. But I would love to use it to get myself places if I could. Riding a bike helps save the environment and health bills since I can stay in shape. Once I get to the east end I can take the frontage road to many places on the eastside. Is there anyway to make a safe shoulder? Making the shoulder wider would help and making sure it is in good repair would too. The black fill material is also a little slippery when wet. For cars this isn't a problem because it is narrow but narrow tires are a problem on it. Wish I could be there to problem solve but thank you for holding this meeting.

Jane Richard

Hwy M bicycle access

Leslie Taylor <leslievhtaylor@mac.com>

Thu 6/22/2017 9:26 AM

To: Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>;

Dear Mr Kiefer,

I am unable to attend the meeting tonight, June 22 but did want to share my views. I am a cyclist, I live on the West side of Madison and often have work to do at Mendota Mental Health Institute. I do commute by bike but avoid the Hwy M corridor at all costs, the "white bicycles" on the road pose a stark reminder to the dangers of biking on Hwy M. As traffic has increased on Hwy M I would think that offering a safe alternative cycling path would alleviate at least some traffic congestion. In addition as we can all see by the heavy use of the bike paths in Madison, creating safe, traffic free corridors leads people of all ages and abilities to get out and walk and bike. I am a very strong supporter of a bike path of some sort to connect hwy 113 and Middleton. I have absolutely no doubt this path would be heavily used

Thanks for your attention

Leslie Taylor
1206 Dartmouth Rd.
Madison WI
53705

Highway M bike path construction

JANET L BRANCHAW <branchaw@wisc.edu>

Thu 6/22/2017 6:31 AM

To: Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>;

Cc: charlieb@windowcenter.com <charlieb@windowcenter.com>;

Dear Supervisor Kiefer:

We are unable to attend the listening session tonight (June 22, 2017) in Waunakee regarding bicycle safety and access in Northern Dane County, but feel very strongly that something must be done to improve safety on Highway M between Highway 113 and Middleton. We live in Westport, just off Highway M in the Borchers Beach neighborhood. We drive on this stretch of road every day. Though there is a wide paved shoulder, it is not nearly wide enough for bicyclists given the speed that cars travel and the curves in the road. It is unsafe and a separate bike path is sorely needed.

We are also the parents of three daughters and will not allow them to ride their bikes on Highway M for safety reasons. Our oldest daughter works in Middleton and without a safe bike path must drive or be driven to work everyday. Our transportation options are limited as the city bus does not come to our neighborhood.

Beyond our immediate family, we also think that lack of a safe bike path on this stretch of Highway M limits access to Governor Nelson State Park for the residents of surrounding communities. The construction of a separate bike path would be a benefit not only to those of us who live near and travel the road everyday, but to all Dane County residents.

We ask that our statement be added to the Dane County Board Environment Committee's record.

Thank you,
Janet and Charlie Branchaw

4981 Simon Trail
Waunakee, WI 53597

Statement re: County Highway M Bike Access

Shelley Safer <shelleysafer@gmail.com>

Wed 6/21/2017 9:58 AM

To: Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>;

Dear Supervisor Kiefer:

I am unable to attend the listening session scheduled for June 22, 2017 in Waunakee regarding bicycle safety and access in Northern Dane County. As a resident of the town of Westport, I am particularly interested in the Highway M corridor between Highway 113 and Middleton.

For safety reasons, I favor the building of a separate bike path. Due to the speed of the cars on Highway M and the curves in the road, a separate bike path would be a safer alternative than a bike lane on the existing road.

I ask that this statement be kindly added to the record of the Dane County Board Environment Committee regarding this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Shelley Safer
4988 Borchers Beach Road
Waunakee, WI 53597

biking

User <TGWENDT@TDS.NET>

Wed 6/21/2017 10:08 AM

To: Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>;

I think a separate bike path off Hwy M to get to Madison from Waunakee would be wonderful. There really is no safe way to bike from Waunakee into Madison. Thank you for holding the listening session.

Ronni Guski

FW: Hwy M Bike Path

Tim Kiefer <timkiefer@kieferlawoffice.com>

Tue 6/20/2017 6:45 PM

To: Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>;

From: Lauri Morris [mailto:lauri@ldmorrislaw.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1:51 PM

To: timkiefer@kieferlawoffice.com

Subject: Hwy M Bike Path

Dear County Board Supervisors,

I'm writing this email to express my strong support for construction of a bike path along County Hwy M, extending the path from Hwy. 113 to Middleton.

There is considerable interest in - and a need for - safe bicycle paths in the northern part of Dane county. Please consider the following:

- Parity: there are no paths in northern Dane County, other than along Hwy 12; the southern areas of the County have received all the funding for construction of safe cycling routes.
- Safety: it is unsafe to cycle along Hwy M - much of it is posted for 55 MPH, with some cars traveling at speeds exceeding that. Bicyclist Carrie Pete was struck and killed about 2 years ago by an inattentive driver - at 11 a.m. while cycling along Hwy. M. The road has too many curves and hills, and the existing lane too narrow, for safe transit by cyclists. I'm concerned it will only become worse as the T. Wall development proceeds.
- Commuter alternatives: there are no safe routes to cycle to/from Waunakee, Westport, Middleton or Madison, for those interested in commuting by bike; construction of a bike route along Hwy M to allow safe access -- north to the Skipper Bud's area (to access less traveled City streets) and south/west to Middleton and Madison streets (including to the Middleton business park) would address this problem.
- Recreation: construction of a bike route along Hwy M would allow access to/from Mendota County Park, Middleton, Pheasant Branch preserve, and Hwy 12 routes by families, and cyclists. It would also provide a safe path for cycling around Lake Mendota for cyclists from all over the County.
- I believe that the County/State anticipated construction of a bike path when Hwy M was rebuilt because an overpass was built to permit access under Hwy M between Gov. Nelson State Park and lands to the west. It would be nice to take advantage of this.

Thus, we are strong proponents of construction of a new Hwy M bike corridor.

Thanks for your consideration.

Lauri D. Morris and Jim Cole
4946 Borchers Beach Rd.
Waunakee

In support of improved Highway M Bike Access

kim donovan <kimdonovan@gmail.com>

Mon 6/19/2017 9:06 AM

To: Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>; Downing, J Patrick <Downing@countyofdane.com>; Jones, Nikole <Jones.Nikole@countyofdane.com>; Ritt, Michele <Ritt.Michele@countyofdane.com>; Salov, Robert <Salov@countyofdane.com>;

Dear Dane County Supervisors,

The following statement was written by my friends Pam & Matt Peterson for entry into the public record for the June 22 meeting. I couldn't agree more with the message as well as the email you received from another of my biking friends, Lauri Morris. I bike in the area frequently, coming from my home downtown and am not happy with the dangers of the traffic on M. Thank you for addressing this important and much needed improvement.

Kim Donovan
531 N. Pinckney St.
Madison, WI 53703

The area north of Madison has received very little investment in bicycle infrastructure compared to the area south of Madison. It is important to now balance this by addressing a major safety issue and an inhibitor to greater cycling in the area.

Here are three specific proposals for segregated bicycle paths along County M, in priority order.

#1 Westport Road to Woodland Drive - ~1 mi.

This is the main access from the north and east sides of Madison to the bicycle paths in Westport/Waunakee and popular road rides in Northern Dane County. This relatively quick and economical step would immediately serve the largest population.

#2 Woodland Drive to Governor Nelson State Park - ~1.5 mi

This builds on #1 to make a major recreation asset more accessible by bicycle to the people of the area.

#3 Governor Nelson State Park to Pheasant Branch Trail System - ~4.5 mi

The final step would connect to Mendota County Park and the communities along the Route 12 bicycle trail.

Moving expeditiously on these proposals, particularly #1, would improve public safety/health and result in more equitably distributed bicycle infrastructure investments.

Re: Dane County Board Listening Session on Highway M Bike Access

Teri <terivenk@hotmail.com>

Mon 6/19/2017 8:26 AM

To: Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>;

Dear Tim:

I greatly regret that I cannot attend the June 22 listening session on Hwy. M Bike Access, so I hope you will submit this statement in the public record for the 22 June 2017 listening session.

I have been biking on the north side of Madison and along Hwy. M for over 20 years and biking on Hwy M is very dangerous although it's the only way to get to Waunakee, Governor Nelson State Park and many other rural routes for biking.

In addition to the great need for bike paths alongside but separate from Hwy M is the fact that southern and southwestern Dane County abound with bike trails and paths, and northern Dane County has nothing in the way of bike trails and paths. Re-balancing this inequity needs to be addressed and made a priority.

Specifically, I would encourage these bike trails/paths along County Hwy M:

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These would greatly improve public safety/health and result in more equitably distributed bicycle infrastructure investments in Dane County.

Thank you.

Teri Venker
1401 Burning Wood Way
Madison, WI 53704

Re: Dane County Board Listening Session on Highway M Bike Access

Matthew Peterson <matt@swonders.com>

Sun 6/18/2017 7:36 PM

To: Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>;

I am writing to support improved bicycle infrastructure in Northern Dane County, particularly for the Highway M corridor. Please include this statement in the public record for the 22 June 2017 listening session.

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Thank you.

Matthew and Patricia Peterson
18 Cherokee Circle, #103
Madison, WI 53704

North Lake Mendota bicycle meeting

Michael Chronister <michaeljchronister@gmail.com>

Fri 6/16/2017 4:15 PM

To: Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>;

I am writing to provide comments on improving and adding bicycle infrastructure along the north side of Lake Mendota. I have only biked around the north side of the lake a few times. It is never an enjoyable experience. The only direct route (I was going from Middleton to the Airport) is to take County M. County M has a wide shoulder but it is usually strewn with large rocks and the speed of the traffic going by is unsettling.

Without knowing what plans are out there or what is feasible I would argue for a completely separated wide path that can accommodate bicycles, dog walkers, runners etc. I want to stress wide. Too often these 'multi use paths' are built but really they are more like bicycle freeways in use. I would love to see a wide paved path and an accessory crushed limestone or mulched path next to it for walkers etc. Of course this would be the dream scenario and I would welcome any improvements to County M that would increase safety and access.

Thanks

Michael Chronister
170 Dixon St
Madison WI

Biking on Hwy M

Kevin Traas <kevintraas@chorus.net>

Fri 6/16/2017 11:46 AM

To: Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>;

Supervisor Kiefer:

I bike often on County Highway M from my home in the Town of Westport Mary Lake neighborhood either to my job in downtown Madison or to Gov. Nelson State Park. Each trip is a white-knuckle ride because of the stones, rocks, dead animals, construction debris, etc. littering the highway shoulder and the frustrated, impatient phone-gazers who also happen to be driving a couple thousand pounds of metal. I understand Dane County is in the process of buying land to construct an off-highway bike/ped facility from Woodland Drive to North Shore Bay Drive/Reynolds Avenue, which can't happen fast enough to provide safe access from my neighborhood to the state park. I also hope the county will re-ignite the North Mendota Parkway discussions to meet the long-term transportation needs of everybody who needs to travel this busy corridor. I support the concept of an environmental corridor that provides additional capacity for vehicles while limiting access points, safe bike/pedestrian facilities, and land use planning that protects the watershed.

Thanks for your time!

Kevin Traas

5631 Riveredge Road

Waunakee, WI 53597

(608) 849-9621

Re: Dane County Board Listening Session on Highway M Bike Access

Nathaniel Detra <ndetra@gmail.com>

Fri 6/9/2017 1:26 PM

To: Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>;

Hi Tim,

Thanks for sending this message.

I am unable to attend the meeting on the 22nd, but I would like to say that I support a dedicated bike path following highway 113 and M. Here are my reasons for support:

- This area by the lake is beautiful - this path will be a treasured destination for visitors and tourists in the county.
- The bike path will provide safe, healthy, and family friendly recreation to citizens as well.
- Doing this project now will be much cheaper than waiting (because costs will go up when the area is more developed).
- Connecting this path to already existing bike infrastructure in the county will make recreational biking and bike commuting accessible to many who don't have safe or comfortable access to it now.

Thank you,

Nathaniel Detra

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Hwy M

Elizabeth McKenna <redbets1010@gmail.com>

Thu 6/8/2017 4:47 AM

To: Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>;

Good morning Mr. Kiefer,

I understand that you are the person to contact to voice support for making hwy M bike friendly. I have been a long time biking enthusiast, and on occasion have biked on M in the past. Unfortunately, some desirable areas are not accessible without riding on M. I have stopped riding on M, have not done so for years, because it is just not safe. It would be great if a protected lane could be built, but anything to make biking on M possible would be welcome.

Thank you,

Elizabeth McKenna
4529 Deerwood Dr
Madison, WI 53716

Re: Dane County Board Listening Session on Highway M Bike Access

Marjorie Sprecher <margie.sprecher@icloud.com>

Wed 6/7/2017 2:02 PM

To: Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>;

Thank you.

I think it was s very important to increase bike paths in Dane county. Especially important to me is along highway M. I must ride on M in order to get to the smaller roads which are also getting very busy (Onken and woodland intersection). This would give people from m Waunakee Madison and Middleton an opportunity to ride to the State Park as well as roller skate, roller skiing, walking, etc. the ghost bike on M is a sad reminder of how tragic accidents are.

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Cordially

Tim Kiefer

Dane County Board of Supervisors

608 358-7213

Re: Dane County Board Listening Session on Highway M Bike Access

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Marjorie Sprecher <margie.sprecher@icloud.com>

Wed 6/7/2017 2:03 PM

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To: Kiefer, Timothy;

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I just sent a message with my name
Marjorie Sprecher
Waunakee Wi 53597

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Cordially

Re: Dane County Board Listening Session on Highway M Bike Access

Laura Schmidli <laura.schmidli@gmail.com>

Wed 6/7/2017 11:57 AM

To: Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>;

Hi, Tim -

Glad to hear more about this! I am unable to attend the listening session, so would like to provide feedback via email.

I lived for 3 years near Warner Park, and found biking to Middleton very dangerous. Most problematic in biking between 113 and Middleton are:

- the high speeds of vehicles on highway M combined with the lack of separation between the bike lane / shoulder and motorized vehicle traffic
- that this bike lane / shoulder disappears periodically (either completely, or by merging into a right-turn lane or bypass lane around left-turning traffic)
- that the bike lane / shoulder does not completely connect to Middleton (between Mendota County Park and Allen Blvd, there is no accommodation for bicycle traffic) or Waunakee

I most often found biking through the city to feel safer to me, and that was the route I most often chose despite it taking me longer. I think making this connection, and connecting this route into key areas of Middleton, would be very beneficial for the community. I strongly support investment in bicycle infrastructure separated from motor vehicle traffic - ideally adding to the Dane County path system something like the Capitol City Trail.

Thank you for adding this to the committee's public record.

Kind regards,
Laura Schmidli

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New county M bike path

Karen Ostrov <karen.ostrov76@gmail.com>

Wed 5/31/2017 8:01 PM

To: Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>;

I write in support of building a new county M bike path. Karen Ostrov

Sent from my iPhone

County funding for bike paths

Mick Warner <mick4939@gmail.com>

Wed 5/24/2017 2:18 PM

To: Downing, J Patrick <Downing@countyofdane.com>; Jones, Nikole <Jones.Nikole@countyofdane.com>; Ritt, Michele <Ritt.Michele@countyofdane.com>; Salov, Robert <Salov@countyofdane.com>; Kiefer, Timothy <Kiefer.Timothy@countyofdane.com>;

All -

My name is Mick Warner. I'm a resident of Westport and an avid bicyclist.

I'm writing in support of increased bike linkages in and about the Highway M corridor between Middleton and Waunakee.

Specifically, we need the following:

- A path separate from Highway M. The bike lanes on the side of the existing highway are not sufficient - there's too much and too fast of auto traffic.
- Connection from Middleton to Gov. Nelson, and then from Gov. Nelson to Westport Rd. That will create the link to Woodland that connects to Waunakee. The passage under M @ Gov. Nelson would be incorporated into this.
- A connection from Waunakee / Westport to the Hwy 12 path. This could be done simply with dedicated lanes on the section where K and Pheasant Branch are combined and the section on Q between Onken and Balzer.

I would be happy to elaborate and answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Mick Warner

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Safe Cycling Options for Northern Dane County

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As an avid cyclist and active member of the Dane County cycling community as well as a member of the Middleton city Pedestrian, Bicycle and Transit committee, I strongly support Dane County and the municipalities in northern and western Dane County funding safe routes for pedestrians and cyclists especially along the County M, County P, County K and Highway 14 corridors.

I strongly support holding a public hearing in Waunakee of the County Board's Environment Committee regarding county funding for bicycle routes and off-road bike paths. Please include the voices of northern and western Dane County in your decision making.

Sincerely,

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Highway M

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Friends,
I write in support of a public hearing in Waunakee of the Environmental Committee re county funding of bicycle routes, particularly with regard to Highway M. As an active cyclist I like the Lake Mendota loop, but currently good stretches are unsafe.
Respectfully,
T. H. McAlpine

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Highway/Co. Rd. M

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I am writing to state I support making cycling safer on M. Currently, I live in Middleton on Century/Co M and take M on the North side of Mendota to run errands on the far East side. Over the past ten years, I have seen such an increase in motor vehicle traffic, the speeds in which the drivers travel, the distracted driving and aggressive driving. Each time I see the ghost bike near Bishops community, I am reminded how unsafe this road is, however, taking Century to Allen and winding through the construction downtown is also unsafe. We need to, as a county, work harder on safe routes that connect suburbs and each side of the city. I also feel the public should have a say in what may be best for this project so I am requesting a public hearing on this, as well as any upcoming projects. Thank you!

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