

From: [John Greenler](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [John Greenler](#)
Subject: Alder Verveer's proposed amendments (#6 and #7) improve the John Nolen Drive project
Date: Monday, September 25, 2023 1:20:59 PM

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Dear City of Madison Finance Committee,

Alder Verveer's proposed two amendments (#6 and #7) to significantly improve the John Nolen Drive project for bikes are very important, for the safety of both bicycles & pedestrians. I cross this intersection almost daily, both while walking & while on a bike, and I can assure you that there are so many near misses, every day. Please fund this project, as soon as possible, to save lives!!!

Thank you very much, k John Greenler

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43.055, -89.394 (Home of the Ho-Chunk people)
"One of the best things we can do as an individual is be less individual" - Bill McKibben on climate change

From: [Harald Kliems](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: In support of budget amendments 6 & 7 (John Nolen Dr)
Date: Monday, September 25, 2023 1:19:16 PM

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Dear Members of the Finance Committee:

I am writing in strong support of the two budget amendments to increase the funding for the John Nolen Drive reconstruction project, introduced by Alder Verveer (amendments 6 and 7). The John Nolen reconstruction is a once in a lifetime opportunity for making our city a safer and more livable place, and the two budget amendments are a crucial component to this opportunity.

An underpass (amendment 7) for people walking, rolling, and biking is the only truly safe way to avoid tragic deaths and injuries at this intersection. And the underpass together with the intersection reconstruction were conceptualized with the new path (amendment 6) as part of the plan. Providing the local funding match will allow these projects to move forward and apply for the federal funding that will ultimately be necessary for turning these plans into reality.

Thank you for your consideration.

Harald Kliems

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From: [Kathy Borkowski](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: John Nolen Drive improvement amendments
Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 2:16:48 PM

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Dear Finance Committee,

I strongly support Amendments 6 & 7 to the John Nolen Drive improvement plan. Crossing John Nolen can be extremely dangerous. I am always cautious, always obey the traffic signals, and wait to be sure that drivers are also obeying the traffic signals.

I ride that stretch of the bike path often. I also ride a cargo bike with my 5-year-old grandson. He is the most precious thing in my life and to get from my house to the fabulous playground at Brittingham Park or to the kayaks at Brittingham Boats requires crossing John Nolen. Please, please make this safer for us and all the other riders in this city.

I have lived in Madison--and am a property owner and taxpayer--for 34 years. Please help keep these transit paths safe.

Kathy Borkowski
11 S. 2nd Street
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From: [Joanne Sepich](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Please support bike underpass for John Nolan Dr
Date: Monday, September 25, 2023 1:23:51 PM

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I appreciate the recent improvements to biking trails in the past few years, but none could compare to the opportunity create an underpass at John Nolan Drive.

It would provide a safe means for cyclists to cross (and I often see hurried riders cross against the lights).

Further, it would be one less headache for auto drivers who sometimes just have to keep moving in hopes that the pile-up of cyclists doesn't accidentally spill into the road.

Thank you,
Joanne Sepich
Madison resident

From: [Christo Alexander](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Please support budget amendments 6+7
Date: Sunday, September 24, 2023 4:17:51 PM

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Hello!

My name is Christo Alexander and I'm a Madison resident and daily user of our wonderful bike paths. I wanted to voice my support for amendments to the budget for the John Nolen redesign project (6 and 7) for expanding the project to the path on North Shore and the underpass under JND. The crossing at North Shore is notorious for being one of the most dangerous intersections in the city due to the high traffic volume of both bikes and motor vehicles. I was massively disappointed with the redesign's decision to keep the slip lane on North Shore for right turns onto John Nolen. The slip lane makes it take longer for bikers and peds to cross, increasing the time they have to mix with car traffic. Also, so many car drivers roll through the right turn looking only left for traffic and ignore what's on the right, causing a seriously dangerous situation for non-car users.

Since the slip lane is staying, there is so much more of a reason to give vulnerable road users the option to avoid crossing paths with cars and improve the congestion in that area. Not only will an underpass allow bikers and pedestrians to cross more safely and quickly and reduce the backups that block the cap city trail when people are waiting to cross, but it will allow cars to get through there more easily as well.

I also support the expansion of the project's design on JND to Broom and on North Shore to Bedford. The additional work on these paths will reduce congestion and conflicts between bikers and pedestrians (which can get bad during weekends and commute hours). It's like the kind of induced demand you actually want. More bikes = fewer cars and fewer cars = fewer injuries and deaths.

Please support amendments 6 and 7 on Monday!

Christo Alexander
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From: [Nicholas Davies](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Yes on capital budget amendment 7 (John Nolen underpass)
Date: Sunday, September 24, 2023 12:10:40 PM

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Dear Finance Committee,

I want to express my support for capital budget amendment 7, to fund an underpass at John Nolen & North Shore. This is an intersection that has claimed lives, and we have a responsibility to the memory of the fallen to make it safer.

There are certainly multiple ways to do that, and I don't want to detract from the importance of making the at-grade intersection protected, but because of the traffic speeds/volumes, the bike/pedestrian volumes, and the interaction of the railroad, it's a challenge.

An underpass would give bikes, pedestrians, and other non-motorist travelers a safe, convenient, and stress-free way to get across this intersection. This would remove conflicts and reduce wait times for travelers of all modes.

Whether you're a jogger or pushing a stroller or biking with your child, and you want to get across John Nolen safely, or you're a motorist who just wants slower, more vulnerable road users to get the heck outa the way, this amendment is for you.

Thank you,

Nick Davies
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From: [Craig Weinhold](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Capital budget: please support amendments 6 & 7 for John Nolen Drive bike/ped improvements
Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 4:36:43 PM

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I passionately support expanding the John Nolen Drive reconstruction project to include the Broom St intersection (amendment 6) and a grand, robust underpass so that people can freely and safely move between the City's interior and the Lake Monona waterfront (amendment 7).

The John Nolen Drive underpass is an idea with 30-year old history, summarized below (with clickable links):

The need for better bike / pedestrian connectivity from the Basset neighborhood to the waterfront goes at least to the [1997 Bassett St neighborhood plan](#). The idea of an underpass was first explored in detail by Ron Shutvet in 2011's [Master Plan Collaborative](#) and was listed as a "5 - 15 year" solution in the City's [2017 Blair/John Nolen Corridor Study](#). In 2022, [John Nolen Drive reconstruction project](#) discussed the possibility but it was listed as out-of-scope. I authored a [Madison Bikes blog](#) in support of an underpass that generated buzz in the local news. Two of firms in the [Lake Monona Waterfront Design Challenge](#) recommended underpasses, with one listing it as a high priority. The Waterfront Ad Hoc committee has also embraced the underpass concept and the winning firm Sasaki has done some early practical exploration and renderings.

Please approve amendments 6 and 7.

Thank you,
Craig Weinhold

From: [Garret Olsen](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Support for Amendment 6 and 7
Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 3:01:08 PM

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Garret and Jade Olsen
Madison Adventure Tours
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Dear Members of the City Finance Committee,

I am writing to express our wholehearted support for Amendment 6 and Amendment 7, as proposed by Alder Verveer, in relation to the John Nolen Drive project. These amendments would have a profound positive impact on Madison's cycling community, specifically for Madison Adventure Tours, an eBike tour company that relies heavily on the safety and accessibility of our city's bike paths.

Madison Adventure Tours operates daily from April to October, conducting eBike tours for residents and visitors who want to explore the beautiful city of Madison and its surroundings. One of the key routes that our tours utilize is the John Nolen Drive path. This path not only showcases the city's scenic beauty but also serves as a vital link between downtown Madison and the lakefront path, providing an exceptional experience for our riders.

By implementing Amendments 6 and 7, you would not only be improving safety but also enhancing the overall experience for cyclists and pedestrians in Madison. These amendments align with our vision of a more bike-friendly city, and they would undoubtedly make Madison Adventure Tours' daily operations safer and more enjoyable for our riders. Moreover, they would contribute to making Madison a destination known for its commitment to sustainable transportation and outdoor recreation.

We kindly request that you consider these amendments seriously and vote in favor of them during the upcoming capital budget amendments vote on Monday. Your support for these amendments would not only benefit our business but also enrich the lives of all those who choose to explore our beautiful city on two wheels.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to a safer and more bike-friendly Madison that will benefit all residents and visitors alike.

Sincerely,

Garret and Jade Olsen

Owners

Madison Adventure Tours

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