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Greetings members of the Transportation Commission,

I am an original resident since 1988 of the Sauk Creek subdivision and my property abuts the Greenway. I have been actively following the activities of the City agencies and the community group. I find this process to be both confusing and frustrating as a taxpayer and citizen of Madison.

Please consider my opposition to a potential planned bike path in the greenway for the following reasons –

1. **Preserve the Character of the Greenway.** After more than 35 years living adjacent to the greenway, the potential installation of a lighted ten-foot wide bike bath in the middle of it would totally change the character of the neighborhood in a manner that is inconsistent with the property we purchased many years ago. In addition there are other alternate means for bike travel as articulately explained by others. The City of Madison should retain this area as naturally as possible to preserve trees, wildlife and the beauty of nature to preserve the area for hikers and walkers.
2. **Hear the Voice/Opposition of the Community.** I appreciate and respect that there has been greater opportunity for concerned residents to register their opinion as this planning process has evolved. However, while we are being given the opportunity to be heard, in my opinion our concerns are not being recognized. The community who lives and purchased property around the greenway does not want the nature of the greenway changed as dramatically as the City would envision. We understand that there are issues to address with the Greenway – they will not be solved by a bike path which is opposed by the majority of the taxpayers and property owners whom it affects.
3. **Spend My Tax \$ Elsewhere.** I am excited by many of the city initiatives which are obviously expensive. I have been on the Board of Olbrich Gardens and now on the Olbrich Foundation. I love Madison, gardens and the beauty of the City. Please use your most valuable time and

resources on projects that merit the use of our precious tax dollars to plan for projects that will serve the needs of more citizens and preserve the character of the Sauk Creek greenway.

Respectfully,

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