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To: Traffic
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Hello,

I am not able to make it to the hearing Tuesday, but I do have a special area of concern, and that is the road that runs between Lake Wingra and Vilas Park, from Edgewood's property to the beginning of the bike path near the entrance to the Arboretum. I'm not sure if it is actually part of the park, or a city street, but in any case it is seriously a dangerous thoroughfare for bikers and pedestrians.

For the past 10+ years this has been part of my route to work, and there is no time of year it is safe, or biker/pedestrian friendly. I go through there between 6:30-7 in the morning and again between 4:30-5 in the evening. Very few drivers pay heed to the double yellow lines delineating the bike lane, and very few drivers drive anything close to 25 miles an hour. In the winter, that bike lane is the iciest, snowiest part of the street. There is truly nowhere safe to walk. In warmer weather, that one tiny lane is insufficient for the volume of bikers and walkers, and so we have to spill over into the street. I really think there needs to be something off the street for bikers and pedestrians, and/or the speed limit should be reduced to 15 miles per hour, and enforced.

Thanks for listening.

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