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Dear Commission Members,

I have participated in several of the public sessions for the John Nolen project. It is my understanding that an underpass at the intersection of John Nolen Drive and North Shore is not a priority in the version of the project currently being considered. I want to strongly urge you to make this safety improvement a priority.

I regularly use underpasses in other areas of the city. While running errands after work last week, I rode through several such underpasses, and encountered other pedestrians and bicyclists using them at the same time. I felt safe and was able to reach my destination easily and quickly.

Yesterday, as I rode through the intersection at John Nolen and Lake Shore, I felt, as I always do, unsafe as I used it. I cannot say how the others that I saw there felt, but I can say that none of them were notably aged, nor were there families walking with small children. Maybe such users wouldn't feel safe at that intersection. Improving the safety of this intersection will enable more people to choose to traverse it by bicycle, on foot, pushing strollers, or in wheelchairs.

I am apparently intrepid, or perhaps foolhardy: I cross this intersection regularly, both on a bicycle and on foot. Even though I am willing to do it, using the intersection as a vulnerable user is very stressful, and we have an opportunity to make it safe while permitting smooth flow of all modes of traffic.

In the recent past, engineers have proposed plans for an underpass solution. Right now, while the Lake Monona Waterfront project is in the design phase, we have an excellent opportunity to integrate an underpass into that design, drawing on the expertise and creativity of both City engineers and the engineers involved in the Waterfront project.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. If we do not make this change now, the intersection will remain unsafe. Please, for the health and safety of vulnerable users using this intersection, I ask that you make an underpass part of the reconstruction plan now, while we have the chance.

Sincerely,
Susan Hollingsworth