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It is with joy that I register my support for item 3, the closure of West and South Shore as part of the Shared Streets Program.

I have lived on West Shore Drive since 2012. I have seen a lot of change in the last nine years as a large number of new apartment buildings have gone up and the density has increased. West and South Shore have always been used by bikers, runners, people fishing and people enjoying a lakeside stroll. But it has been a street of conflict as these users have competed against commuters trying to bypass Park Street traffic and Franklin parents enjoying a scenic detour. Both these users go fast, and 40-50 mph is not unusual.

It was a joy to have the street become a bike Boulevard, but it has increased the conflict and it wasn't until the shared streets program that this special part of the city with views of the capital, blue herons, and fish jumping became alive.

Now both sides of the street are filled with people walking dogs and taking an afternoon or lunch stroll. The street is filled with bikers, runners, roller bladders and one-wheel hoverboards. The other morning I saw Camp Randall Rowing Club running down the street, six people wide, all holding on to an oar as part of a team building run.

As the weather warms, people are returning to enjoy the street. But Park Street is under construction, and the conflict between drivers in a rush and pedestrians out for a stroll is more apparent than ever.

To improve the quality of life for residents and visitors, to improve multimodal transportation, and to enhance safety, we believe West and South Shore need to be closed this summer and in the long term to through traffic only.

Sincerely  
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