

## Hacker, Marsha

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**From:** Mary Ebeling [mrebeling@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 9:27 AM  
**To:** claudia.haack@yahoo.com; btrades; pdahl@fpm.wisc.edu; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net  
**Cc:** Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael  
**Subject:** Wilson St. Reconstruction

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, dear Alders:

Regarding the planned reconstruction of West Wilson street, please move forward with a street design that takes into account the needs of people biking and walking on this important connection to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west. We as a city have an opportunity here to construct, or at the very least, pilot, a two-way protected bike lane. A protected bike lane will greatly improve safety for the many cyclists who currently ride this road and encourage a much greater number to leave the car at home and bike to their destinations.

We will not achieve greater mode shift to active transportation if we continue to prioritize the automobile with all the negative consequences to safety, the environment, the economy, and health.

I strongly oppose an option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk, as that is neither safe nor convenient for anyone. I support doing a well-designed and evaluated pilot project that would close one of the on-street parking lanes to put in a protected one-way or two-way bike lane.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Ebeling

30 N. 7th St./District 12

Madison

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**From:** Karla King [karlaking608@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 9:46 AM  
**To:** claudia.haack@yahoo.com; btrades; pdahl@fpm.wisc.edu; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net  
**Cc:** Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael  
**Subject:** Wilson St. Bike/Walk traffic

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, dear Alders:

Regarding the planned reconstruction of West Wilson street, please move forward with a street design that takes into account the needs of people biking and walking on this important connection to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west. I strongly oppose an option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk, as that is neither safe nor convenient for anyone. I support doing a well-designed and evaluated pilot project that would close one of the on-street parking lanes to put in a protected one-way or two-way bike lane.

Thank you for your consideration.

Karla King

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**From:** Nicole Nelson [nicole.nelson@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 10:57 AM  
**To:** claudia.haack@yahoo.com; btrades; pdahl@fpm.wisc.edu; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net  
**Cc:** Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael; Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva  
**Subject:** Wilson street reconstruction

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Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, dear Alders:

Regarding the planned reconstruction of West Wilson street, please move forward with a street design that takes into account the needs of people biking and walking on this important connection to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west. I strongly oppose an option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk, as that is neither safe nor convenient for anyone. I support doing a well-designed and evaluated pilot project that would close one of the on-street parking lanes to put in a protected one-way or two-way bike lane.

Thank you for your consideration.

best,

Nicole Nelson, PhD  
History of Science, University of Wisconsin--Madison  
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**From:** Chuck Strawser [cwstrawser@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 11:08 AM  
**To:** Claude H.; btrades; pdahl@fpm.wisc.edu; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net  
**Cc:** Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael; Rummel, Marsha  
**Subject:** proposed reconstruction of W Wilson at BPW meeting Wednesday 4/5/17

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Alders & Members of the Board of Public Works:

Please ask City Engineering and Traffic Engineering to move forward with a street design that takes into account the needs of people biking and walking on this important connection to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west. I strongly oppose an option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk, as that is neither safe nor convenient for anyone. I support doing a well-designed and evaluated pilot project that would close one of the on-street parking lanes to put in a protected one-way or two-way bike lane.

As a member of the city's ad hoc South Capitol TOD committee, I remember the discussions of this corridor in the public meetings, and specifically the objections of some neighborhood residents to sharing the sidewalks with bicyclists. As an active transportation planner, I predict that reconstructing the street without adequate accommodations for bicyclists IN THE STREET will result in timid cyclists riding on the sidewalk, which will cause resentment among many pedestrians, and yet some confident cyclists will ride in the street (potentially in both directions, only one of which is lawful under current conditions or the proposed plan), which will cause resentment among car drivers. Asking people on foot and people on bikes to share an 8' sidewalk is a recipe for failure all around. Since roughly half of people in the downtown area get to work by some mode other than driving alone in a car (according to US Census journey to work data), and it's likely the active mode share for trips other than the commute is even higher, how about allocating more of the scarce space on the street to people who are not in cars?

Thank you for your time,

Chuck Strawser

1801 Helena St

Madison WI 53704

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**From:** Angie Patnode Weiss [angie.patnode@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 1:01 PM  
**To:** claudia.haack@yahoo.com; btrades; pdahl@fpm.wisc.edu; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net  
**Cc:** Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael  
**Subject:** West Wilson Street biking

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Alders and Members of the Board of Public Works:

I do not own a car; bicycling is a regular means of transportation for me. I work downtown, teach fitness classes at businesses in downtown Madison, and have used West Wilson street on several occasions to commute via bike between jobs.

I support a street design that accommodates cycling in the street, both east-west and west-east. I do not support a design that requires pedestrians and cyclists to share the sidewalk, which is both unsafe for pedestrians and inconvenient and unsafe for cyclists (motorists don't habitually look for cyclists on the sidewalks when crossing intersections or pulling out of driveways). I support the pilot project that would close one on-street parking lane to put in a protected one-way or two-way bike lane.

Thank you!

~Angie

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**From:** Jay Ferm [jayferm@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 1:43 PM  
**To:** claudia.haack@yahoo.com; btrades; pdahl@fpm.wisc.edu; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net  
**Cc:** Phillips, Robert; Hacker, Marsha; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael; Rummel, Marsha; Schmitz, Susan; Grant Foster; Robbie Webber; Harald Kliems  
**Subject:** West Wilson: bikes and cars

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Dear Board of Public Works,

In a Nutshell:

I write regarding the West Wilson Street redesign. I oppose moving bikers onto an 8' sidewalk shared with pedestrians. Mixing users that move at very different speeds always leads to problems. Bikers will be annoyed with pedestrians getting in their way and pedestrians will be annoyed at bikers who zip by too fast or too close. Marking pedestrian and bike lanes will do little to resolve the basic conflict with this design.

I support running a well designed pilot project that replaces one parking lane with a two way bike lane. Pilot projects can be implemented inexpensively and can produce high quality feedback on what works and what doesn't for all road users. We will never know how many bikers will use the street until we make space for them.

The backstory:

Cities are messy. Nobody gets everything they want. Compromises must be made. We have a rare opportunity to evolve Wilson Street to better serve more people.

In the past, we have designed primarily for the car at the clear expense of walkers and bikers. Times are changing and all the people moving back into center cities are not doing it because they love car traffic. They are doing it because they love vibrant streets filled with people. People they can see and chat with when they are walking and biking around town.

Every project should be forward thinking rather than accepting the status quo we inherited from past generations. City center life is clearly moving away from cars and toward more biking and walking. To build for cars at the expense of biking and walking is a waste of tax payer money and comes with the social cost of discouraging walking and biking and all the financial, health, and other social benefits they bring.

Thank you for your time reading this message and for your service to Madison.

Best,  
Jay Ferm

Member, Madison In Motion Transportation Master Plan Oversight Committee  
Former member, Urban Design Commission  
Co-Chair, Madison Platinum Biking City Planning Committee

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**From:** Harald Kliems [kliems@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 2:25 PM  
**To:** claudia.haack@yahoo.com; btrades; pdahl@fpm.wisc.edu; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net  
**Cc:** Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael; Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva  
**Subject:** West Wilson St: Accommodate people on bikes

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, dear Alders:

Regarding the planned reconstruction of West Wilson street, please move forward with a street design that takes into account the needs of people biking and walking on this important connection to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west. I strongly oppose an option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk, as that is neither safe nor convenient for anyone. I support doing a well-designed and evaluated pilot project that would close one of the on-street parking lanes to put in a protected one-way or two-way bike lane. There is so much space allocated to cars on this street and so little to people walking and cycling.

Thank you for your consideration.

Harald Kliems

6 N Allen St  
Madison, WI 53726

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**From:** Steph Shelton [stephanie.v.shelton@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 3:51 PM  
**To:** claudia.haack@yahoo.com; btrades; pedal@fpm.wisc.edu; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net  
**Cc:** Hacker, Marsha  
**Subject:** West Wilson Bike Lane

**Follow Up Flag:** FollowUp  
**Due By:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 8:43 PM  
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Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, dear Alders:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Steph Shelton



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**From:** Raj Shukla [rajan.shukla@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 4:45 PM  
**To:** claudia.haack@yahoo.com; btrades; pdahl@fpm.wisc.edu; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net  
**Cc:** Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael; Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva; Ahrens, David  
**Subject:** Wilson Street Reconstruction

**Follow Up Flag:** FollowUp  
**Due By:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 8:43 PM  
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Members of the Board of Public Works and Honorable Members of the Common Council:

Regarding the planned reconstruction of West Wilson street, please move forward with a street design that takes into account the needs of people biking and walking on the street, both going west to east, and east to west. I oppose an option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk, as that is neither safe nor convenient for anyone.

We face a scenario in which transit will receive less funding from state and federal sources. This happens to be occurring when young people are abandoning cars, ride-sharing (without parking!) is a regular transit mode, and more and more people are turning to alternatives like walking and biking. Planning should not focus on providing street parking to the exclusion of safe pedestrian and cycling facilities. To do so is short-sighted, costly and neglects public health considerations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Raj Shukla  
608.338.5227

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**From:** Jim Stahl [4421313@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 7:59 AM  
**To:** claudia.haack@yahoo.com; btrades; pdahl@fpm.wisc.edu; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net  
**Cc:** Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael  
**Subject:** improve the situation for people walking and biking on West Wilson Street

Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, dear Alders:

Regarding the planned reconstruction of West Wilson street, please move forward with a street design that takes into account the needs of people biking and walking on this important connection to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west. I strongly oppose an option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk, as that is neither safe nor convenient for anyone. I support doing a well-designed and evaluated pilot project that would close one of the on-street parking lanes to put in a protected one-way or two-way bike lane.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jim Stahl

Scientist Emeritus, UW Madison  
Bicycle Mechanic, Budget Bicycle Center

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**From:** Heath Langreck [heath@uwalumni.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 8:11 AM  
**To:** claudia.haack@yahoo.com; btrades; pdahl@fpm.wisc.edu; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net  
**Cc:** Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael; Rummel, Marsha  
**Subject:** Reconstruction of West Wilson St - bikes and pedestrians = oil and water

Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, dear Alders:

Bicycles and pedestrians do NOT mix! I can tell you this from day to day real experience. I am car free and walk and bike everywhere in this lovely city. I know what it's like to be buzzed by an overzealous biker, and I also know what it is like to have an entire bike path clogged up by five wide pedestrians walking a zoo-ful of animals and strollers when I am the one on the bike. The future of Madison includes more and better biking and pedestrian infrastructure and less parking. The health and happiness of our city depends upon it.

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Thank you for your consideration.  
Heath Langreck

## Hacker, Marsha

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**From:** Wolfe, James  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 10:53 AM  
**To:** Hacker, Marsha  
**Subject:** FW: Wilson Street

Can you include this one as well? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kierstin Kloeckner [<mailto:kierstin@harborathletic.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 6:21 AM  
**To:** Wolfe, James  
**Subject:** Wilson Street

I am writing to share my thoughts on the proposed plan for Wilson Street. I understand that a lot of energy has gone into solving the issues for both cyclists and pedestrians on Wilson, however, widening the sidewalk for use of both is not the answer. As a commuter by bike and foot for almost thirty years and a volunteer for advocacy groups in Middleton and Madison, I urge you to make a plan that keeps cyclists on the street and away from pedestrians. Asking cyclists to ride on sidewalks is not safe and this is why it is illegal in so many municipalities. Please reconsider better bike lanes instead.

Kierstin Kloeckner  
Personal Trainer, Pilates and yoga instructor, cycling coach, Parkinson's Director  
608-831-6500 ext.2347  
[kierstin@harborathletic.com](mailto:kierstin@harborathletic.com)

\*Please note I have a 24 hour cancellation policy for all appointments

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**From:** Joe Schubert [joe.d.schubert@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 10:57 AM  
**To:** claudia.haack@yahoo.com; btrades; pdahl@fpm.wisc.edu; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net  
**Cc:** Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael; Rummel, Marsha  
**Subject:** West Wilson Bike Lane :)

Dear Members of the Board of Public Works and Madison Alders,

As someone who commutes via bike daily on West/East Wilson, I am writing to express my strong support for better bike infrastructure. Without a bike lane, I am forced to take a up a lane of car traffic. I've been yelled at, honked at, and swerved at by everyone from small Toyotas to semi trucks.

With only one protected bike lane through our Isthmus, I am asking that you take this opportunity to create another one.

Thank you for your consideration and all of your work to improve Madison,

Joe

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**From:** Kate Konkle [katekonkle@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 11:32 AM  
**To:** claudia.haack@yahoo.com; btrades; pdahl@fpm.wisc.edu; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net  
**Cc:** Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael; Rummel, Marsha  
**Subject:** Wilson Street project

Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, dear Alders:

Regarding the planned reconstruction of West Wilson street, please move forward with a street design that takes into account the needs of people biking and walking on this important connection to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west. I strongly oppose an option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk, as that is neither safe nor convenient for anyone. I support doing a well-designed and evaluated pilot project that would close one of the on-street parking lanes to put in a protected one-way or two-way bike lane.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Kate Konkle  
Cyclist/Bike Commuter  
Madison City Resident

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**From:** Samuel Hansen [samuel@acmescience.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 11:40 AM  
**To:** claudia.haack@yahoo.com; btrades; pdahl@fpm.wisc.edu; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net  
**Cc:** Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael  
**Subject:** With Respect to the West Wilson Reconstruction Effort

Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, dear Alders:

Regarding the planned reconstruction of West Wilson street, please move forward with a street design that takes into account the needs of people biking and walking on this important connection to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west. I strongly oppose an option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk, as that is neither safe nor convenient for anyone. I support doing a well-designed and evaluated pilot project that would close one of the on-street parking lanes to put in a protected one-way or two-way bike lane.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Samuel Hansen  
ACMEScience.com

A human being would deserve to be called intelligent if it could deceive a computer into believing that it was a computer-Robot Alan Turing

## Hacker, Marsha

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**From:** Abigail Wooldridge [abigail.wooldridge@wisc.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 12:46 PM  
**To:** claudia.haack@yahoo.com; btrades; PETE DAHL; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net; Wolfe, James  
**Cc:** Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael  
**Subject:** West Wilson Street Construction Plan

Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, Alders:

Regarding the planned reconstruction of West Wilson street, please move forward with a street design that takes into account the needs of people biking and walking on this important connection to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west. I strongly oppose an option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk, as that is neither safe nor convenient for anyone.

As I am sure you are aware, both Advocacy Advance and the League of American Bicyclists advocate for on-street bicycling infrastructure that separates and protects cyclists from traffic. This is a safer and better option than forcing cyclists on uneven pavement of sidewalks *and* requiring them to dodge pedestrians; further, pedestrians will be forced to worry about faster cyclists while navigating these surfaces. This is not a useful solution.

I support doing a well-designed and evaluated pilot project that would close one of the on-street parking lanes to put in a protected one-way or two-way bike lane. Additionally, I invite you to investigate this list of protected bike lanes (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11H0gArHxo6kMop1I18yMcq7ArbNrwaGBLmIXgqI1Gjk/edit#gid=3>) and to explore the Advocacy Advance website (<http://www.advocacyadvance.org/about>) as well as the League's Bicycle Friendly America website (<http://www.bikeleague.org/bfa>) for inspiration and education.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me via email if needed.

Best,

Abigail Wooldridge



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**From:** Alex Martin [ajmartin@uwalumni.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 12:57 PM  
**To:** claudia.haack@yahoo.com; btrades; pdahl@fpm.wisc.edu; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net  
**Cc:** Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael  
**Subject:** Walking and Biking on West Wilson St

Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, dear Alders:

Regarding the planned reconstruction of West Wilson street, please move forward with a street design that takes into account the needs of people biking and walking on this important connection to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west. I strongly oppose an option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk, as that is neither safe nor convenient for anyone. I support doing a well-designed and evaluated pilot project that would close one of the on-street parking lanes to put in a protected one-way or two-way bike lane.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alex Martin

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**From:** Mark Shahan [mnshahan@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 1:36 PM  
**To:** claudia.haack@yahoo.com; btrades; pdahl@fpm.wisc.edu; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net  
**Cc:** Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael  
**Subject:** West Wilson St Reconstruction

Dear Members of the Board of Public Works and Alders:

Regarding the planned reconstruction of West Wilson street, I strongly oppose an option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk as this is neither safe nor convenient for anyone. Instead, perform a pilot study as was discussed at the last PBMVC meeting that temporarily removes parking from the south side of West Wilson Street and refer a decision on reconstruction until after completion of the pilot study. A design that mixes walking and biking on the south side sidewalk will create conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians, encourage biking on the sidewalk on East Wilson Street where biking is prohibited, and encourage two-way biking on a sidewalk not designed for two-way bike traffic. Accommodating bicyclists will require a street design that takes into account the needs of people biking and walking on this important connection to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mark Shahan  
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**From:** Erin Feldhausen [efeldhausen@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 1:45 PM  
**To:** claudia.haack@yahoo.com; btrades; pdahl@fpm.wisc.edu; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net  
**Cc:** Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael

Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, dear Alders:

I am both a recreational cyclist as well as a commuting cycling and I live in the neighborhood near West Wilson street. Regarding the planned reconstruction of West Wilson street, please move forward with a street design that takes into account the needs of people biking and walking on this important connection to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west. I strongly oppose an option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk, as that is neither safe nor convenient for anyone. I support doing a well-designed and evaluated pilot project that would close one of the on-street parking lanes to put in a protected one-way or two-way bike lane.

Thank you for your consideration.

Erin Feldhausen

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Madison, WI 53703

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**From:** Emily Sonnemann [emsonnemann@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 1:52 PM  
**To:** claudia.haack@yahoo.com; btrades; pdahl@fpm.wisc.edu; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net  
**Cc:** Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael; Rummel, Marsha  
**Subject:** Pilot Project for West Wilson

Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, dear Alders:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Emily Sonnemann  
225 Merry St.  
Madison, Wi 53704

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**From:** porchchat@gmail.com on behalf of Robbie Webber [robbie@robbiewebber.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 2:30 PM  
**To:** claudia.haack@yahoo.com; btrades; pdahl@fpm.wisc.edu; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; AAC-Joseph Clausius; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Palm, Lawrence; Skidmore, Paul; szwalling@charter.net; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael; Hacker, Marsha  
**Subject:** W. Wilson reconstruction

Dear members of the BoPW -

Before you make a decision on what W. Wilson should look like after reconstruction, I would like to suggest a little experiment:

Check out a BCycle outside the CCB. Ride west on W. Wilson in peak hour traffic. Don't forget that the right lane becomes a right-only at Hamilton, so you should probably change into the left lane before getting there.

Now ride the same bike back to the CCB. The fastest way would be to ride up S. Hamilton, but it's pretty steep. N. Henry is less steep, but still a challenge on any bike, much less a BCycle. You could take the sidewalk, but it's pretty narrow, and even the additional two feet Engineering is proposing is not going to be enough to make it comfortable for both pedestrians and the many bicyclists that need to travel eastbound. In addition, imagine that many of the more timid or less-experienced westbound bicyclists will also be using that same sidewalk.

If you chose the sidewalk, think how you could legally continue on east to access the two-way portion of E Wilson and the Isthmus Path. Notice all the people entering and leaving the surrounding buildings and that riding on the sidewalk is both unsafe and illegal.

If you don't feel safe on a bike, maybe walk the same route, but notice the options for those on bikes.

Now consider how much easier and safer it would be for both pedestrians and bicyclists if there was a protected and comfortable-for-all-ages-and-abilities lane where the parking exists on the south side of W. Wilson. We could have both eastbound and westbound bicyclists using that lane and staying out of the way of pedestrians and drivers.

We live on an Isthmus, with limited options into and out of downtown. We need to use our limited space in the most efficient way possible. Single-occupancy vehicles and curb-side parking are not efficient use of that limited space.

All the transportation plans the city has worked on, paid for, and adopted in the last five years say that we must move to more use of transit, walking, and bicycling in order to efficiently move people in our downtown and throughout the city. All plans have also pointed to E. and W. Wilson as a significant gap in the bicycling network and the resulting bicycling on the sidewalks as both an annoyance and danger to pedestrians. All plans state that creating infrastructure that feels and is safe for bicyclists of all ages and abilities is one of the key steps in encouraging more utilitarian bicycling.

You have a chance to fix the gap in the network that exists. That is the only way we will get more people on bikes. Filling this gap by separating people walking and people bicycling is also good for pedestrian comfort and safety.

We have done the easy things. The low-hanging fruit has been picked. We must now make the hard decisions: Continue to facilitate inefficient transportation, or make the changes that will create a more efficient system for all.

A two-way, protected bike lane in place of the parking on the south side is the 21st Century choice. Please make that happen. After your bike ride or walk, you will know it is the right choice.

## Hacker, Marsha

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**From:** Wolfe, James  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 2:51 PM  
**To:** Hacker, Marsha  
**Subject:** FW: Parking issues for Wilson Street

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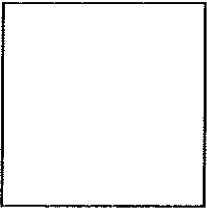
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**From:** Tracy Buglass [<mailto:Tracy.Buglass@agracehospicecare.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 2:38 PM  
**To:** Wolfe, James  
**Subject:** Parking issues for Wilson Street

Hello Jim. I am immediate Past President of the Madison Club Board of Directors. I have been informed that we will be losing metered street parking and will also have less parking spots in the city ramp now due to costs. I feel I should tell you that less parking will not be beneficial for businesses in this area and that I oppose the new contraflow bike line on W. Wilson street. This will damage the Club's viability through lost banquet revenue and eventually lost members. I know how important bikes are and want to be able to have a city that can be bike and automobile friendly ...especially in the downtown area. If we are good to both, all will grow and prosper.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tracy Buglass



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**From:** Wolfe, James  
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**To:** Hacker, Marsha  
**Subject:** FW: contra bike lane opposition

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**From:** Mary Gaffney-Ward [<mailto:mgward@madisonclub.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 2:55 PM  
**To:** Wolfe, James  
**Subject:** contra bike lane opposition

Mr. Wolfe:

As the General Manager of the Madison Club, I am very concerned regarding the potential contra bike lane that is schedule to be discussed at the Board of Public Works meeting tonight at 5:30PM. Parking in this area is already an issue for downtown businesses so we are opposed to losing any more parking as we strongly feel it will have a negative effect on our business. Therefore, please advise the board of our opposition of the proposed contra bike line on West Wilson street.

Sincerely,

Mary Gaffney-Ward  
*General Manager*



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