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Subject: I strongly oppose item #8. I demand you make this a protected intersection.
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Hello,

I bike through this intersection. I drive through this intersection. I walk through this intersection.

At the intersection of Whitney Way and Odana, I often see parents with children on cargo bikes riding on the crosswalks and sidewalks. I see old men riding in the gutter pan of the street because they don't feel safe taking the lane. I see women "taking the lane", sandwiched between two other lanes, in order to get through the intersection, surrounded by giant F250 trucks driven by commuters. I see near misses where children are walking across the street because turning movements aren't protected.

There is zero bike infrastructure at the intersection. Before the intersection, all bike lanes disappear and you're left to fend for yourself.

This is on Madison's High Injury Network.

A plan that doesn't accommodate bicyclists at this intersection is negligent. I strongly oppose any investment of city dollars into a flawed, dangerous, reckless design that doesn't do even the bare minimum to address bicyclist safety.

What should be done?

1. Remove the slip lane.
2. Remove at least one lane from each receiving side of the intersection, and add bike lanes up to the intersection.
3. Provide protected intersection for people on bikes. This will dramatically improve the safety for vulnerable road users. Other North American cities like Ottawa have this as the standard plan for intersection reconstructions and are building them at an accelerating rate.
https://documents.ottawa.ca/sites/documents/files/protectedintersection_dg_en.pdf
4. Add No Right Turn on Red signs to all approaches.
5. Add fully protected left turn movements.
6. Add pedestrian refuges to every crosswalk.

Anything less is unacceptable and reckless. Please oppose this project until these points are addressed.

On the broader picture, I am extremely disappointed that this project is even being considered. Please consider adopting a bike lane mandate that requires protecting bike lanes up to and through intersections, like Cambridge, MA has done.

Lastly. I demand better transparency with specific diagrams and pictures of what is being planned. A vague sentence of “improvements” is completely unacceptable.

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