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Hello,

Last week, the Wisconsin Bike Fed sent a letter to Governor Evers, DHS Secretary Andrea Palm, and WisDot Secretary Designee Craig Thompson asking them to consider temporarily closing streets to cars to create additional space for cyclists and pedestrians during the Shelter At Home order. A similar petition on our website (wisconsinbikefed.org) has already attracted hundreds of signatures.

The ability to safely and conveniently walk and ride a bike has never been more important than it is today. Local trails are providing an alternative to public transportation, a way to stay fit while maintaining social distance, an immunity booster, and a great way to release stress and anxiety.

We are very encouraged that the City of Madison Transportation Commission is considering street and lane closures for social distancing during the COVID-19 health emergency. It is our hope that other Wisconsin metropolitan areas will follow the lead of Madison, and other forward-thinking cities such as Portland, Minneapolis and Salt Lake City, and help walking, biking and other outdoor recreation to continue within social distancing guidelines.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, or if the Wisconsin Bike Fed can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am attaching a spreadsheet of the 71 people, as of this time, who live in or near Madison and have signed our petition in favor of this agenda item.

Thank you,

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