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Dear Plan Commission,

Dane County Airport should not be allowed to build any additional parking capacity until they have:

1. Recalculated and fulfilled their required points under the TDM ordinance
2. Provided at the least the bare minimum level of access to/from the airport via other modes

Here are the critical network gaps that Dane County Airport should be required to address:

### 1. Bike connectivity along International Ln

Currently, International Ln has marked bike lanes up to Darwin Rd, at which point they stop. From that point on, there is no dedicated bike facility or a safe/recommended approach to the bike parking at the terminal. Likewise, when leaving the airport, the first segment involves riding in mixed traffic. International Ln should include bike lanes, or even better, a multi-use path. The absorption of 2500-2502 Darwin Rd means that a bike route could also pass through that parcel to Darwin Rd, which has marked bike lanes.

### 2. Pedestrian connectivity along Darwin Rd

The added Darwin Rd parcel could also enable pedestrians to exit the property that way, but currently Darwin Rd has no sidewalks whatsoever. In future, Darwin Rd will be a short connection to BRT route B. Dane County Airport could fill this sidewalk gap via constructing an improvement in the public right-of-way, and they should have to.

### 3. Lack of a B-cycle station

Bike share would enable travelers to enter/leave the airport property by bike even if they don't own a bike in Madison, or don't wish to park one at the airport. But currently, the closest station is at Warner Park. B-cycle have expressed interest in a station at the airport, but lack a dedicated portion of airport property on which to put one. With the addition of the Darwin Rd parcel, the airport cannot be lacking for space to put it. There really is no excuse.

These items represent the bare minimum to make Dane County Airport accessible on foot and on bike, and Dane County Airport should be required to meet that bare minimum accessibility across modes before giving further preferential treatment to travelers arriving by car.

Ideally, International Ln would also be narrowed to one lane in each direction, based on current traffic counts of ~9k per day. This would help cut down on speeding, as well as making it safer to cross. Those crossings could then be facilitated via RRFB or traffic signal.

Thank you,

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