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Subject: Lighting on SW Bike Path

The Bicycle Federation has asked me to express support for the lighting of the SW Bike Path. In fact, though I am a devoted biker, I want to do the opposite. I oppose the light pollution this would cause. It would not improve safety, because excess lighting actually blinds people to what is happening in the margins. When I walk down a street and someone's lights go on, it is not only an annoyance to my eyes, it temporarily blinds me. BTW, I do not live near the bike path.

More generally, Madison has a problem with light pollution. The Perseid meteor shower this summer was overwhelmed by the lighting near the capital, blocking the view to the east, even over Mendota. Also, there is no need for all the buildings at the Univ. to be fully lit all night.

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