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To: Safe Streets <safestreets@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Midvale Blvd - Let's Talk Streets Resident Comments

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Hello,

We currently live on Midvale Blvd and would like to submit feedback about proposed bike safety improvements. We are unable to attend the neighborhood meeting tonight, and hopefully this reaches the right people.

We agree, that safety for bikes is important, as we have seen firsthand some of the safety hazards they face, and have experienced them ourselves. The street itself, particularly southbound between Regent and Mineral Point has numerous potholes which forces bikers to ride on the sidewalk, which makes walking on the sidewalks a hazard as well.

Regarding implementing a bike lane, we feel that by removing parking, this would cause a major detriment to those who live on Midvale, particularly between Regent and Mineral Point. We are curious to know at what time of day, data was pulled to assess the amount of parked cars, as non-daytime hours, there are typically more cars parked on the street (and overnight) on our block as people return from work. Nearly all of the houses on our portion of Midvale have single lane driveways, and street parking is necessary if you have a two car family if cars need to be switched out. Because of lot layouts, many people wouldn't have to option to renovate to a driveway wide enough to accommodate two cars next to each other. Furthermore, removing parking would make it quite inconvenient for any guests of people on the portion of Midvale between Regent and Midvale, and the only options would be to park on side streets of Merlham and Hillcrest, which is far away if you live in between them, as we do. We would favor a system similar to Segoe Rd. Where there is still a parking lane, a dedicated bike lane and then passenger lanes. We understand going to one lane is likely not feasible given the traffic especially at peak hours, but feel this would be the best compromise for all parties involved. If that would mean widening the road, I feel many would be okay with it.

As pedestrians, we would advocate for flashing beacons, they seem to work well on Segoe and we feel safe crossing that street, unlike Midvale (especially on Regent), where cars do not adhere to No Right Turn on Red on Regent turning SB onto Midvale, and given how far away the cross walk is from that turn.

As residents on this busy street, we agree that improvements need to be made, but feel our opinions on how this will impact those who live it every day should matter. Hopefully this is read and our feedback is considered...

Thank you for your time,

Eryn Bresser