

**Written testimony submitted after the PBMVC May 24th meeting's public hearing on potential pedestrian and bicycle projects for the 2012-2014 Capital Budget:**

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From: Dan Hoover [mailto:dwh2112@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2011 6:17 PM  
To: Traffic  
Cc: Dan Hoover  
Subject: Bike Path Suggestion

Hi:

How about enclosed bike paths to allow riding year round?

- \* Madison already has a high per capita usage of bike riders.
- \* No need to heat or cool, the idea is just to keep the rain and snow off.
- \* Incorporate "hubs" that have bike lockers, retail, coffee/food, etc.
- \* Reduces pollution, helps keep the cheese and brats in check, reduces the wear and tear on our streets, etc.
- \* Start simple - just an awning/canvas type "roof" over some existing paths. If the idea catches on, add sides and a real roof that incorporates solar panels to power lighting, etc.

Thanks,  
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**Sent:** Friday, June 03, 2011 10:49 AM  
**To:** Traffic  
**Subject:** bicycle path idea

Greetings:

Pursuant to your study, I would suggest a link from the Hilldale area through to Spring Harbor School and park area. I lived in Indian Hills in my elementary school years and found this area enchanting. The concern was crossing University Avenue. I used to go under the viaduct off Indian Hills Park. On some maps I saw a proposed bike path that was never started. The creek side area is a delight at Spring Harbor and would connect to the drive around Lake Mendota.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mark st Francis

Written comments for new pedestrian or bicycle projects can be made through May 31 to the Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motor Vehicle Commission, c/o Traffic Engineering Division, PO Box 2986, Madison, WI 53701-2986, or by email to [traffic@cityofmadison.com](mailto:traffic@cityofmadison.com).