

From: [Ryan Hartkopf](#)
To: [Transportation Commission](#); [Board of Public Works](#); [Figueroa Cole, Yannette](#)
Subject: Regarding the multi-use path plan on Hammersley Rd.
Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 11:25:09 AM

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Hello,

I watched the January 12 Transportation Commission meeting and just wanted to say that I strongly approve of the idea of adding a multi-use path to Hammersley Rd. I do not live in District 10, but I live in the Prairie Hills neighborhood and often bike on Hammersley to get downtown or to work.

Hammersley on the west side of Whitney Way feels like a death trap on a bicycle in its current condition, and I often see people walking on the stretch of road with no sidewalk. I believe that a multi-use path would be very helpful.

I don't often see people parked in the parking lanes on Hammersley Lane, **however** I do want to note that I see the Badger Bus park on Hammersley between Gilbert and Reetz to pick up people who are using wheelchairs. I have seen Badger Bus parked on the North and South sides of Hammersley to do pickup, so I think they service wheelchair users on both sides of the road. It would be worth soliciting input from people who use Badger Bus pickup in that area to make sure that the changes don't interrupt their service.

Thanks for your work on this,

Ryan Hartkopf
6633 Raymond Rd
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From: [Julie Houck](#)
To: [Board of Public Works](#)
Subject: Proposed 2022 Hammersley Rd project
Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 1:53:10 PM

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Dear Board Members,

We join our neighbors in dissenting to this project for the following reasons:

1. The City of Madison recategorized our residential street as an emergency route 6 years ago. In so doing, most of the speed deterrents offered to our neighboring streets were no longer optional for us. Our only issue on this street is speed. We do not understand why Raymond Rd, 4 blocks to our South with a throughway directly to Verona Rd, is not the emergency route in this neighborhood. It is commercial; we are residential. It is a flat plane and we are a steeply graded hill. It has direct access from the Fire Station just off Raymond Rd. We believe that many of our concerns about traffic are not addressed because we are now an emergency route. Please study and reconsider that. Especially with the planned reconstruction of our street into two narrower lanes.
2. Your planned construction removes all on-street parking for a residential street that is a 3 block equivalent to normal block length in Madison. That means that any guests to any resident will have to park on a neighboring street and walk up or down a steep grade to get to our home. Everyone on the block entertains and we often have significant parked vehicles here. During the public hearings on this proposed construction, we were informed that we could enlarge our driveways to add parking if we so choose. Telling us to add a parking lot to our front yards is condescending, and fails to address the bigger issue here. We could remove the speeding issue if we were not an emergency route.
3. We have owned our property for 27 years. Bit by bit, we have seen multi-use housing added further West that increased crime and speeding. We have experienced the addition of City buses exceeding the speed limit by 10-20 mph. We have experienced multiple "assessments" of traffic and speeding without any relief because we are an emergency route. Our property values, when the City finishes removing our canopy of large oak trees, and installing a multi-use pathway that will cross our driveways, will plummet. We do not agree with the pathway because most of us will need to cross it when backing out of driveways. This is an accident waiting to happen. We understand you want to replace the sewer mains. Do it. But also remove Hammersley Road from emergency route for the City and put in speed bumps. Let us keep on-street parking for quality of life. We do not need a walkway or biking path. Everyone who lives in this neighborhood uses Hempstead Road for that, one block to the south. Had you surveyed the residents, and not just the general public, you would have learned that. As it is, if you put the proposed plan in place, we will all be leaving and you will have one more neighborhood that succumbs to poor planning, reduced property values and lower property taxes.

Julia Houck
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AARON CANTON

2-27-22

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MR CANTON,

THIS WILL BE MY THIRD RESPONSE TO THE INITIAL PROPOSAL REGARDING HAMMERSLEY RD. SEVERAL NEIGHBORS HAVE SPENT TIME REVIEWING, WATCHING YOUR REPORTS ON CABLE 994 AND IT APPEARS THAT THE CITY HAS DECIDED TO IMPLEMENT THIS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FIRST AND SECONDLY TELL THE USERS, PROPERTY AND HOME OWNERS ON HAMMERSLEY WHAT THE CITY IS DOING, ALL WITHOUT INPUT FROM US WHO ARE MOST AFFECTED. OUR DISCUSSIONS HAVE INCLUDED FEED BACK FROM HAMMERSLEY RD RESIDENTS, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND OTHERS INCLUDING PLANS/GOALS/OPINIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROJECT AS . . .

- PEDESTRIAN / BIKER SAFETY
- TRAFFIC / PED / BIKER DEATHS AND INJURY
- ALLOCATING MORE BIKE LANES
- REDUCING PARKING

WE GENERALLY AGREE THAT THE POSITIVE APPLICATION OF THE ABOVE IS GOOD. HOWEVER, HAMMERSLEY RD FROM WHITNEY EAST THRU SILBERT RD TO THE BELTLINE AREA IS NOT EAST WASH / WEST WASH / UMW AVE / 50 PARK ST / MIN PT RD.

HAMMERSLEY IS PURELY AND SIMPLY A RESIDENTIAL STREET AND SHOULD NOT BE TREATED

WITH A RUBBER STAMP SOLUTION
RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS
OR ANY OTHER WITH OUT CAREFUL OVERSIGHT.

WHO USES HAMMERSLEY ?,

WHEN IS IT USED ?

HOW IS IT USED ?

THERE IS NO COMMERCIAL OR RETAIL ON IT !

(APPROX)

- WALKERS OF ALL AGES ————— 6 AM TO 9 AM
- JOGGERS / BIKERS / DOG WALKERS — 7 AM TO 10 PM
- U.S. POST OFFICE / FEDX / UPS ————— 8 AM TO 6 PM
- TRASH COLLECTORS ————— 9 AM TO 4 PM
- LAWN SERVICES / TREE REMOVALS ————— 7 AM TO 4 PM
- MAJOR APPLIANCE BIG BOX TRUCKS ————— 9 AM TO 4 PM
- SNOW PLOWERS (CITY AND PRIVATE) ————— 5 AM TO 11 PM
- HOME BUILDING / REMODELING ————— 7 AM TO 4 PM

THE COMMON NEEDS FOR MOST OF THESE ARE STREET
PARKING , ACCESS TO DRIVEWAYS AND
VEHICLES TOWING LONG FLATBEDS THAT
WONT FIT IN DRIVEWAYS .

THE DESIGN OF HAMMERSLEY RD (WHITNEY TO BELTLINE)
AS IT IS USED SUCCESSFULLY BY ALL THE ABOVE
WITHOUT BIKE/WALKING, JOGGING OR
PEDESTRIAN INJURY OR DEATHS FROM AUTO
OR LARGE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TRAFFIC APPEARS
TO BE ZERO (0) — SINCE AROUND 1970 AS REPORTED
TO ME FROM CURRENT AND PAST RESIDENTS
OF THIS STREET ON OR ROAD .

THE FOLLOWING IS MY 34 YEARS OF RESIDENCE AT 5509 HAMMERSLEY AS I HAVE OBSERVED THE STREET USE AND LANE DESIGN AS IT IS NOW.

THE RECONSTRUCTION MAKES THE USE OF THE MULTI-USE LANE THE ONLY PATH FOR ALL ITS USES. THAT IS LESS SAFE ESPECIALLY AT PEAK USE HOURS THAN THE CURRENT STREET LANE APPLICATION. A 10' MULT-USE LANE WITH THE MINIMAL MIX OF PEDESTRIANS, JOGGERS, BIKERS, DOG WALKERS GOING IN BOTH EAST AND WEST DIRECTIONS ARE BOUND TO COLLIDE RANDOMLY. CURRENTLY THERE IS AN EAST BOUND LANE ON THE SOUTH CURB LINE AND A WEST BOUND LANE ON THE NORTH CURB LINE, NOW BIKERS HAVE AN OPTION TO ENTER INTO THE TRAFFIC LANES. A MIX OF WALKERS, CHILDREN / DOGS AND BIKERS GOING BOTH EAST AND WEST AS PLANNED + ALL IN A 10' WIDTH LANE (ESPECIALLY AT PEAK USE TIME) JUST WON'T WORK. WHERE IS ANY SAFETY IN THE NEW PLAN?

AARON, I'M FOCUSING ON THE LACK OF SAFETY WITH YOUR MULT-USE LANE. MY WIFE JUDIE AND MY PREVIOUS RESPONSES SENT IN DEAL WITH THE OTHER ISSUES THAT I'M NOT MENTIONING HERE, IN SEVERAL WAYS OTHER DETAILS OF THE PLAN ARE LESS EFFECTIVE THAN THE CURRENT STREET.

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I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT YOU
MEET WITH ME AT HAMMERSLEY RD SO WE
CAN WALK THE STREET AND REVIEW THE
NEEDS OF CONVENIENCE, SAFETY AND ACCESS
THAT WE HAVE NOW THAT WILL BE LOST
WITH YOUR PROPOSED PLAN.

I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT EVERYONE WE'VE
DISCUSSED THE PROJECT WITH IS PRO-BIKE.
WE UNDERSTAND THAT HAMMERSLEY IS A
MAJOR FUNNEL WITHIN THE S.W. CORRIDOR
OF MADISON TO LINK UP WITH THE VARIOUS
CITY AND COUNTY BIKE PATH MAZE OF TRAILS.
IT IS HOW TO DO IT WITHOUT INORDINATE LOSS
OF ACCESSIBILITY AND CONVENIENCE TO
SUBSEQUENT PROPERTY VALUE LOSS TO OUR
RESIDENTS. CALL ME, I'M RETIRED AND
CAN ARRANGE TO MEET WITH YOU AT
YOUR CONVENIENCE.

BILL WATERMAN
5509 HAMMERSLEY RD
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February 28, 2022

Matthew Farrelly
5522 Hammersley Rd.
Madison, WI 53711

Dear Mr. Canton:

I do hope that this letter finds you well. Thank you for the ways that you and your team consider how to make Madison's streets — both residential and commercial — safe, functional, aesthetically beautiful, and maintained according to the best conditions possible given all the multifaceted dynamics that you have to weigh annually, if not daily. I say this only to acknowledge that I know your planning must account for a lot. Please accept this letter from me as a voice representing a happy citizen of Madison and Orchard Ridge, homeowner on Hammersley Road, and neighbor, cyclist, and frequent walker of our here in the neighborhood environs of Hammersley.

I do not presume to understand all of what you must consider when undertaking such large project as the one projected for Hammersley this coming Spring. I am grateful that that the city has reached out to us with the survey and the Zoom meetings. Sadly, because of my University schedule, I was unable to attend any of the slated meetings (I am a K-12 teacher and now a PhD student in Education and History and a lecturer in those departments). I would have, otherwise. Please receive this letter in lieu of my attendance, and a more personal expression of my position on the matter.

I would like to keep my letter brief, highlighting the most important reasons why I humbly and conscientiously ask you and your team to consider modifying your proposed plans for the overhaul of Hammersley Road. *In short, from my point of view, which include conversations with neighbors and their activities on Hammersley Road, the proposed plan to add a multi-purpose bicycle/walking/running path with a green to separate from the vehicle traffic does not fully consider the nature of Hammersley as a residential road, and overestimates the safety benefits that the slated multi-use path are purported to provide.*

Hammersley Road is not without its history over the last decade or more, as you know. Obviously, much has been done to make Hammersley a safer road, especially from speeding drivers. The implementation of the Whitney Way median has radically (positively so) altered the traffic conditions, making Hammersley itself all the safer for cyclists and walkers alike. However, regarding safety holistically, I think *the biggest safety concern on Hammersley has been the uneven surface, potholes, and the lack of maintaining bright, reflective paint lines.* This alone would radically maintain cycler and walker safety. Regarding historical incidents, I do not recall any cases of cyclist or walker accidents in the years that I have resided on Hammersley. Furthermore, whatever episodes have occurred in the city of Madison, *I kindly ask that you not*

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apply an idealized blueprint wholesale to all Madison streets. Neighborhood streets like Hammersley should be treated differently than streets nearer to downtown, where I suspect there have been greater concerns for pedestrian and cyclist safety.

That said, have you considered alternative plans for Hammersley that would ensure that the very real residential needs of those who live on Hammersley could continue? For example, parking: where will guests park on Hammersley? Only so many vehicles can fit into driveways. What about lawn-care service vehicles and their trailers? How will they safely park with their equipment along the roadside (or even gain access to driveways if necessary given the space constraints)? What of the postal service vehicles which are not permitted to enter driveways? What about garbage services?

I assume that safety is one of the greatest concerns for this plan, and I certainly want all residents and commuters and recreational cyclists to feel safe. However, please consider that this multi-use path may create more of a hazard by funneling traffic, and that adequate safety could be maintained with better road conditions.

I appreciate you taking the time to consider this appeal. Please also note that I have acquired the signatures of other residents and users of our street who would also ask for the city to reconsider its slated plans. Although they may differ some on particulars of what I have stated above, the undersigned have voiced that they would like an alternative to the slated plan.

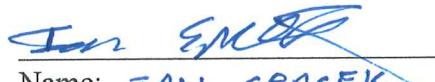
Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me personally via mail, phone (630-441-8108), or email (matthew.r.farrelly@gmail.com). Thank you.

Respectfully,



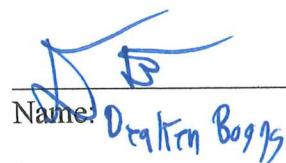
Matthew Farrelly
5522 Hammersley Road
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Other Resident Signatories:



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Name: Duglin Boggis

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Megan Zielke
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HunterDyer

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5505 Hammersley Rd

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J WK
Name: Jonathan Kirk

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Address:



Name: Address:

*Please Note that there are other residents that were not home at the sign of signature collection who also have expressed concern.
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Thank you.

March 5, 2022

Matthew Farrelly
5522 Hammersley Rd
Madison, WI 53711

Dear Alder Cole, Transportation Commission Committee, Board of Public Works, and Common Council:

I hope that this finds you all well. I understand that there is still time to provide input to you all. I thank you for taking the time to read and respectfully consider this letter as an earnest response to the most recent Orchard Ridge Neighborhood Association letter that included Alder Yannette Figueroa Cole's letter within it.

Thus far, I have responded to the survey that was sent to each home concerning this project. I expressed my concerns there, some of which I will address here, though with more specific detail as related to the recent letter from Alder Cole. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Zoom meetings due to my schedule (I am a PhD candidate in the Education and History departments and I teach at the university during those times), however, I drafted a letter and sent it to Mr. Aaron Canton and Mr. Bill Bremen (of Orchard Ridge) to express my views. In addition to expressing my own views, I walked Hammersley Road in order to acquire signatures of those neighbors who were in opposition to the slated plan. Including myself, I acquired 16 signatures. I could have acquired more, but some neighbors were not home at the time.

These details seems to indicate a contrary state of affairs to Alder Cole's indication that "only a few notes of concern" have been raised. Furthermore, I would like to respond to some of the specific concerns that Alder Cole raised in her recent letter, most especially regarding how the Hammersley Road resurfacing/redesign project touches on matters of *safety; community input/communication; the Hammersley road Project and its relationship to Vision Zero; values of equity and inclusivity; and interpretations of our neighborhood parking concerns and motives.*

Please understand that the concern for **safety** of our streets and those who use our streets — cyclists, walkers, elderly, youth, handicapped, drivers — are concerns that are shared by our community. In fact, representative persons from each of these demographics live on our street. And we *do* desire safe streets for all, not just for those living on our street. Our values for safe streets, I believe, should not be questioned or assumed to be guided by purely selfish desires and only "personal use" concerns. I am not privy to all forms of communication that have been sent, nor do I want to speak for all persons on our streets, but *carte blanche* over-generalizations about our motives is uncharitable and disrespectful — assuming we care nothing about our relationship to the wider citizenry of Madison. That seems out of place and unwarranted.

Parking is indeed a concern for those of us who live on Hammersley, though not solely for our own personal and (implied) *exclusive*, selfish concerns. In fact, safety of not just ourselves, but those who use the street for multi-use purposes is chief among our concerns. Furthermore, that street parking be retained is a serious concern for people like myself for maintaining an inclusive neighborliness and open hospitality. Weekly, I host multiple community-building gatherings in my home for a diversity of people from all over Madison, not just Hammersley or Orchard Ridge.

Without parking on the street, I am deeply concerned that my ability to be hospitable to my guests would be threatened as I do not have enough driveway room to accommodate them all. Parking on Gilbert or Whitney Way seems out of the question precisely for *safety* concerns — what the plan is ostensibly meant to safeguard. With the slated plan, I can't imagine being able to host guests as I do and maintain my own values of inclusivity and hospitality.

Hammersley Road is a public road, yes; nor does it belong to any one of us who live on it. However, we who do reside on the street maintain a vested interest that it be a safe road not just for ourselves, but for our guests and all who use it — cyclists, walkers, etc. As a citizens of Madison and Orchard Ridge, I can speak for many of the neighbors that live on my stretch of the street: they are concerned for the well-being of our neighborhood and *all* who use its streets.

Vision Zero's stated values are my own values and they are the values of many who live on Hammersley. I desire to eliminate traffic deaths and injuries on our streets, including Hammersley. The stated value of Vision Zero is to “improve the *identified high injury intersections*” and to do so by means of “data-driven enforcement *and* community engagement.” When considering the safety data provided on the Vision Zero website (“City of Madison, WI 2020 Crash Facts”) it is important to note that there have been absolutely no bicycle or car crashes on Hammersley Road. I respectfully ask that these values be honored and that *rhetorical* appeals to fear (that Hammersley is not safe) not cajole city officials into making a decision that is unnecessary or imprudent, holistically.

The highest injury and death data, to my knowledge, comes from the tragic history of the Whitney Way and Hammersley intersection that, thankfully, has largely been solved with the creation of the by-pass that was built there some years ago. The Hammersley road traffic between Gilbert and Whitney Way has drastically been reduced since then. Of course, if prudent changes should be made to ensure the greater safety of the historically “high-injury intersection” of Whitney-Hammersley be made, then I am in full support, however, I fear that the multi-purpose path would create more of a danger than imagined.

I am not, in principle, opposed to making changes to Hammersley Road if I knew that it would truly make a difference for safety for all who use it, not just those who reside on our street. However, my concern is that this plan reflects an all-too-common attempt to implement a **top-down bureaucratic plan** that does not adequately account for the **“street-level bureaucracy”** of those who live and work here — all, ironically, *not* in adherence to the plans own stated values. I was a K-12 teacher for 10 years before entering the PhD program at UW-Madison, and there was nothing so frustrating as top-down implementations that did not account for the on-the-ground needs and conditions as experienced by teachers and students in the classrooms.

Hammersley Road should absolutely be a safe road for all. I respectfully ask that serious consideration be taken to reflect on whether the slated plan *overestimates* the safety that the multi-use path and green would bring. For many of us who live on the road, we envision it as holding great risk of producing greater safety hazards than imagined by the committee — a safety hazard for those who would use the multi-use path *and* drivers, residents, and those state and local workers who utilize the street (such as postal service, lawn-care crews, tree-services, city crews who remove yard waste, etc.) and its available road-side parking lane.

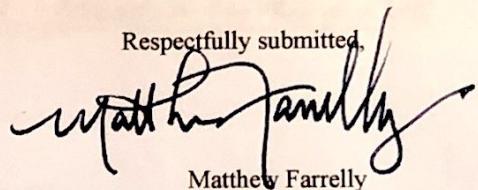
I respectfully ask that you consider the above when making your decision for Hammersley Road. I cannot speak for all residents’ motives, but I have interacted with enough to know that a considerable number are not motivated by purely selfish ends. Hammersley Road has been in sore need of a **resurfacing** for the safety of all who use it. Its uneven surface, potholes, and lack of vibrant and reflective painted lines has been the greatest concern I have had for safety for all.

I do very much thank you for your time in reading this. Thank you for your service to our community and for considering these concerns. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via mail, email (matthew.r.farrelly@gmail.com), or phone (630-441-8108). Thank you.

In summary, I have bulleted the concerns as follows:

- **Safety:** we are concerned for the holistic safety of *all* who use Hammersley Road; we strongly feel that the redesign changes would actually pose a greater safety threat, most especially at the intersection of Hammersley and Whitney. Please consider each segment of Hammersley Road and its **local conditions**.
- **Parking:** I cannot speak for the entire stretch of Hammersley, but between Gilbert and Whitney, parking is utilized by many residents — *and their many guests* on a weekly basis. Please do not remove our ability to be inclusive and hospitable, if these are genuine concerns we share.
- **Vision Zero Values and Data:** please let the values of the program (and data) *consistently* guide the decision for Hammersley in a way that accounts for local conditions and local wisdom and prudence borne from many collective years of experience of that place. And **please do not assume** that these same locals do not care about these values and for the betterment of Madison's streets and citizenry.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew Farrelly

P.S. I have walked the neighborhood and have acquired the following signatures of those neighbors on and around Hammersley Road who support a reconsideration of the slated plan in keeping with the spirit of the above letter. While they may have a difference of opinion on some of the issues as I've stated them, they oppose the plan as it is currently proposed and respectfully ask for your reconsideration. Thank you.

Robert W. Park

Name: Robert W. Park

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Barbara S Park

Name: Barbara S Park

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CKB (dislocated)

Name: Christine Beatty (dislocated)

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Done Dyer
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TWK

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Name: Jacob Culver

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Joshua Delamater

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Luke Penney

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Michael Culbertson

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Ethan Kent

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Leah B. Lacy

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Name: Andrew Park

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Fitchburg, WI

Name: Tressa Springer

Address: 2122 Allen Blvd
Middleton, WI, 53562

Name: Sam Sutherland

Address: 914 Tramore Trail
Madison, WI 53717

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From: [Jennifer Herzberg](#)
To: [Board of Public Works](#)
Subject: Hammersley Road Resurfacing project
Date: Monday, March 7, 2022 12:40:32 PM

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I'm writing to you in support of the Hammersley Road resurfacing project plans. I'm a new Hammersley homeowner, and I'm very excited about the multi-use path as proposed. From my desk, I watch children walk to school, commuters ride their bicycles, and folks walk their dogs — all in the bike lane/gutter area. I believe having separation from the roadway will improve their experience and safety. I disagree with those who think that a narrower roadway will make the road feel less like a "neighborhood street", and I'm eager to have a safer, more pleasant place to walk.

Thank you,
Jennifer Herzberg
5114 Hammersley Rd

From: [Dan Edlebeck](#)
To: [Board of Public Works](#)
Subject: Written comments re April 6 agenda item 9 - Hammersley Rd project
Date: Friday, April 1, 2022 3:08:54 PM
Attachments: [Hammersley Rd project Board of Public Works April 6 \(2\).docx](#)

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Attached is a document containing written comments about the April 6 agenda item #9 - Hammersley Rd resurfacing project. I have registered to speak at the meeting and will be available to answer questions.

Regards,

Dan Edlebeck

To: Board of Public Works
From: Dan Edlebeck, 5514 Hammersley Rd, edlebecd@gmail.com, 920-675-6162
Re: Hammersley Rd Resurfacing Project

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the Board's April 6 meeting agenda item relating to the Hammersley Road Resurfacing Project. My reply primarily focuses on the 2022 phase and only for the stretch of Hammersley Rd from Whitney Way to Gilbert Rd. I, and many other residents of the Whitney Way-Gilbert corridor, strongly ask that the Board not approve the current proposed resurfacing design until further negotiations with residents can be completed and mutually agreed upon (I am available to participate in such discussions if asked). The following three items - project design flexibility, safety, and parking - are important matters that should receive additional investigation and consideration. My explanations are brief in deference to the Board's time but more examples and detail can be shared.

1. PROJECT DESIGN FLEXIBILITY. The three individual stretches of Hammersley Rd in the overall 2022 & 2023 project design (i.e., Brookwood -Whitney Way, Whitney Way-Gilbert, and Gilbert-Beltline) each have unique and notable differences from the others in terms of neighborhood safety and parking matters. The city should take such differences into consideration before enforcing a one-size-fits-all approach to this project (as well as future ones). While I support the city's overall efforts regarding safety, flexibility is key toward making the diverse neighborhoods welcoming and useable based on their local conditions.

2. SAFETY. It goes without saying that safety is of utmost concern for all residents and visitors. The present surface layout of Hammersley Rd (Whitney Way-Gilbert) is already a safe street for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles. I have searched the city's website and have been unable to find accident statistics that refute this. In fact, one of the proposed design changes calls for a single, off-road, bi-directional multiuse path to be shared by pedestrians and bicyclists which may pose unforeseen risks to users of the path. This path will intersect private driveways creating unsafe situations for bicyclists who are inattentive to moving vehicles in the driveways. Certain cyclists will likely prefer to use the proposed street traffic lanes as a presumed safe and more efficient means of travel or if attempting to avoid pedestrians. Should the streets be narrowed, this would pose a greater risk. Furthermore, combined winter maintenance of the path and road will create significant blind spots for cyclists and homeowners. The current road surface layout provides cyclists and pedestrians safe options for travel on both the north and south edges of Hammersley and has worked well.

3. PARKING. The city's proposed elimination of on-street parking and the narrowing of curb-to-curb street width seems shortsighted and will likely create unsafe traffic conditions. Service vehicles (e.g., US Postal Service, FedEx, UPS, Amazon, city trash/recycle, tree trimming and removal, lawn care, local HVAC/plumbing/electrical/remodeling trades, etc.) use on-street space for daily temporary and/or frequent parking stops. The city's proposed plan will require vehicular traffic to pass stopped service vehicles by going around them into the opposite and on-coming east/west traffic lane. It seems only logical to conclude that future traffic accidents are likely.

Residents of Hammersley rely on street parking availability for various events. It is unreasonable to ask visitors (including the service vehicles mentioned above) to park on adjacent streets and walk inconvenient distances especially during inclement weather or if there are mobility or ADA issues. The Whitney Way-Gilbert span is at least twice as long as an "ordinary" city block and has no convenient north/south streets that intersect it. Furthermore, most homes on this span do not have the long driveways like those on Hammersley from Gilbert eastbound. Maintaining the existing parking lane(s) is an easy and safe solution.

In conclusion, I cannot presume to comprehend all the issues that the city must consider and address when working on a project of this magnitude. I am grateful for the past survey and Zoom opportunities to provide feedback. Unfortunately, these opportunities have left me with the impression that the city has already made a final and firm decision to go forth with the proposed design for the Whitney Way-Gilbert stretch of the project in spite of resident concerns. I have heard that the Board of Public Works may be one of the last, best, opportunities for having our concerns recognized and for changes to be made in the final design based on local conditions.

I sincerely feel that the City of Madison can do better.