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Related: I've just found this multi-state traffic research from John Hopkins that finds narrower travel lanes reduce crashes.

<https://narrowlanes.americanhealth.jhu.edu/>

Thank you,

Matthew Wise

On Tue, Nov 7, 2023 at 12:44 PM Matt Wise <[matthew.rs.wise@gmail.com](mailto:matthew.rs.wise@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Transportation Commission,

I live on the west side in the Midvale Heights neighborhood. My wife and I share a car and I try to bike where I can when safe. I've been teaching my daughter (age 5) to bicycle and she has independently observed how much nicer it is to ride on the smooth, straight bike path (SW commuter path) compared to bumpy sidewalks.

I'm worried that the widened sidewalks plan for Mineral Point is a missed opportunity to build valuable cycling infrastructure for that corridor. The proposed sidewalks will be winding, variable in width, and may even have a seam in the middle. Cycling along Mineral Point today is something I try to avoid (which is a shame since it would be an ideal east-west route for those trips where the University Ave path and the West Town path are not viable). These widened sidewalks would not increase my enthusiasm for cycling along Midvale and seem like a poor use of city resources compared to building more appropriate dedicated cycling infrastructure like the city has done in many other places.

Thanks for your time,

Matthew Wise