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**To:** Transportation Policy Board  
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Dear Transportation Policy Board Members:

I oppose item #72615 and its attempt to overregulate the shared use of Madison bike paths.

I am a homeowner on the isthmus of Madison. My front yard is directly on the Capital City bike path, one of if not the most heavily used trails in the city. I frequently negotiate leaving my own driveway with the many daily users and marvel at the assortment of transportation methods in play today on our trails.

I see bicycles, e-bikes, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, and newer items like One Wheels zipping past my lawn every single day. More importantly, I see them share that space with joggers and dog walkers and pedestrians going to their workplaces and in the 11 years I have had my home I have never seen an accident between these groups.

With the John Nolen and Williamson Street intersection under construction for several months, heavy waves of auto traffic have been diverted and Williamson Street has seen spikes in the number of motor vehicles using it. We have also had our SIXTH crash into a small business building on the street involving a car. Now, more than ever, we need to embrace and encourage the culture of users who opt out of car transport.

Encouraging responsible path use is a positive step but encoding speed limits, warning bells, wasteful speed bumps, and other items is a backward move. My very first e-bike ride on the Southwest Commuter Path was *yesterday* and I absolutely loved it--helmeted, among joggers and a few rollerbladers, and pedaling as fast as I could. It was a bright and warm day and we all enjoyed getting to where we wanted to be without the government babysitting our every turn.

Thank You,  
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