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Good morning,

I appreciate the goal and progress being made towards pedestrian and bike improvements on the N Baldwin St corridor (seriously, thank you for this!). After seeing the powerpoint presentation, I would like to submit the following comments:

RE: Add bike lanes on Baldwin St • E Wilson to E Washington • E Mifflin to E Johnson •  
Bike lane only on uphill segment between E Mifflin & E Johnson

To clarify, this new bike lane will be present on both uphill sides of the N Baldwin St hill? I read it as only a single uphill segment northbound only. Personally, I've found that heading southbound uphill feels far more dangerous on a bike than heading northbound - northbound has a much longer sightline to see bikes vs the commuters turning southbound from E Johnson.

RE: • Add continental crosswalks • Baldwin at E Mifflin

I strongly feel that this particular intersection needs more than extra paint. This belief has become much more poignant as school has started. The E Mifflin bike boulevard is a major thoroughfare for families biking and walking to both Lapham Elementary and the Tenney Nursery preschool, both located on Mifflin St. In addition, the Mifflin bike boulevard leads directly into the Yahara bike path and city network. Many families hemmed in by East Washington and E Johnson bike through this intersection to get to access the bike path network and Marquette, O' Keefe, and East Schools.

I don't know if anyone has collected pedestrian and bike data during the school year at the E Mifflin and N Baldwin intersection, but I would put money on the total number of kids on bikes, cargo bikes, commuter bikes, and pedestrians well into the hundreds. Surely a stop sign or flashing beacons can be installed here to draw the attention of car commuters not used to stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks or looking for kids on small bikes.

Thank you,

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