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Comment from the Associated Students of Madison, UW's Student Government.

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To: Common Council

Subject: Recommendation on City Safe Streets Program legislation

Dear Common Council,

The Associated Students of Madison, the Student Government of the University of Wisconsin-Madison thanks the members of the Transportation Commission for the opportunity to provide comments on this item, regarding updates to Safe Streets Madison. ASM encourages you to vote in favor of items 9-11, 20, 27, 30, 33, 35, and 39 as they will greatly improve the safety for bikers around campus.

A proportion of UW-Madison students rely on bike lanes and safety legislation to get around the campus safely. The creation of more green paths would increase safety in the areas proposed, and possibly encourage more students to utilize their bikes versus a less sustainable transportation alternative.

An increased presence of green bike paths propose many benefits to the larger community. Students utilizing these bike paths may learn more common courtesy of the road and a better sense of direction if utilizing the pathways. Further, these bike lanes would decrease the concentration of people on the sidewalks specifically near Campus Drive and Engineering. It also proposes increased safety for pedestrians walking on these sidewalks.

Further, a large proportion of students who bike may have the need to bike at night which

produces a large safety risk. The creation of green bike paths propose an encouragement for these students to use the lighted roads, rather than darker, more restricted areas such as Lakeshore Path.

In conclusion, the Associated Students of Madison is highly in support of the proposed green bike paths. The population of students who utilize these bikes on campus will be safer, more sustainable, and more aware of the greater community. We as an organization ask for your support to increase the wellbeing of all bikers in the greater Madison area.

Sincerely,

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