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To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support Zook Park connector

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Hello Board of Park Commissioners,

I'm writing to voice my support for building a connection between the SW Commuter Path and Zook Park. Residents on foot and bike deserve a direct path to get to the very useful bike path from their neighborhood. It just makes sense to provide a connection here because it all routes through city/park property.

Thanks for your consideration,

Ben Noffke

Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 5:50 PM
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Subject: Zook Park Connection

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I write to support the construction of a connection between Zook Park and the Southwest Commuter Path.

Municipal parks are not a resource to be allotted for use by only small groups of neighbours, nor should those groups be allowed to prevent access to the all-ages and all-abilities bike network by objecting to connection via city parks. Imagined bugaboos must not be permitted to discourage users of our municipal spaces. Discrimination on the basis of how users arrive at the park is no less abhorrent than other forms of discrimination.

I ask you to support the connector and support access to transportation alternatives throughout the city.

Kaleb Haugen

Bike Commuter and Park User

From: Ella Christoph <ellachristoph@gmail.com>

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Subject: Zook Park Connector

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Hello,

I am a resident of Nakoma along with my husband and 2-year old son. We chose to move to Madison this year in large part because of its bikeability, and are glad to both be able to commute to work via bicycle and bus the vast majority of the time. This benefits us personally (our quality of life, physical and mental well-being) as well as minimizing our impact on the existing parking and traffic issues of the UW campus and downtown Madison.

I am writing in support of the Zook Park connector. We plan for our son to attend Thoreau Elementary, where he will have classmates from the Summit Woods neighborhood. The Zook Park connector will give my son and our family safe car-free access to classmates and friends in Summit Woods. Perhaps even more importantly, it will enable cycling commutes for these families to Thoreau, which has already been the focus of efforts to increase cycling and pedestrian commutes and decrease the dreaded pickup/dropoff car lines.

Along with improved cycling safety on Midvale (which I avidly support), the Zook Park connector is aligned with the community values of connection, nature, diversity, access and health that we hold so dearly.

Thank you,
Ella Christoph

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Subject: Support for Zook park connector

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I support a connector path from the SW Commuter Path to Zook Park.

A bit of history -- this connection was first discussed when the SW Commuter Path was being planned in 1998. It's really a "no brainer" and it's too bad it was skipped over. I'm glad that the reconstruction of Pontiac Trail has put this short, useful connection back on the map. It's long overdue.

-Craig Weinhold