

February 28, 2022

Matthew Farrelly
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Dear Mr. Canton:

I do hope that this letter finds you well. Thank you for the ways that you and your team consider how to make Madison's streets — both residential and commercial — safe, functional, aesthetically beautiful, and maintained according to the best conditions possible given all the multifaceted dynamics that you have to weigh annually, if not daily. I say this only to acknowledge that I know your planning must account for a lot. Please accept this letter from me as a voice representing a happy citizen of Madison and Orchard Ridge, homeowner on Hammersley Road, and neighbor, cyclist, and frequent walker of our here in the neighborhood environs of Hammersley.

I do not presume to understand all of what you must consider when undertaking such large project as the one projected for Hammersley this coming Spring. I am grateful that that the city has reached out to us with the survey and the Zoom meetings. Sadly, because of my University schedule, I was unable to attend any of the slated meetings (I am a K-12 teacher and now a PhD student in Education and History and a lecturer in those departments). I would have, otherwise. Please receive this letter in lieu of my attendance, and a more personal expression of my position on the matter.

I would like to keep my letter brief, highlighting the most important reasons why I humbly and conscientiously ask you and your team to consider modifying your proposed plans for the overhaul of Hammersley Road. *In short, from my point of view, which include conversations with neighbors and their activities on Hammersley Road, the proposed plan to add a multi-purpose bicycle/walking/running path with a green to separate from the vehicle traffic does not fully consider the nature of Hammersley as a residential road, and overestimates the safety benefits that the slated multi-use path are purported to provide.*

Hammersley Road is not without its history over the last decade or more, as you know. Obviously, much has been done to make Hammersley a safer road, especially from speeding drivers. The implementation of the Whitney Way median has radically (positively so) altered the traffic conditions, making Hammersley itself all the safer for cyclists and walkers alike. However, regarding safety holistically, I think *the biggest safety concern on Hammersley has been the uneven surface, potholes, and the lack of maintaining bright, reflective paint lines.* This alone would radically maintain cyclist and walker safety. Regarding historical incidents, I do not recall any cases of cyclist or walker accidents in the years that I have resided on Hammersley. Furthermore, whatever episodes have occurred in the city of Madison, *I kindly ask that you not*

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apply an idealized blueprint wholesale to all Madison streets. Neighborhood streets like Hammersley should be treated differently than streets nearer to downtown, where I suspect there have been greater concerns for pedestrian and cyclist safety.

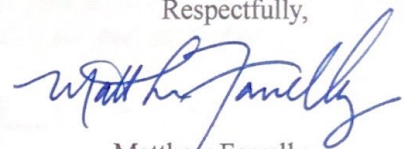
That said, have you considered alternative plans for Hammersley that would ensure that the very real residential needs of those who live on Hammersley could continue? For example, parking: where will guests park on Hammersley? Only so many vehicles can fit into driveways. What about lawn-care service vehicles and their trailers? How will they safely park with their equipment along the roadside (or even gain access to driveways if necessary given the space constraints)? What of the postal service vehicles which are not permitted to enter driveways? What about garbage services?

I assume that safety is one of the greatest concerns for this plan, and I certainly want all residents and commuters and recreational cyclists to feel safe. However, please consider that this multi-use path may create more of a hazard by funneling traffic, and that adequate safety could be maintained with better road conditions.

I appreciate you taking the time to consider this appeal. Please also note that I have acquired the signatures of other residents and users of our street who would also ask for the city to reconsider its slated plans. Although they may differ some on particulars of what I have stated above, the undersigned have voiced that they would like an alternative to the slated plan.

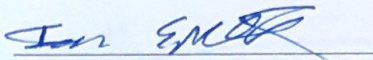
Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me personally via mail, phone (630-441-8108), or email (matthew.r.farrelly@gmail.com). Thank you.

Respectfully,

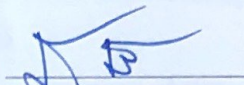


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* Please Note that there are other residents that were not home at the sign of signature collection ^{3 - Hammersley Rd. Appeal} who also have expressed concern.
Thank you.