

## Hacker, Marsha

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**Subject:** RE: West Wilson St Reconstruction

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Dear Members of the Board of Public Works and Alders:

Regarding the planned reconstruction of West Wilson street, like most other people, I oppose an option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk. It was my idea (mentioned at the engineering input meeting a few weeks ago) that a pilot study be performed that temporarily removes parking from the south side of West Wilson Street and defers the decision on reconstruction. Accommodating bicyclists requires a street design that takes into account the needs of people biking and walking on this important connection to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west. I hope you made that decision on Wednesday (I was out of town and couldn't make it).

Yes, this is one small link, but it sets the tone and moves in the right direction for what is needed. What is needed is a low-stress cycling NETWORK to take Madison to the next level with the benefits for all mode travel time, health, economics, the environment and ambience. Isn't this the City we want to become? The low-stress NETWORK envisioned is made up of pieces such as this and should be a priority investment for the City.

FYI, there is an interesting new comprehensive report from Sydney that puts a monetary value on "journey ambience" (cycling free from fear of cars); a benefit estimated to be worth 20% of all investment savings. The report concludes that overall \$3.88 is saved for every dollar spent on separated cycle ways. An entire low stress NETWORK needs to be planned AND funded to take Madison to the next level focusing on the benefits for all mode travel time, health, economics, the environment and ambience. Isn't this the City we want to become? FYI, story [here](#), full report available here: <http://bit.ly/2o1kPwO>.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, dear Alders:

Regarding the planned reconstruction of West Wilson street, please move forward with a street design that takes into account the needs of people biking and walking on this important connection to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west. I strongly oppose an option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk, as that is neither safe nor convenient for anyone. I support doing a well-designed and evaluated pilot project that would close one of the on-street parking lanes to put in a protected one-way or two-way bike lane.

Thank you for your consideration.

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