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Hi,

I have lived in Madison for the better part of 10 years, the last two as a carless resident of the Marquette Neighborhood. Walking and (E)biking are how I move about the city.

Since going carless, I've had two observations:

- 1) The relative strength of Madison's path network and
- 2) How awful it is to bike on the roads

There are very few protected bike lanes. Cars often speed and infringe on the bike lanes, and indeed the city has experienced a number of bike injuries and deaths – most recently this summer. I want to briefly repeat what others have already said so well:

To the extent that there is congestion on multi-user paths, it requires expanding the infrastructure rather than forcing some classes of users onto dangerous roads or imposing inflexible rules that will never satisfy everyone. Let's widen the existing paths. Create a massive network of ***protected*** bike lines on roads. And add even more multi-user paths.

Let's use this opportunity to make an already-good thing even better – by expanding it further. Not imposing restrictions on the people that enjoy it.

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