

**From:** Jenn Jackson [mailto:jenniferjjackson@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2017 11:39 PM  
**To:** Hatfield, Meagan  
**Subject:** Atwood reconstruction project feedback - Jackson

Dear Commission Members,

I am writing to provide some feedback regarding the Atwood Avenue reconstruction plans.

I support making a path to connect the lake loop to the capital trail through Olbrich park. While it means paving green space it is adding a safe route for cyclists (especially recreational) and lake access. The multi use path width could be widened to 12 feet to accommodate the multiple types of users who often compete for space on the existing sidewalk. It is a frequent scene to have two bikers, a dog walker and an adult with a jogging stroller. Let's plan for the increase in users of the path and do the construction once without regret.

Although I support the path, it does not provide sufficient safety and it creates some illogical routes. Please review the plan imagining you are a cyclist riding from CGR to Walter and back. The path through the park does nothing to improve bike safety in this area or from Oakridge to Fair Oaks. There's simply no designated place to be protected, it's a huge issue today and it doesn't seem to be improved with this plan. I ask that the option to have bike lanes on Atwood be revisited and incorporated.

I support rapid flash beacon pedestrian crossings at grade with the sidewalks. This will force drivers to slow down to go over the crosswalk and makes pedestrians more visible. Somehow we have neglected to prioritize slowing traffic that is driving through a park. I would like to see at least one more crosswalk added along the stretch between Walter and the main boat trailer parking lot. This is an area where people cross traffic with great frequency and it will continue unless a crosswalk is installed.

Lastly, if any of your plan suggestions can include planters please do. It would contribute to Atwood Ave. feeling like a neighborhood street instead of a through street. Plus, flowers would be most appropriate since it is in the middle of Olbrich park.

Thank you for considering my input,

Jenn Jackson

**From:** Hilary Carroll [mailto:hilaryecarroll@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 12:06 PM

**To:** Hatfield, Meagan

**Subject:** Atwood Avenue project feedback

Hello,

I live in the Eastmorland neighborhood and am a frequent user of Atwood Avenue. I am so glad that road and areas around it are being updated.

My primary concern is bike traffic vs pedestrian traffic. While there is a bike path only a two blocks away, behind Olbrich gardens, many bikes still use the sidewalk along the lake side of Atwood Avenue along Olbrich park. I also frequently use that sidewalk to walk, often with my dog. Bikes fly down that sidewalk so quickly, often nearly colliding with me and my dog, even though my dog is on a short leash.

There needs to be separation of bikes and pedestrians. Perhaps a divided use path like the one along Monona Terrace? It designates a lane for bikes and a lane for pedestrians. Something needs to be done to get bikes off the sidewalk on that stretch of Atwood. It makes me feel unsafe.

Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Hilary Carroll

Eastmorland Neighborhood resident

**From:** Jennelle Narlock [mailto:nellejune79@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 9:11 PM

**To:** Hatfield, Meagan

**Subject:** Reconstruction of Atwood

Hi Megan,

I would like to see bike lanes and SAFE pedestrian cross walks from Olbrich gardens to Olbrich park (crossing Atwood). I cross over frequently from Olbrich gardens to Olbrich park with my kids and there is no safe place to cross. Most cars do stop and they driving much too fast down that stretch. Also, I would like to see bike lanes being put in. Please consider pedestrians and bikes in this construction plan.

Thank you.

Jenelle

-----Original Message-----

From: Sara Lazenby [mailto:lazenby.sara@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 9:51 AM  
To: Hatfield, Meagan; Ahrens, David  
Subject: Atwood Ave reconstruction feedback

Hello,

My apologies if you aren't the right people for this, it's a bit hard to figure out who is responsible for this. I watched the Pedestrian, Bike, and Motor Vehicle Commission presentation from 10/24 and have some specific feedback based on that presentation.

- 1.) Please do not put a roundabout at Atwood/Walter. As a runner, this would make pedestrian crossing a nightmare at this intersection. Given intended pedestrian flow to/from the Biergarten, athletic fields when parking overflow happens, and for other events a roundabout isn't the answer here. I've navigated these as a pedestrian in the Thompson Ave. area, and while I love them as a driver, they aren't friendly for crossing.
- 2.) Any multi-use paths need to be wider to accommodate both pedestrians and bikes. I've nearly been run into the street running with a stroller by bikers traveling on the sidewalk here.
- 3.) Can we explore a bridge over Atwood or similar alternative? While multiple pedestrian crossings are shown, none of them actually force traffic to stop for those crossing.
- 4.) I'm in favor of extending the north side path as far as possible, but also feel the stretch from Walter to Dennett is unnecessary unless it extends to Cottage Grove.
- 5.) Please do not go to one lane inbound. The Lowell School location makes this impossible. Basically one car can make it through a right turn per light cycle once you account for the crossing guard's time spent in the intersection. trying to make one lane navigate that right turn lane would be terrible.
- 6.) Consider a solution to solve the issue of left turns into the garden at Oakridge. This situation current backs up traffic greatly heading outbound when someone tries to turn left into the gardens because there isn't anywhere else for traffic to go. Having outbound be entirely one lane will amplify this issue further, and it will now occur at both gardens entrances.
- 7.) One of the members is right to point out that sight lines are terrible pulling out of the Monona apartments. These apartments are lovely, well-managed, affordable homes. Please don't make them the bad guys, but do improve their sight lines.

8.) One member is particularly insistent at reducing motor vehicle traffic at all costs. Believe me, if biking or bussing was an available option given the constraints placed on me by my work and our daycare's hours, i would do it. Unfortunately we are not Europe with our approach to employment or child care, and as such the mythical situation he describes -- if we only make driving uncomfortable enough for people, they won't do it -- doesn't exist. Acting like this is a viable option will just leave us with increased commute times, which effect bus timing as well, and will just take people like me away from my family for longer each day.

Thanks for the chance to provide feedback.

Sara Lazenby  
Eastmorland Resident

Sent from my iPhone