

**Dailey, Janet**

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**From:** Bachmann, Christy  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2009 10:47 AM  
**To:** 'Diane Nordstrom'  
**Cc:** Dailey, Janet; Skidmore, Paul  
**Subject:** RE: Bike lanes on Blackhawk Road

Thank you for your comments regarding this project. We will make sure these are provided to the Board members for consideration at the June 3rd meeting.

Christy Bachmann, P.E.

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**From:** Diane Nordstrom [mailto:DKN@athletics.wisc.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2009 10:13 AM  
**To:** Bachmann, Christy  
**Subject:** Bike lanes on Blackhawk Road

Christy,

I just wanted to drop you a note in support of bike lanes on Blackhawk Road. I use the road to ride out to Blackhawk Ski Club for mountain biking but I know that it is also well used by other cyclists. I think bike lanes would make the road much safer for both drivers and cyclists.

Diane Nordstrom  
1809 Sheridan St.  
Madison, WI 53704

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**From:** Bachmann, Christy  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2009 10:28 AM  
**To:** Dailey, Janet; Skidmore, Paul  
**Subject:** RE: Blackhawk bike lanes?

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**From:** Shawn Stauske [mailto:sstauske@ci.middleton.wi.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2009 7:47 AM  
**To:** Mark Opitz, Dane County Supervisor, District 26  
**Cc:** robbie@robbiewebber.org; Bachmann, Christy  
**Subject:** RE: Blackhawk bike lanes?

Mark,

I wanted to add a slight clarification that as one of the adjacent property owners, the City of Middleton doesn't object to the planned addition of bike lanes. We support the planned widening to better accommodate bikes, and have tried appropriately budgeting for our share of the costs.

That being said, the City of Middleton is not the lead agency on the design, and we will support the design decision of the City of Madison in this regard.

**Shawn Stauske**  
**Middleton City Engineer**

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**From:** Bachmann, Christy [mailto:CBachmann@cityofmadison.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2009 9:42 PM  
**To:** Mark Opitz, Dane County Supervisor, District 26  
**Cc:** robbie@robbiewebber.org; Lawrence E. Bechler; Matthew J. Fleming; Karol K. Acree; Shawn Stauske  
**Subject:** RE: Blackhawk bike lanes?

Mark, the City of Madison is proposing to install bike lanes on Blackhawk Road from Pleasant View Road westerly to the City limits (approximately 1 mile). A hearing was held at the 5/20 Board of Public Works meeting. There was opposition to widening the road for bike lanes from the adjacent property owners. They referred the item to their June 3rd 4:30 meeting.

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**From:** Bachmann, Christy  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2009 10:23 AM  
**To:** 'fortkendall tds.net'  
**Cc:** Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva; Dailey, Janet; Skidmore, Paul  
**Subject:** RE: Support Blackhawk Road Bike Lanes

Thank you for your comments regarding this project. We will make sure these are provided to the Board members for consideration at the June 3rd meeting.

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**From:** fortkendall tds.net [mailto:fortkendall@tds.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2009 12:03 AM  
**To:** Bachmann, Christy; Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva  
**Subject:** Support Blackhawk Road Bike Lanes

We will not be able to attend the Board of Public Works meeting June 3 nor the Common Council meeting June 16 regarding the Blackhawk Road reconstruction project.

We strongly support bike lanes in this project for three reasons.

First, bike lanes are needed to encourage and enable local children to reach the proposed new school for this area. Many children are much too inactive and schools are continually reducing opportunities for physical activity. Biking to school is a healthy option that must be made available.

Second, the Blackhawk Ski Club grounds along this road hosts off-road bike riding and weekly bike events. Bike lanes to that property will enable participants who wish so, to bike rather than drive to these events.

Third, most former bicycle "escape routes" out of Madison to rural roads have been made virtually unrideable, or extremely unpleasant to ride, over the past 30 years. Black Hawk Road will join this sad list without bike lanes, and that cannot be allowed to happen.

This project is of regional significance, and the opposition of a few local people cannot be allowed to subjugate the public interest. The extra land required for bike lanes is a small fraction of the land already paved over to serve all the over-sized homes in the Blackhawk area. This project is paid for by everyone's fuel and property taxes, and it must serve the needs of bicyclists as well as motor vehicle users, by including bike lanes.

Sincerely,

Jeff Schimpff

5/28/2009

Ansel Schimpff  
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Theresa Stabo

2721 Kendall Avenue  
Madison, WI 53705

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**From:** Bachmann, Christy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2009 9:18 PM  
**To:** 'Renee Callaway'  
**Cc:** Kerr, Julia; Skidmore, Paul; Dailey, Janet  
**Subject:** RE: Bike Lanes on Blackhawk Road

Thank you for your comments regarding this project. We will make sure these are provided to the Board members for consideration at the June 3rd meeting if you are unable to attend.

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**From:** Renee Callaway [mailto:rccallaway@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2009 9:24 AM  
**To:** Bachmann, Christy  
**Cc:** Kerr, Julia  
**Subject:** Bike Lanes on Blackhawk Road

Christy,

I am writing in support of the addition of bike lanes to Blackhawk Road which I have heard will be discussed at an upcoming Public Works meeting. I have been riding on Blackhawk Road since the early 1990s as a way to reach Blackhawk Ski Club. Over this time the traffic volume has greatly increased on this road due to the expansion of housing opportunities both along the road and west of Blackhawk Road. The increased traffic volume has made this a less desirable route than in once was but many cyclists use it as it is the only way to reach Blackhawk Ski Club. In addition, it is a valuable connection with other popular cycling routes both into Madison and out into western Dane County. I hope that the City of Madison will support including bike lanes on this important route.

Thank you,  
Renee Callaway  
1001 Vilas Ave.  
Madison WI 53715

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**From:** Bachmann, Christy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2009 9:20 PM  
**To:** 'Wendy Ellis'  
**Cc:** Dailey, Janet; Skidmore, Paul  
**Subject:** RE: Blackhawk Bike Lanes

Thank you for your comments regarding this project. We will make sure these are provided to the Board members for consideration at the June 3rd meeting if you are unable to attend.

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-----Original Message-----  
From: Wendy Ellis [mailto:WEllis@mcpasd.k12.wi.us]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2009 9:57 AM  
To: Bachmann, Christy  
Subject: Blackhawk Bike Lanes

Good morning, Christy,

Thank you for your consideration of adding bike lanes to Blackhawk Rd. Bike lanes not only encourage non-motorized transportation and encourage physical fitness, but are important for the safety of all cyclists. I am among the many bikers that use the road often and with increased traffic volumes, I know that we would all feel more comfortable riding that route.

Thanks again,  
Wendy Ellis

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**From:** Bachmann, Christy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2009 9:21 PM  
**To:** 'Kent Wenger'  
**Cc:** Dailey, Janet; Skidmore, Paul  
**Subject:** RE: bike lanes on Blackhawk Rd

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**From:** Kent Wenger [mailto:kent\_wenger@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2009 10:21 AM  
**To:** Bachmann, Christy  
**Subject:** bike lanes on Blackhawk Rd

I just want to voice my support for having bike lanes on Blackhawk Rd. The road as it currently stands is very narrow, and the increase in traffic on Blackhawk has made cycling on it much more dangerous. Combined with the lack of bike lanes on Old Sauk, bike access to the west from Madison has gotten much worse in recent years as traffic on those roads has drastically increased.

Kent Wenger  
1711 Regent St  
Madison, WI 53726

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**From:** Bachmann, Christy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2009 9:22 PM  
**To:** 'Delaney, William - DOT'  
**Cc:** Dailey, Janet; Skidmore, Paul  
**Subject:** RE: Bike lanes for Blackhawk Road

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**From:** Delaney, William - DOT [mailto:William.Delaney@dot.wi.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2009 10:33 AM  
**To:** Bachmann, Christy  
**Subject:** Bike lanes for Blackhawk Road

I'm a cyclist that uses Blackhawk road regularly. It would be great if during construction/resurfacing that bike lanes were added.

Bill Delaney



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**From:** Bachmann, Christy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2009 9:23 PM  
**To:** 'csenty@aol.com'  
**Cc:** Dailey, Janet; Skidmore, Paul  
**Subject:** RE: bike lanes please!

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**From:** csenty@aol.com [mailto:csenty@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2009 10:52 AM  
**To:** Bachmann, Christy  
**Subject:** bike lanes please!

Hello,

Writing to express my strong support for bike lanes on the "new and improved" Blackhawk Road. Several friends and I use this route west for a weekly road ride and I also ride this road on occasion on my mountain bike to access trails at Blackhawk Ski Club. For the safety of both cyclists and the car drivers who must share the road and yield space when overtaking cyclists I urge you to include paved bike lanes on this section of Blackhawk Road.

Thank you for this chance to comment.

Carolyn Senty  
Madison cyclist, mt biker, car driver,  
cell 206-6008

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**From:** Bachmann, Christy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2009 9:24 PM  
**To:** 'Paul Manley'  
**Cc:** Dailey, Janet; Skidmore, Paul  
**Subject:** RE: re bike lanes on Blackhawk road

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**From:** Paul Manley [mailto:manleyp@svm.vetmed.wisc.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2009 11:32 AM  
**To:** Bachmann, Christy  
**Subject:** re bike lanes on Blackhawk road

Christy: as a long time resident of Madison and bicyclist, I would like to add my support to any plans looking at adding bicycle lanes to Blackhawk Road.

There are few safe corridors for cyclists to ride out of town and into the country. It would be wonderful if Blackhawk Road had this safety margin especially with the hills towards Twin Valley road. Often drivers of cars cannot adequately see pedestrians or cyclists as they come up and over those hills making it a potential accident waiting to happen.

Thanks for your consideration.

Paul Manley  
4238 Country Club Rd  
Madison WI 53711

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**From:** Bachmann, Christy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2009 9:25 PM  
**To:** 'B.C. Brown'  
**Cc:** Dailey, Janet; Skidmore, Paul  
**Subject:** RE: BPW meeting, Blackhawk Rd. Bike Lanes

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

**From:** B.C. Brown [mailto:b.c.brown@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2009 5:00 PM  
**To:** Bachmann, Christy  
**Subject:** BPW meeting, Blackhawk Rd. Bike Lanes

Dear Ms. Bachmann,

I'm unable to attend the June 3 Board of Public Works meeting, but would like to voice my support for bike lanes on Blackhawk Road. I believe all streets should be "complete streets," built to accommodate all users as safely as possible.

Thank you,  
Bridget C. Brown  
29 E. Wilson St. #308  
Madison, WI 53703