

8/24/08

TO: Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motor Vehicle Commission

FROM: Mark Shahan, Chair

RE: Pedestrian/bicycle capital projects rankings
(these comments were previously sent via email for the 8/26/08 meeting)

I would recommend the following projects in the following order for funding next year:

T1.1., Make ped/bike connectors between the cul-de-sacs of Manor Cross and/or Tocora Lane and the UW Research Park. This item seems to be progressing and will formalize important unofficial ped/bike connections to the research park.

T1.5. University Ave contra-flow signing: Place westbound "Bicycle (symbol) Wrong Way" (R5-1b) signs at each intersection of the University Avenue contra-flow bike lane. A safety issue and cheap to boot at \$4000.

T1.2., Eliminate old fence-row bike racks or any other racks that don't meet City code at City libraries and other City-owned property. I suggest adding \$5000 to the budget, if necessary and if current funding is unavailable, to start this process. This is cheap and a no brainer to me.

T2.1. West Shore Drive cul-de-sac at West Washington Avenue: provide a ped/bike curb cut to connect West Washington to West Shore. I understand not wanting auto cut-through traffic on West Shore Drive, but eliminating bicycle traffic was an oversight during the West Washington Avenue reconstruction. This item would allow direct bicycle access between West Shore Drive and the West Washington Avenue bike lanes without using the sidewalk for \$5000.

T2.3. Northeast corner of Aberg Avenue at Packers Avenue: need a connecting sidewalk (~400 ft?) from the east side of Packers around to Shopko plaza. I listed this after the above item because it is 5 times the price and because I am not sure if we need a sidewalk, ped/bike path, or both sidewalk and path. Thus it may need more planning than it first appears but it is a good project none the less.

T1.6. Capital City Path, John Nolen Dr. Section: path realignment at Lakeside. Realign existing path to connect to Lakeside at Olin-Turville Ct. instead of John Nolen. This is a safety issue but need to pick an alignment.

Total cost of all projects above: \$159,000.