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Subject: FW: MPO Website Feedback: What We Need for Better Transportation in Dane County

Hi TORC folks! Here's an email received at the MPO, FYI.

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From: Schaefer, William
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 11:33 AM
To: Benishek Clark, Anne; Strange, John
Subject: FW: MPO Website Feedback: What We Need for Better Transportation in Dane County

John and Anne,

FYI. This was sent to us, but it related to the work of the TORC.

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Message/Comments:

I saw a five minute video online today and it explains what people on bicycles need most of all in order to have cycling thrive as a mode of transport: safe intersections all along the cycling network. As the video explains, intersections are both critical and woefully under-planned and therefore junctures of compromised safety for all road users.

Many people in Dane County love the bicycling infrastructure that is currently available, but are reluctant or

unwilling to bike to common destinations, such as shopping districts, schools, healthcare clinics, movie theaters, grocery stores, large workplaces (e.g. American Family campus), etc. because of the intersections and/or on/off ramps that become unsafe barriers along their route.

Please watch this five minute video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpQMgbDJPok&feature=youtu.be>

The importance of filling Madison's long-empty Transportation Director position becomes crystal clear when we think of how to go about reaching our goal as a top-notch city for smart, safe, convenient transport. It's not just about off-street paths and striping lanes on busy roads, or placing a much-needed crosswalk here and there. We need an interconnected network that helps us get from home to where we want to go and back without unsafe interruptions along the way, whether we are walking, biking, in a wheelchair or other assisted mobility device, driving, taking a bus, or taxi. And it's a Transportation Director that will be tasked with creating the vision to direct our diverse city agencies to reach this goal in our foreseeable future.

I urge you encourage Mayor Soglin, the Madison alders, and other city and county officials to support filling the long-vacant City of Madison Director of Transportation position.

Thanks for your consideration,

-India Viola
Madison Resident