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Hello,

My name is Harry Jin, and as someone who travels through the West Area daily to get to school, I had a few comments on TC agenda item 3.

First, I think it is great that a plan is being crafted, and that plans are being made to plan for and spur future growth, such as the changing designation of streets to higher density, as plans should be made to reflect future goals rather than the present state. I very much support the changing designation of Gammon/MPR and at University Ave.

Second, on the topic of road diets. I love the idea of road diets for all three of these roads (Gammon, High Point, Old Sauk), as they all experience relatively low vehicle traffic, and are overbuilt for the actual traffic demand. Particularly relevant to me are Gammon and High Point. I wholly support the road diet of Gammon. I frequently bike through the N. Gammon area, but I tend to avoid Gammon itself because there is simply no safe bike facility, even though it is the most direct route. A reconfiguration to a center turn lane would be excellent for both bikes and cars, as the area has many houses and blind driveways, so lower car speeds should be prioritized for the safety of all. I am also in favor of a High Point narrowing, though I believe that on-street bike facilities should be maintained. I use High Point quite literally every day that I bike to school, and I feel it is a rather safe road to be biking in bike lanes. Of course, I'm not opposed to an off street path, but I feel on-street facilities should be maintained (and added north of Old Sauk) even if a path is added, as the rest of High Point has on-street lanes and I feel that not need to frequently switch between bike lanes and paths is a huge advantage (like you have to on Gammon, for example).

Regards,
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