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Hello -

I am requesting that, going forward, the Transportation Commission NOT replicate construction of "safe" bicycle lanes with concrete barriers as was done on Segoe Road.

I live just off S. Segoe Road and often bike and walk the stretch from south of Mineral Point to University Avenue. Over the past 2 years, I have come to feel LESS safe on that route. Below are my reasons for why, and examples of things I have seen:

I think the concrete barricades that were put in along Segoe Road beginning south of Regent Street were intended to make bike lanes safer. They do not feel that way. In fact, they distract car drivers in ways that put cyclists at greater risk. Two incidents I have witnessed illustrate this:

- a. I was heading north on my bicycle and stopped at a light at the corner of Regent Street and Segoe Road. Two cars were stopped beside me - one in the left turn lane and another right beside me in the lane intended for right turns and straight ahead. As a cyclist, I felt nervous because it's now more difficult for a car to safely turn right at this corner AND I have seen cars in the left most lane move into the straight ahead lane because they were confused by the road at that point. This becomes a distraction for the driver in the right most lane, who is now trying to watch both the cyclist on their right, and the driver on their left. I feel that the concrete barrier intended to improve cyclist safety has, in fact, created more potential for driver distraction and danger for cyclists;
- b. I recently observed a car turning right from Sheboygan Avenue onto Segoe Road. They started to turn into the bicycle lane. Because of the concrete barrier, they had to back up onto Sheboygan Avenue. Again, these concrete barriers feel like they have created more dangers for cyclists and hazards for drivers.

As a result of these concrete barriers, I now avoid Segoe Road as a cyclist.

As a driver, Segoe Road also now feels like a nightmare. Perhaps the intention was to get people to NOT drive on that street. If so, then this project was a success.

Thank you for considering my observations of some of the real, unintended consequences of adding so much concrete in the attempt to create "safe" bicycle lanes with concrete barriers

as was done on Segoe Road.

Thank you -
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