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Dear Transportation Committee:

I am opposed to the proposed Saul Creek Greenway bike path because it will greatly degrade the greenway and create a bike way that has good biking alternatives.

As an avid bicyclist I have benefited greatly from the many bike paths in Madison and in Dane County. However, I am totally perplexed why this expensive bike way was proposed. There are good, safe bike ways on the street surrounding the green way on all four sides. Highpoint Road has good designated bike lanes as does Westfield Road. Westfield now has multiple 'speed bumps' to slow traffic. Farmington Road on the north also has "speed bumps" and is a low speed residential road. Tree lane is a lower speed road and I have never felt endangered cycling on that road. I would feel safe riding a bike with my kids on all four of these streets that surround the green way.

The existing bike way in back of the Brothers Main shopping centre on Mineral Point road terminates in a huge, frightening traffic snarl at its southern terminus. Using this short existing bike way to get to the Target shopping centre off Mineral Point requires that you cross two pretty scary on and off ramps coming from the Beltline. The off ramp onto Mineral Point road is especially scary with cars coming down that ramp at high speed and not expecting to find bicyclists or pedestrians at the intersection. You have to literally run or sprint to make the crossing. No child should have to do this. So, my point is, where does this bikeway take cyclists? On the north end It would terminate on Old Sauk Road at an awkward location. The proposed bike way does not serve any purpose and would be lightly used at best. In constructing that bike way you would greatly degrade the woods in the greenway that hundreds of local residents enjoy. If there was an elementary school or similar at either end of the proposed bike way I would be all for it in spite of good alternative routes.

Building this bike way In the Sauk Creek Greenway will benefit very few people and diminish the greenway for many of us.

Just because you have a small segment of the bike trail in place does not mean you have to continue to build on it. It was a mistake and it doesn't warrant making it a bigger mistake. Please take the money and use it on a different bike route where many more people will benefit.

Thanks