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Hello-

I live at 5 S. Midvale Blvd. and strongly oppose the dedicated bike lane on Midvale Blvd. which would eliminate parking on the street. Most of the homes on the street were built decades ago with single car driveways. In order to have guests, they must park on street. The bike lane would require guests to park at least two blocks away from our house. They would have to go on Meadow (The block of Regent nearest us has a bus stop). I have elderly relatives, including my mother, who would not be able to visit due to physical limitations. This would also inconvenience the residents on nearby streets because our visitors would be parking in front of their houses. It would dramatically decrease the value of our homes.

Yes, Midvale Blvd. is a major thoroughfare, but it is also a neighborhood of families who have gatherings with friends and relatives who need somewhere to park when visiting.

I'm also concerned that without a parking lane, vehicles, especially the loud, speeding motorcycles, would use the lane as a regular lane, creating a dangerous situation. I feel that this change would, in fact, do the opposite and make the street less safe.

I feel that Madison provides many accommodations for cyclists and that sometimes on street biking is just a necessity. I'm more concerned about cyclists who ignore the walk lights at the bike path on Midvale. Many, many cyclists ignore, don't stop and ride right through, expecting drivers to yield with no warning.

This is an unacceptable proposal catering to a small number of people, many of whom don't live in our neighborhood.

Thank you-

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