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Hello,

I live in the Orchard Ridge neighborhood and I walk or bike down Hammersley nearly every day - many days I do both.

There is no road that I bike or walk down that feels more dangerous than Hammersley, but it is a critical road in connecting me to other areas - notably the Southwest Commuter path and Elver park.

I would LOVE to see a curb-separated Multi-Use path for Hammersley. Right now I would not recommend vulnerable users like children or senior citizens to bike or walk this route because the infrastructure doesn't support it, but a separated Multi-Use path would connect the neighborhoods in the area to a great connection to the SW path which then connects to many other places in the city. It would also be good to provide a safe and comfortable route for SW path users to get to Elver park!

I know parking is a regular competing interest for these decisions. I would like to let you know that I have almost never seen a car parked on the side of Hammersley east of Gilbert - only a handful of times in the 8 years I've lived in the neighborhood.

Finally, I'd like to say that the Multi-use path should be 10 feet wide (or larger). We have a few instances of 8ft wide paths in Fitchburg (and maybe Madison? I'm not sure), but these paths really don't get much traffic. In order for the path to work well it needs to be able to accommodate walking families, roller skaters, bicyclists, joggers, etc. A 10ft path is usually what is needed to make the path a good accommodation for all these users.

Thank you for your time,

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