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Dear Members of the Board of Public Works,
Dear Alders Heck and Abbas,

After reviewing the files that are part of agenda item 5. of your meeting on 1/6/2020 I would like to make the following comment:

I personally strongly support the proposed addition of a bike lane. Filling this gap in the existing corridor from Demetral park to downtown will be most welcome and will give bike commuters a welcome additional choice. Thinking back to my bike commuting habits and observations from prior to the pandemic, I think I'm not alone in taking this view, and I hope we'll be back to the need to get to our workplaces, school, and places of entertainment and retail soon. I feel many used to and will be in a similar position to me. I used to bike five times a week from my home near Demetral Park to my workplace on campus (West Johnson Street).

The new bike lane will follow a very popular route cars take to make it from my neighborhood to campus. Why do cars take this route? It is the most direct one!

The improvements made to the East Mifflin bike boulevard are very much appreciated. However, having a bike lane on Gorham will be a great additional option. As a bike commuter, avoiding a detour of just a few blocks means a lot especially considering the geography of this part of the isthmus (it's surprisingly hilly). Also, for folks like me coming from across the Yahara river, taking the East Mifflin bike boulevard meant the need for riding up and down a little hill just because the most obvious starting point for the bike boulevard is not accessible as it's on private property (Washington Square parking lot).

Filling the gap in a bike lane along East Gorham will remove the need to either bike in traffic (which usually forces cars to slow down to bike speed until they can safely pass), use the sidewalk (which leads to conflicts with pedestrians and is never a preferred choice by adult bikers), or finding a less optimal route.

Thank you for considering this improvement to Gorham Street,
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