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Dear Planning Commission:

I am writing in regards to the above matter to be discussed at the December 13 Transportation Commission meeting and urge the commission to remove the Sauk Creek Greenway bike path from the West Area Plan.

My husband and I are new residents to Madison and the west side. When looking for a home to purchase, we fell in love with the Sauk Creek Neighborhood and the Sauk Creek Greenway was a huge selling point for us. We are a newly married couple who plan to reside in Madison for years to come and plan to raise a family in this area. We frequently take walks in the wooded area after work to decompress and it's such a blessing to have a spot of nature essentially in our backyard.

We are both lovers of hiking and camping and plan to raise our future family with these same hobbies. The greenway will serve as a way for us and others to teach future generations about nature in a safe and relatively controlled environment. However, adding a paved bike path will greatly disrupt the natural environment that we so love and respect.

Please reconsider and truly listen to the residents' concerns.

Thank you, Claire Forrester & Joshua Cardenas