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Dear Transportation Commission,

I believe the proposed bike path through the Sauk Creek Greenway is a poor choice for numerous reasons.

Putting a bike path in the greenway will have a negative impact on the environment because it will require even more trees to be taken down. The trees help with global warming, and give needed shade for the area. Trees also give homes to the many animals that live in the greenway.

I believe that the bike path will increase crime. This crime will be difficult to deal with since I don't think that Madison Police will be patrolling the greenway. This crime would be not only to the others that use the path but also to the property owners house with easy access to the back of houses and ease of escape.

There is talk of a lit path which would increase the light pollution and bring unwanted light to the property owners.

To my understanding, the greenway is for stormwater run off. JoJo from the Engineering Department told us that there is no bike path in the plan. I am surprised to hear from the Parks Department of this plan, which I don't think is a good idea.

This greenway is enjoyed by many (including many animals). The natural beauty of the trees as well as the positive effects of tree cover is important to maintain.

Thank you Ted & Deb Drewsen

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