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To: <u>Transportation Commission</u>

Subject: Support for Bike Path, or Bike Lanes, on Sheboygan Avenue

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Hello,

I am writing for the record to strongly express support for proposed bike lanes on Sheboygan Avenue. My wife and I, and many neighbors, have been using Sheboygan Avenue weekly, spring through late autumn, to travel from the West High area to the Westside Farmers' Market, and occasionally to the state office building between Segoe and Whitney Way adn to the PSC building on Whitney Way.

Better bike infrastructure along this street is extremely important due to the new development scheduled to occur here. The coming residential and commercial development, including a new Whole Foods, will generate what will be an obscene increase in traffic along this street, in comparison to the traffic volume currently using the street.

Cyclists must have some degree of added safety from all these new drivers. Also, better safety measures here should also be used to encourage more people to bicycle to these new activity nodes. That will be important to prevent the high level of congestion that is very likely to occur.

However, I favor and advocate even more strongly for a separated bike path parallel to Sheboygan as the safest and most beneficial means of recruiting cyclists and protecting their safety. The extent of new development should present an opportunity to devote an adequate width of ROW to accommodate such a path.

Sincerely,

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