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I strongly support the proposed bike improvements proposed for the Dawes/Buckingham/Ontario Bike Boulevards. These routes provide lower stress alternatives to Milwaukee and Dempsey which do not have bike facilities that work well for most users. These routes also connect major path systems from the Cap City at Ontario Park to Eastmorland Park and path connections that cross Hwy's 51 and 30 and the new Garver Path.

Adding the proposed signage and markings and changing the traffic controls at some intersections will make these routes more easily understandable and accessible for riders that are familiar and less familiar with the neighborhood streets. It will also improve visibility and awareness on these streets and should improve safety for people on bikes.

I have two additional recommendations for consideration. The first is to also add sharrows on Tulane between Ontario and Buckingham. This is a short jog in an otherwise north-south route and the additional markings would help keep less familiar users on route and also be a helpful indication for traffic on Tulane that this stretch is expected to have higher bike traffic.

The second suggestion is to consider updating the apron that connects the Ontario Park path to the proposed bike boulevard on Ontario. The current apron predates construction of the path connection in the park and is not wide enough to accommodate 2-way bike travel and is a very severe grade that is especially rough for cargo bikes or trailers with children.

Thanks for your support for the proposed improvements and consideration of these additional suggestions.

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