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A bike path connecting Bordner Dr at Forsythia Pl to 5946 South Hill Dr would be a valuable addition to the neighborhood. The approximately 500 yd bike path could be used by school age kids and families to bike to Jefferson Middle and Memorial High schools and getting to the Parkcrest pool in the summer. This bike path would also be a good commuter connection from the west to the Blackhawk bike path.

There appears to be an upcoming window of opportunity this summer where this proposed multi-use trail could be piggy-backed on the Public Works storm water cunnette rehab project [Contract6741](#).

The current street alternatives are either the Old Sauk Road or South Hill St to Cable to Beach to Anchorage to Regent Street and a third option of an off street route next to or in a drainage ditch and dirt path through the edge of Owen Park.

These 3 current routes all have particular safety concerns. The Old Sauk Rd route is on a dangerously steep hill which can be fun but also quite unsafe going down. The ride up is challenging for all but the most fit but also dangerously narrow. The South Hill route includes a medium hill to be climbed in both directions that can challenge the younger, inexperienced bikers but also has two hazard points. First crossing at a right angle with the back entrance to Glen Stevens School can be dicey and then a bigger hazard is with crossing the intersection at Rosa and Regent with frequent heavy traffic on Rosa coupled with frequent motor vehicles coming west on Regent turning left on to Rosa. The off street route that is most popular with kids, but not necessarily their parents, includes a dirt stretch parallel to the concrete drainage ditch. The drainage ditch is in bad shape but an attractive alternative to riding on mushy grass, dirt or mud. Unfortunately, the ditch is very hazardous both entering and exiting on the slanted sides and the slime under the water in the ditch is a wipeout waiting to happen, which I can attest to first hand.

I have mentioned this proposed bike path route to several people that live in the Crestwood Neighborhood at or near the Bordner/Forsythia area. Whereas most thought it sounded great, they warned me that there were several residents on Forsythia that have been against any bike path in their back yards for years. With that concern in mind, instead of suggesting just an improvement to the current ditch and park route, I'm suggesting the route from Bordner at Forsythia and heading south of the ditch to connect with the elbow at 5946 South Hill Drive (see attached pdf map).

Whereas, this route looks like nice undeveloped park land, I learned that it actually has City water drainage right of way at both ends. I feel this bike path would be a popular and well used route.

Thank you for your consideration.

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