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To: <u>Transportation Commission</u>
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Subject: Midvale Blvd Bike Accommodations – Support for Option 3

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Dear Transportation Commission,

cc: Alder Vidaver

My name is Linda Krueger. I'm writing about Agenda Item #3 for the transportation Commission Meeting this Wednesday, September 10 regarding the Midvale Blvd Project.

My husband and I have lived on Midvale Blvd for over 14 years. We have two young children and are regular bikers. I'm writing to voice our **strong opposition to Option** 1 – Midvale Bike Lanes for the Midvale Blvd Resurfacing and Safety Improvement Project.

This option is not aligned with the stated project goal of improving safety for all. Midvale is a designated emergency route with high traffic volumes and speeding concerns. Adding bike lanes would further compromise safety for both drivers and cyclists. As noted in the City's documentation, Option 1 does not provide an "all ages and abilities" solution, making it inherently inequitable.

Additionally, the proposed parking removal on Midvale Blvd as part of **Option**1 disregards the parking needs of residents and does not seek to compromise between the interests of bikers and residents.

The removal of street parking in this residential neighborhood will create significant hardship for residents, including:

- Long walks to the nearest available parking, at least a quarter mile in many cases.
- Reduced parking availability on side streets.
- Severe difficulties for elderly parents and families with small children (like us) who rely on close parking.
- Severe difficulties for access for tradespeople and delivery drivers servicing the homes along Midvale Blvd.
- Increased safety concerns due to poorly lit streets and longer walks at night.
- Dangerous situations as residents back out of driveways directly into the bike lane due to the absence of a parking lane.

We fully support Option 3 – Segoe Road improvements and the Owen Drive Bike Boulevard. This alternative offers a safe and accessible route for cyclists of all ages and abilities while preserving essential on-street parking for Midvale Blvd residents. It represents a practical and balanced approach that addresses the needs of all users. Option 3 offers a fair

compromise that works for everyone.

Thank you again for your work and commitment to serving the broader interests of the Madison community.

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