

November 20, 2006  
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Mayor Dave Cieslewicz  
City-County Building, Room 403  
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Dear Mayor Cieslewicz,

At its August meeting, the Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motor Vehicle Commission reviewed comments from the June 27, 2006, Annual Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Projects Public Hearing and developed a list of projects that the Commission felt should be considered as the first priority in future capital budgets. The Commission felt that all of the Transportation Engineering proposed projects (see the enclosed list) are important and should eventually be funded and constructed. However, the Commission felt that the most urgent projects are those listed below that provide escape routes out of the City, connections to escape routes, and/or connections to underserved regions of the City.

- The Sherman Flyer
- Perry Street Ped/Bike Overpass of the South Beltline
- American Center Grade Separations of Highway 151 & Interstate 90/94
- Capital City Path East Extension: Buckeye Road to East City Limit
- Junction Ridge Ped/Bike Overpass of the Beltline south of Old Sauk Road
- Starkweather Creek Path, East Branch: Marsh View Path to City View Drive
- Starkweather Creek Path, West Branch: Ped/Bike Overpasses of East Washington Avenue and Aberg Avenue
- Wisconsin River Rail Corridor Path

A common theme to these projects is that they breach barriers to pedestrian and bicycle movements such as the Beltline Highway or parallel congested, ped/bike unfriendly corridors such as North Sherman Avenue. Thus, they provide important connections that re-establish a ped/bike grid in older parts of the City or help extend the ped/bike grid to new, growing parts of the City.

The Commission also wished to forward a proposed policy regarding funding of pedestrian and bicycle facilities in conjunction with major road projects such as Highway 51. The Commission proposed that if a major road project is being built and the City has already identified ped/bike facility needs in the area encompassed by the project, then it is the City's expectation that those facilities will be included and funded as part of the road project.

The PBMVC looks forward to the construction of the above listed projects in future years and to working with you to make Madison the most walkable and bikeable city in the United States.

Sincerely,

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