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Subject: Contra Flow Lane on West Main

Members of Madison Public Works Committee

I support a contra flow lane on West Main. I am sensitive to area business needs but I was among a group who watched what happens on that street on one Friday morning for about an hour.

First, West Main is a very common bike connection to the square from the West. It's the best of all the options in that area. It is used a great deal by cyclists. I was surprised by that.

Second, because it is so popular, bikes are either going the wrong way against traffic and out the sight lines of anyone backing up or they are up on the sidewalk -- which is in conflict with anyone entering or leaving the businesses on the block. I saw every combination of behaviors in a short amount of time.

There is clearly a problem and it needs a solution for businesses, customers and cyclists.

While I do not commute on a bicycle, it is clear many do. I'm President of the Bombay Cycle Club which has almost 500 members and many of our members both commute and ride recreationally.

I encourage the Committee to find a solution (preferably the proposed contra lane) and not just ignore the issue. The contra flow lane seems to be working for the benefit of all on the north east connection to the square.

Thank You

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