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Dear Transportation Policy Board Members,

I would like to register my support for reasonable, no less than 15 mph, speed limits on the city's Shared Use Paths.

I am a year round biker with kids (ages 5, 7, and 9). Our family uses the paths almost daily whether we're walking or riding our bikes. As a pedestrian, it is terrible to have a rude biker pass without warning. As a biker, it is annoying when you try to warn a pedestrian you're passing and they have headphones on and can't hear you. No matter what type of user we are, everyone deserves space and respect.

I agree with a lot of the sentiments shared in the PDF that was distributed for this meeting. The one thing I did not agree with was limiting the paths use to a particular user group in heavy use areas. Having young kids, we ride on the paths as often as we can since it is much safer than on the roads. The Monona Terrace section of the path is almost always busy when we ride through, we slow down and give all users space. I do not support moving bikes to another location (which is usually a road) due to heavy pedestrian use; this is the safest route through downtown to get from the near east to near west side. The paths are intended to be mixed use and they are one of the many assets of Madison. I do support making other changes to the paths such as making them wider to accommodate more people and more types of uses. I would also support education for our community on proper biking and pedestrian etiquette, perhaps this could be done as part of licensing exams and renewals, in public schools as part of a safety curriculum, etc.

Thank you for your work on this issue, we are lucky to live in Madison.

All the best,  
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