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All,

I am adding my input as to why I appreciate updating the bike and pedestrian path alignment at this location and why I am in slight favor of Option 1 over others.

For one reason or another I have never utilized this section of Olbrich park and allure of biking very close to the Lake Monona here would encourage me to use this part of the Monona Loop, this section of park in general, and likely business' nearby.

Potential cons of Options 2 and 3 include the fact the hill leading to the parking lot, traveling in a north east direction, is steep and fast; thus cyclists like myself will typically opt to simply coast down the hill. With the parking lot so near, chances are higher of children or unsuspecting park users walking into the paths of speeding bicycles accidentally.

As an avid Monona Bike Loop cyclist, one principle reason I have avoided continuing on the official 'Monona Loop' at the intersection of John Nolan Dr and N Shore Drive, and instead cross the street to use the Capital City Bike Trail, is because of the difficulty and uncertainty navigating around this very section of road you are planning to update.

For years there was no protected bike lane leading up to Olbrich park forcing me to bike on the busy road. There was a period when there were cones created to facilitate bikers on the road, but at some point when I attempted the loop in this direction again I believe the cones were removed and I was forced to bike on the road again. Perhaps they're back now? I'm not sure, I principally use the Capital City trail now.

Thank you for your work updating our pedestrian and cycling infrastructure!

PS For the sake of other Monona Loopers and preventing saddle sores, please consider and prioritize repavement of the roads near W Lakeview Ave & E Dean Ave and Tonyawatha Trail Road.