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Hi,

I was looking for a way to speak at the transportation committee meeting, but I could not find the signup.

I want to take an opportunity to say that as someone who has lived in Madison for almost 20 years and who regularly bikes and walks to get around, street safety is really important to me. Madison is a wonderful city for biking, thanks to its well-maintained paths and friendly bike culture. I regularly feel grateful that Madison and Wisconsin take my experience as a biker seriously.

But there are real gaps, and scary gaps, in that experience, both as a biker and a pedestrian. Over the past 4 years living in the Bay Creek neighborhood, my son and I have been nearly hit by cars on John Nolen and Park St. Twice, a driver was speeding along to try to catch the tail end of a yellow light (and not succeeding). Likewise, I've been terrified biking over the bridge into Fitchburg with my kid in a bike trailer while cars whoosh past me.

I'm not an urban design expert. I don't know what's the right way to calm traffic, or provide alternative routes for non-car traffic to get around the city. I just know that my ability to get places without a car is something I really love about Madison, and the death of Sasha Rosen on S Park St really broke my heart. Our urban environment should not make it dangerous for kids and other folks who don't drive to live their daily lives. If that means getting places slower when I do decide to drive, then I will HAPPILY just add a couple more minutes to my commute, or plan to walk a little bit from my parking spot.

Please keep prioritizing the needs of folks who don't drive. It's part of what makes our city wonderful.

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