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To: <u>Transportation Commission</u>

Subject: Opposition to Bike Path thru Sauk Creek Neighborhood

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I understand that the Transportation Commission is finalizing a plan to consider a lighted, paved bike path through the Sauk Creek neighborhood. As a homeowner in this area, I strongly oppose the placement of this bike path, as it would not be a good use of resources and would disrupt the serenity of the shoreline that is currently enjoyed by wildlife and walkers. The proposed path would begin and terminate on lightly traveled streets that currently provide bikers with a safe, lighted route and would need far less maintenance than a creekside path. I am sure the City has better uses for funds than a path such as proposed.

This proposed path was described only recently in a West Side Plan meeting and I feel that local input has been lacking and object to finalizing a plan that does not have community input. At the very least, more time is needed to study the plan to see if it meets the needs of those who will potentially use or be affected by the path.

Thank you,

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