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To the Transportation Commission:

Hello, I am an 8+ year resident of the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood and have worked near the Capitol throughout this time. My primary forms of transportation these past eight years have been biking, walking, and taking the bus. I am very pleased to see that there are several projects being recommended for the Safe Streets program in my district, on routes I use frequently: North and South Baldwin, the Wilson St bike boulevard, and multiple crossings at the Cap City Trail. I am writing with my strong support for these projects, and a plea that we go even further. A member of the Madison Bikes Community has a great proposal, which I support, of a median island at S Baldwin & Wilson with a bollard in the middle that would allow bikes on Wilson to go straight through (and be able to wait in the middle), while cars on Wilson can only turn right. An individual was killed by a driver at this intersection in 2009, and I believe it's imperative to do everything we can to ensure that this never happens again. I would also strongly recommend this be implemented at N Baldwin & Mifflin as well, which is also a bike boulevard and used by many children commuting to the local schools. Cars frequently dangerously speed through this intersection, especially as they are coming down from the hill at Dayton. At the very least, both of these intersections should be 4-way stops instead of giving drivers on Baldwin the right of way.

Lastly, something I hope you will consider for a future project is additional infrastructure/traffic calming at the intersection of E Mifflin St and N Blount St. Even though priority is given to Mifflin St as they do not have a stop sign while those on Blount St do, I have had *so many* close calls at this intersection while I'm biking on Mifflin and drivers on Blount either don't realize I don't have a stop sign, or don't see me, or just don't care, and pull out nearly right into me. The other week this happened, and the driver screamed at me saying I was supposed to stop. This may be because all the other nearby intersections - Blair, Livingston, and Paterson - do not give priority to Mifflin St, so I think drivers don't pay attention and get confused. Both streets here are so unnecessarily wide; it would be great to install curb bumpouts to narrow the intersection. It could also be helpful to put up a sign saying "Traffic on Mifflin St does not stop."

Thank you for considering,

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