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To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my support for buffered bike lanes and, when necessary, the removal of parking along stretches of Old Middleton Rd west of the Eau Claire intersection. For me, this corridor provides a frequent bicycle route towards Middleton and points north and west along with access to retail near Gammon Rd @ Stonefield. With limited crossings of University Ave, this route also is a calmer alternative for me to access businesses on the south side of University Ave heading towards Middleton. Examples of businesses that I patronize include Willy St Coop - West, Nitty Gritty - West, Wheel & Sprocket, and Ace Hardware.

I'd like to highlight in particular the short stretch from Whitney Way/Old University to Eau Claire/Old University, which, if parking were removed, would make for a big improvement to my wife's regular bike commute downtown. Her route takes her north along the newly improved Whitney Way, but then she is frequently mixing with traffic at rush hour along this short stretch east along Old University before access to the trail along the north side of University.

Heading west, it is very frustrating to navigate around the large construction trailers that seem to be parked along Old Middleton Rd regularly. I'd certainly prefer that these trailers be parked in driveways or on side streets that have slower-moving traffic.

Thank you for your consideration,

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