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## Hello

I am writing to express my support for the multi use path option on Hammersley Rd. I ride my bicycle with 3 kids daily and the current configuration of Hammersley is not something I would bring my children on. I would feel much safer with a multi-use path.

For Odana, I am overall supportive of the two way cycle track on the south side of Odana Rd. However, I am a bit confused about what happens at Wedgewood Way. If a person riding a bike with their kids (like myself) wanted to continue going West on Odana, what is the expected flow? Are they to cross the street at Wedgewood? I feel like the current design options leave a user confused about what they are supposed to do, and that can lead to dangerous maneuvers. A protected intersection would be preferable here. In Austin, there are examples of one way bike lanes shifting to two-way protected bike lanes, and I am providing a link to an example I have ridden with 5 year olds on a bike. If Madison truly wants to be a place where people of all ages and abilities can ride a bicycle for transportation, then it needs protected intersections. I realize those work better when there is a four way stop, but even if there is not a stop sign at that intersection, more islands/curb bump outs at what will be a challenging crossing for vulnerable road users is essential. I recommend using NACTO guidelines for bike facilities as they have already worked through many of these challenges before.

Thank you

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