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Upon further consideration, I'd like to add the following concern.

The trade off of lost parking on Hammersley to make room for the path seems disproportionate for the amount of pedestrian/bicycle traffic I expect the path would get. How much pedestrian/bicycle traffic is expected? Many downtown streets with much higher pedestrian/cycling traffic maintain more street parking than this proposal. Could we instead add bike lanes and maintain street parking on one side? It seems like there might be room for that, and it also allays resident concerns about trash cans on the apron, and difficulties with snow removal.

> On Mar 6, 2022, at 01:01, Joint Account <starrylane2@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hello commission members,

> My name is Alexander Starr of Hempstead Rd, Madison, and I would like to note my opposition to the current plan for the Hammersley Road resurfacing. In particular, I am concerned about the plan to eliminate the left turn from eastbound Hammersley to northbound Whitney Way. I expect the proposed change would divert vehicular traffic in unsafe and inefficient ways. Cars traveling east on Hammersley will either:

> 1. Turn south onto Whitney Way and then U-turn at Dorsett. This would add to the traffic in the northbound lane of Whitney Way, and cars tend to speed when descending the entire hill. Making crossing that lane more difficult for pedestrians/bicycles. Additionally, the increased traffic U-turning at Dorsett would likely impede southbound traffic flow on Whitney Way because there is no left turn lane.

> 2. Or back at Brookwood they will turn north and then east on Hempstead/Piping Rock so that they can turn north onto Whitney Way from one of those streets. The left hand turns from eastbound Hempstead/Piping Rock are both far less safe and efficient for vehicular traffic than the current left hand turn from eastbound Hammersley. They have reduced visibility of southbound Whitney Way traffic due to the curve in the road, and do not safely accommodate vehicles pausing in the median before entering northbound Whitney Way traffic like the current Hammersley intersection does.

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> Thank you for soliciting input on this project. I recognize it is a very complicated situation and any solution comes with many trade offs. I hope there is some solution that can increase pedestrian safety at the Hammersley/Whitney Way intersection while also preserving the left turn from eastbound Hammersley to northbound Whitney Way.

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> Thank you,

> Alex