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Hi. This agenda item seems weird to me. It feels like you're blaming the user and relying on enforcement and education rather than the failure of the street/road/path design.

The reality is the paths are popular and this is a good thing. If you want to reduce conflicts, I suggest making the paths wider, separating peds/bike, or the BIG thing:

Make streets in Madison safe to bike in.

The Transportation Policy Board has done very, very little to encourage (or even mandate) safer on-street bike facilities on reconstruction projects. I'm talking **protected intersections (THIS ONE IS HUGE! Check out Ottawa, Canada's design guide - <https://ottawa.ca/en/protected-intersection-design-guide!>)**, protected bike lanes, and other safe, all-ages infrastructure.

Our paths are great, but our on-street bike infrastructure design sucks. If it wasn't so dangerous and scary to bike down Monroe or Regent or University Ave or Speedway or Odana, then I'd bike down them instead of using the rail-to-trail Multiuse paths.

Thanks  
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