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Salutations All,

I've been using the bike path ever since they were made with an e-bike, a regular bike and walking. They have been my main form of transportation even when I was able to own my vehicle.

Being a woman of color who has used the paths provided as a main form of getting to work and home again has been vital for me instead of using the bus at the time and now my vehicle. As I've upgraded my transportation through the years and have seen how our transportation is evolving within the city and the country it pleases me in the direction we're all taking it.

I would encourage more basic signage on all the paths of everyone using the path and reminding everyone of their and other people's space.

As a class 3 e-bike owner I love using the paths, but it's often I see ebikes, regular bikes speeding extremely fast pass by myself and others without warning. At this point I know when I'm on the path it's going to happen, but slowing down when people are around and using a bell (my bike has a built-in horn) is a great help.

I've never been hit once while on the paths walking, biking or e-biking. I have been hit several times in intersections (walking and

biking) and shared vehicle and bike lanes (bike and ebike). The last time I was hit badly enough I bought an e-bike because biking on my replacement one was too painful. Having a dedicated place for bikes, e-bikes and pedestrians is optimal, but I encourage the path to be wider if possible. Not necessarily separate, but wouldn't complain if that happened at some point either. At this point even getting a bike lane coming from the far northside of Madison is a win (we really need to work on the northside bike infrastructure over here). I don't think we'll ever be an Amsterdam, but it would be really wonderful if we could be that version here in Madison.

I liked what someone said about a cheerful campaign ad that's short and sweet, but I wonder too how we are teaching bike edicate on the school level? I started biking to school in elementary and that was a big trial and lots of errors not getting hit and if I would have known most of what I do know now that would have saved me a few broken bones.

Thank you for reading and have a good day.

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