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Hello,

Per the Transportation Commission's 11/8 Meeting Agenda, I would like to submit comments for the meeting for 3 topics.

## Agenda Item # 80703:

I've brought this up with a few folks over email in previous years, but the stretch of Junction Road from Old Sauk to Target is incredibly bumpy. I live at the Junction Point condos, facing Junction Rd, and the noise from large trucks hitting those bumps is very distracting, and even wakes me up, even with windows closed, shades down, and white noise turned on. I imagine most of these are delivery trucks for Target & Pick n Save. Lawn Care Service trucks are another loud offender when hitting the bumps. I was also wondering if a road diet and expansion of the sidewalks/bike paths could be an option worth exploring?

## Agenda Item # 80605:

If the traffic will be shifted into the right lane closest to the curb, will there be any expansion/rebuild work done for the concrete skirts for business entrances? One major benefit of the Bus Lane being along the right lane curb was that you could decelerate and make the sharp, slow turn into the businesses. Now, I worry about having to make sharp turns in what will now be a thru traffic lane.

## Agenda Item #80706:

Regarding the signal at Junction & Elderberry, I have three points:

- 1.) Left turns onto NB Junction Road for Junction Point Condos residents and Elderberry neighborhood residents can be difficult during morning rush hour (a lot of NB traffic is commuting to City Center West, and delivery tractor trailer traffic from Target and Pick n' Save tend to exit in that direction since it is easier than turning left out of their plaza).
- 2.) Regarding Junction Point businesses: Left turns onto NB Junction Road are not allowed. (some vehicles will make an illegal left turn out of the "left turn in only" gap). You can currently turn right and perform a U-turn at Elderberry, but it is a fairly sharp turn. If we signalize the intersection, we will need to allow U turns still (a protected turn phase would be welcome). Or, a roundabout would solve this issue too.
- 3.) Turning left out of Prairie Town Center onto SB Junction Road is also difficult given the fairly constant "trickle flow" of traffic -- I noticed that "Junction at Target Driveway" was also listed as a potential option for signalizing, and I am wondering if perhaps adding a signal at Elderberry would help to create a pause the traffic.

I will be attending the meeting if any questions arise, and feel free to contact me via email as well.

Thank you, Todd Astroth