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Dear Transportation Commissioners,

There are a lot of very valuable and impactful projects on your Safe Streets list, so I'm not going to go into much depth here, but there are a few that I want to especially highlight (which is not to say that others aren't also deserving).

- * RRFB at Cross Country Road & Ice Age Junction Trail
- * Sidewalk on south side of West Badger Road just east of South Park Street
- * Bike/ped improvements and traffic calming on Lien Rd
- * Bike lanes on South Mills Street
- * Bike lane on Aberg at Sherman
- * Green bike markings and bike detection at the Whitney Way ramps

These are all places that I've feared for my life, or heard friends express similar concerns, or feared for others out there, or where I know injury or death have already happened.

It looks like the presentation also re-raises the question of whether maintaining these improvements should take up a chunk of the Safe Streets budget, and I hope you all can put that to rest.

Maintaining safety features should be a normal maintenance expense like any other. I don't know how else to put it! Safety features are not some bolted-on luxury. They are part of the road that they're built into, and a part that really ought to have been there from the start.

We cannot have maintenance taking up more and more of the Safe Streets budget over time, or we will find our ability to make improvements grinding to a halt.

If anything, the patterns of last year and even this year so far show that we need to be investing in this much more, not just to get to that Zero that only places like Oslo and Hoboken seem to ever reach, but because it's the difference between someone like Joseph Solomon making it home to his daughter vs. not.

Thank you,

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