

Hacker, Marsha

From: Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 3:43 PM
To: AArntsen@foley.com
Cc: Ellingson, Susan; Tolley, Sabrina; Hacker, Marsha; ALL ALDERS
Subject: Re: Southwest bike path lighting

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Hi,

I actually think there are a number of very valid arguments against it. I have never been bullied nor I am being bullied this time. I do not believe we have yet found the appropriate type of lighting that would provide a good return on investment for lighting this corridor. Sometimes, time helps come up with better and cheaper technology- I think this is the case for this corridor and any claim of urgency to get this done now is not based on facts since there have not been actual safety issues on this path. It is also important to point out that there is an assumption that all bikers support this project and the only opponents are the homeowners adjacent to the path: based on the emails I have received from my constituents this is not the case.

I am committed to continue to support bike/ped project that are in my humble opinion higher priorities than this one and in tough fiscal times we should focus on high priority/high rerun on investment.

Respectfully,

Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

On Nov 26, 2012, at 3:33 PM, "AArntsen@foley.com" <AArntsen@foley.com> wrote:

> Hi Sue. I'm disappointed, both in your decision, and the reason for
> it (a vocal minority bullying elected officials into bad policy
> decisions). I know it's a tough job, but it's unfortunate that you
> (and council leadership) can't bring yourself to vote in the best
> interests of the City. I've cc'd the email addresses that you
> suggested. Thank you. Allen

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Ellingson, Susan [<mailto:district13@cityofmadison.com>]
> Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 3:16 PM
> To: Arntsen, Allen A.
> Subject: RE: Southwest bike path lighting

> Hi Allen--

> I'm sorry to say that I will vote against the lighting. I think there should be lighting
and do not agree with the arguments against it. However, a substantial majority of District
13 residents who have contacted me are opposed.

> I encourage you to send your comments to stolley@cityofmadison.com and
mhacker@cityofmadison.com before the 11/28 BPW and Ped/Bike joint hearing. And also to
allallders@cityofmadison.com before 12/11.

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> Sue

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> Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 3:11 PM
> To: Ellingson, Susan
> Subject: Southwest bike path lighting
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> Sue. I very much hope that you support lighting the southwest bike
> path. This is an important transportation artery for walkers, bikers,
> etc. and is simply unsafe without adequate lighting. No one would
> support busy unlit streets. I think that there is a significant
> liability issue for the city without adequate lighting and lighting is
> important to show the city's commitment to different transportation
> options. This is a very, very important issue. Thank you. Allen
> Arntsen
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