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Subject: SW path lighting project comments

I would like to register in support of the proposed lighting project along the southwest commuter bike path in Madison. I have been impressed with the efforts from city engineering to develop light diffusers to minimize light scatter along the path yet still improve safety for path users.

My safety concern along this path is *when* some sort of assault occurs along this corridor. It was assumed for a long time that lights were not needed along the isthmus bike path until bicyclists and pedestrians were assaulted regularly (perpetrators were eventually caught). Likewise, the SW path south of the beltline highway was dark until there were incidents with path users being shot at along Allied Drive. In both situation, lighting was added and such incidents have not recurred regularly.

Residents along the bike path have legitimate concerns about light scatter; at the same time, public safety is an even greater concern along this heavily-used corridor for both path users and residents of adjacent neighborhoods. I think the current proposed lighting plan is as good a compromise for all involved, and I hope you will vote in favor of the project.

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