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**Subject:** Milwaukee Street Plan

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the extension of Buckingham Street through Eastmorland Park. Buckingham is a quiet neighborhood street that currently dead ends at the park. It is used for internal circulation in the neighborhood. Planning staff, with no data to support its assumption, concludes that the extension would not create through traffic. Where streets are built, people will certainly drive.

The extension of the street would divide Eastmorland park into two sections. It would require destruction of the playgrounds there and probably the shelter. Even if these features were replaced, what is now a "walk to" park for the neighborhood, would be disrupted with through vehicle traffic. It is the most insane idea of planning I have ever heard of. We want to keep our neighborhood pedestrian and bike friendly, not create more vehicle traffic. If people need to reach Milwaukee street, they have two very good options using the newly reconstructed Walter or Schenk Streets. No one in the neighborhood is asking for a change of this nature, except maybe Woodmans. The proposed change would probably enhance the redevelopment value of their property if they moved their store. But we need the Plan Commission to help protect the residents of Eastmorland, not enhance the value for Woodmans.

Right now, Dawes street is essentially a nice quiet east-west bike corridor, because at the end of the street, where Buckingham and Dawes end, people ride on the bike path through Eastmorland park to reach the bike/pedestrian bridge that crosses Stoughton Road.

If Buckingham were a through street, it would disrupt this pattern, and create more vehicle through traffic on Dawes Street making it much less friendly for cyclists. It would of course increase the number of cars going past my house, which I am strongly opposed to.

Please send the proposed plan back to staff to eliminate the proposed extension of Buckingham.

Sincerely,

Charles Hicklin



Dawes Street