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Hello,

I'm writing ahead of your upcoming Wednesday meeting regarding W. Washington. I frequently bike that road while commuting, and often have to stop to walk if sharing the sidewalk with pedestrians, or ride the unprotected street where cars and busses do not often give you safe distance while passing or simply don't notice you at all. Madison is known for its bike friendliness, and this is what drew me and many others here. By creating a dedicated protected bike lane, we can help push that standard, and to improve the roads so many residents and visitors alike use. It can also help those who do not feel as safe on bike to opt to use their bike instead of their cars, helping with pollution and congestion.

Please consider the huge benefits that improving our well known bicycling infrastructure will have both for your residents and for the image of the city of Madison.

Best,

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