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Good morning,

I'm emailing to enthusiastically express my support for the suggested improvements to Whitney Way, including:

1. Adding a buffered bike lane
2. Pedestrian improvements
3. Lowering the speed limit to 25mph

I commuted for several years between University Ave (near the Pancake House) and Epic in Verona. It felt very dangerous to bike from University Ave to the West Transfer Point, because biking on Whitney Way was not possible. Honking and aggressive driving forced me to the sidewalk many times. The hills and curves on Whitney also make driver visibility a concern for those on bikes.

I have since relocated to be closer to the WTP, but still find biking and walking in the area to feel dangerous. Cars drive over the speed limit on both Whitney and Mineral Point, and hills combined with speeding make crossing both of these roads feel dangerous. This makes accessing businesses in the Westgate Mall and Research Park areas difficult on foot or by bike.

Thank you for considering my feedback. I hope you will support these improvements.

Kind regards,  
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