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To: [Callaway, Renee](#); [Transportation Commission](#)
Subject: Re: Whitney Way Safety Improvements - Reducing Loss of Parking
Date: Saturday, April 10, 2021 3:15:39 PM

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Madison Transportation Commission,

I have lived at [218 S Whitney Way](#), a half block north of South Hill, for 10 years. I support the general tenor of this plan. The traffic expert at the meeting was very patient in explaining how, contrary to naive intuition, fewer lanes and lower speed does not mean fewer cars moved per unit time. I like the idea of making traffic smoother for buses and bikes. One of the things I like about this neighborhood is the frequent bus service and good bike lanes.

My concern is weighing the benefits of the change against the cost of losing on-street parking. I am concerned about where large service and delivery trucks will park. When people visit us by car, they sometimes park on the street because only so many cars fit in our driveway. The nearest place with on-street parking will be several minutes' walk. The lane in front of our house will be for biking and right turns. Since we're not close to an intersection, it will be mostly bikes. It would be nice to be able to use that space for parking on a limited basis. **Could we have part of our terrace reduced in size accommodate a space for parking a service/delivery truck or two or three cars? We would be open to paying an assessment for the extra cost.**

My reason for this is loss of parking is a loss of value in our property. The improved road, slower speeds, better bike and bus lane, crossing beacon, and less need to slow down to turn are all benefits. The loss of parking is a clear cost. I would like to try to mitigate that cost.

Thank you for your work on this,

Charles J Gervasi

On Fri, Apr 9, 2021 at 6:04 PM Callaway, Renee <ReCallaway@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Thank you for attending the public meeting on the proposed Whitney Way Safety Improvements. As mentioned at the meeting, the City's goal for Whitney Way is to improve the safety for all users in the corridor, support future bus rapid transit, and improve connectivity for people walking and biking. After much discussion the City is proposing the following changes on Whitney Way:

- Adding a buffered bike lane from Old Middleton Rd to Tokay Blvd
 - This will require the removal of all the on street parking from Sheboygan to South Hill Dr
- Pedestrian improvements including:

- Old Middleton Rd – Adding high visibility crosswalks
- Langlois St – Adding a pedestrian curb ramp and install a high visibility crosswalk
- Door Dr - Adding new crosswalks
- South Hill Dr – Adding a rapid flash beacon crossing on the south side of the intersection and add a high visibility crosswalk
- Tokay Blvd – Adding high visibility crosswalks
- Lowering the speed limit on Whitney Way to 25mph

I realize that this is a big change to the street design and how you are used to using the street and I hope that you can support this vision for a safer Whitney Way.

These recommended changes will now go to the next Transportation Commission meeting, which is this Wed, April 14 at 5pm. The Whitney Way improvements are being proposed as part of item #6 on the agenda – 2021 Vision Zero Projects review and approval. The Transportation Commission meetings are currently held virtually using Zoom. You can send comments on this agenda item to TransportationCommission@cityofmadison.com. You can also register to speak on the item or register support or opposition by going to www.cityofmadison.com/MeetingRegistration. You can find more information on the [Transportation Commission meeting online](#) including a detailed agenda (on Monday a drawing with the changes listed above will be available by clicking on agenda item #6 from the meeting link).

Please reach out if you have questions or have trouble accessing the meeting information.

Thanks,

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