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Honorable Commissioners -

As a soon-to-be-resident in a home on Door Dr. and Whitney Way, I'd like to register my support for proposed improvements for Whitney Way consistent with the 2021 Vision Zero plan including:

- Improved pedestrian crosswalks and visibility
- Buffered bike lanes (though protected lanes would be far superior)
- Removal of on street parking
- Reducing the speed limit to 25

Each of these improvements make Whitney Way and surrounding neighborhoods safer for everyone whether in a car, on foot, or on a bike. They would also improve the quality of life for those of us within earshot of Whitney and its many vehicles. Noise pollution will decrease with these improvements and I hope there are improvements to air quality as well.

Whitney Way cuts between several parks. Safety measures like those being considered will improve access to each -- especially important during a time when outdoor recreation has been rediscovered.

Though I would applaud the courage of the Commission in adopting the plan before you, I also encourage you to go further. Buffered bike lanes are an improvement over nothing. Though I might be willing to brave Whitney Way with the proposed improvements, I would still not consider it safe enough to bring my kids along.

I urge you to consider protected lanes on a roadway this popular with motorists. People should not have to be in a car to feel safe using a street.

Thank you for the time and energy you dedicate to making Madison a safe, healthy community for all of us.

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