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My husband and I have lived here on Whitney Way since 1981. We have watched the traffic increase over this time and now have difficulty backing out of our driveway. Reducing Whitney Way to one lane cannot support the traffic on this road. We watch the traffic as we are retired and have yet to see a full bus. In addition the bike lane is rarely used. So we strongly disagree that all the residents of Whitney Way should have to live under unsafe travel conditions so buses can have a separate lane. With the semi's, dump trucks and buses it is almost impossible to cross Whitney Way at Marathon which is where we live. We do not support more pedestrian walkways at Old Middleton Road which is light protected. We agree with making S. Hill cross way more user friendly. I have to run (I am 66 yrs old) across the road now to cross (no one stops) and with increased traffic of one lane only semi and dump trucks along with cars will create a non stop stream of vehicles closing it off to pedestrian traffic.

We would like to know why Madison continues to use diesel fueled buses in this time of climate change. We support the purchase of electric buses only. There is absolutely no need for double buses on the road. I watched 3 buses go by in a row the other day ALL EMPTY at an early time in the morning when people would go to work. I walk South Hill daily. There is consistently one car parked for a lone person going to the bus stop here. It is totally unreasonable that two of three lanes be dedicated to such a low percentage of people in our neighborhood that use those lanes.

I have answered every survey about the extensive speeding on Whitney Way. Reducing it to 25 mph will have no impact whatsoever. We applaud our police dept. for the time they dedicate to monitor and try to keep our area safer but it is not enough.

As homeowners it is unbelievable we could not have family, friends or contractors (or Emergency Vehicles) park in front of our house. We would like to know what major streets on the west side don't allow parking but only use a bike lane. There is not enough bike traffic to support a bike only entire lane with only one lane for cars. How long will cars have to wait at the traffic lights to get across Regent or Tokay? How long to wait on Whitney as cars jam up waiting to get through especially now with the build up at Exact Sciences.

We adamantly oppose the proposed plans for changing our traffic pattern to accomodate a few at the expense of the majority.

Kay and George Magnin