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Dear Commission,

I am strongly in support of the Shared/Slow streets program! Personally, the safety improvements from limiting traffic on Mifflin and Sherman are huge for me. My only concern with the proposed program is that it does not go far and fast enough! I know there are many stakeholders involved in the neighborhood, but the Mifflin corridor is already a crucial lifeline for biking on the north side of the isthmus, and designated as such. I would love to see it made into a true bike boulevard, permanently limited to local traffic only. There really isn't another equivalent route that maximizes safety and comfort for cyclists.

It's especially important to me for this program to continue into the winter months. Biking on Johnson/Gorham is a deathwish when the bike lanes might ice. Having E. Mifflin as a safe option all year is invaluable! I know there are logistical hurdles for plowing around barriers, but it seems like it works well for the excluder at Mifflin and Blair.

Overall I am thrilled that this program is continuing! Great work. It's a relatively simple thing that makes biking, running, and generally getting around really fun in the summer! I fully support this program continuing as quickly as is feasible.

Cheers, Andrew Lail 406 Castle Place Madison, WI 53703