

Dear TPPB members,

I appreciate all the work that the city has put into Let's Talk Streets, and formulating our Complete Green Streets program around an equitable vision for modal priority and street design/usage.

I for one am absolutely willing to lower vehicle through-put and storage to make streets safe for all users/modes, to make it easy to get around actively and on transit, and to return some of the overbuilt road area to non-car uses.

One thing I take issue with is the idea that rural roads are not for bikes/pedestrians:

For one thing, what are rural roads today are rapidly being developed, and becoming non-rural in a matter of months.

For another, Madison directly abuts rural areas, and people in Madison neighborhoods may use rural roads to commute to jobs in Sun Prairie, Cottage Grove, Middleton, or elsewhere.

But do they bike? Do they walk where there's no shoulder today? Well, it's a self-fulfilling prophecy when these roads are currently designed for fast car through-put and discourage to all other uses.

There's no need for these connections to rural areas to be so unwelcoming for walking/biking/rolling. There's also no need for such high speed or such high through-put.

The kind of road design we see on Buckeye, Cottage Grove, Commercial, etc. enables and promotes suburban sprawl, segregation, and ultimately the export of Madison tax revenue to other municipalities.

Our modal priority should extend to everywhere Madisonians live.

Thank you,  
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