

To:
Middleton Town Board
(Milo Breunig, Gary Whitney, Bill Kolar, Howard Licht, Richard J. Oberle)

From:
Bike Walk Madison (formerly Green Streets) Steering Committee
(Scott Cramer, Jay Ferm, Ann Freiwald, Steve Hiniker, Matt Logan, Doug Poland, Mary Rouse, Chuck Strawser, Dar Ward, Robbie Webber)

Date: November 24, 2008

RE: Bike Lanes on Old Sauk Road

Bike Walk Madison (formerly Green Streets) is a grassroots organization dedicated to making Dane County and Madison, Wisconsin an ever-better place to bicycle and walk while encouraging more people to walk and bike for transportation and recreation. We believe that citizens, organizations, businesses, and government can and should work together to improve the quality of life and safety of our community. We believe that streets are public spaces that are meant for people.

We wish to register our support for including bike lanes, or in the very least, paved shoulders, on Old Sauk Road when the road is rebuilt.

Wisconsin DOT encourages paving shoulders for both maintenance and safety reasons. Less maintenance is required with paved shoulders as the shoulders do not have to be pulled back up on a regular basis nor does the roadside have to be mowed as often. The benefits include:

- No shoulder drop-off causing vehicles to lose control
- Easier to go around turning vehicles
- Easier to go around slow-moving vehicles
- More room to safely avoid an errant vehicle
- Room for pedestrians and bikes.

Bike lanes will make travel safer and more convenient for both motorists and cyclists and may help prevent a needless tragedy from occurring on your roads. This route is referenced in the Dane County bike plan as a significant route for bicyclists. Therefore, failing to provide accommodation for bicyclists will not prevent them from using your roads.

As responsible stewards of your community, we hope that you will make safety a paramount concern in this decision.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Bike Walk Madison Steering Committee

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