

Midvale Blvd (University Ave to Mineral Point Rd)

Safe Streets Madison Meeting Feedback

October 30, 2023



General Comments

- Midvale Blvd design seems to invite speeding
- Mention from resident that they did not like Odana Rd changes (to 2 lanes, bike lanes, center turn lane)
- Too much traffic to reduce lanes, need route for trucks
- Better lighting is needed
- Safe Streets Madison scoring should consider resident impacts
- People biking should use other routes in area that are safer
- People needing parking should use other streets
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- Concerns over impact on property values
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- Nothing is wrong with Midvale Blvd leave as is
- Concern that changes would impact emergency services
- Having a peak hour lane seems like a fair compromise
- People's safety is more important than parking
- Concerns over impacts to paratransit pickups if street changed
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- Having a peak hour lane seems like it would help slow traffic which would be a great benefit
- Concerns that future development will increase traffic
- Could occasional parking bays allow for delivery or para transit pick ups? Some streets have added these.
- Could the median be used to create parking or bike lane?



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Parking Related Comments

- Apartment buildings have a green space requirement so cannot build more parking; not enough spaces for all residents to have parking
- Parking on side street mentioned as too far a walk
- Driveways are short & narrow so parking on street is needed
- Takes skill to back out onto Midvale so people often park on street instead of in driveways
- Parking on Midvale is not safe as car is likely to get hit
- Parking helps protect sidewalk users
- Impacts on home care workers who need somewhere to park



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- Worry that a bike lane would make it even more dangerous to back out of driveway
- Unsafe getting in/out of vehicle when parked on street
- Don't have enough parking on property and need street parking
- Many streets in Madison have parking restrictions
- Many people are not able to walk a few blocks from side street parking
- Side streets might not have enough parking
- Holidays need more parking than other days of the year
- Concerned about not having parking on street in front of house when get home late; side streets not well lit



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Bike Facility Comments

- Concern that it is not safe for people biking to have to move out into motor vehicle travel lane when encounter parked car
- Comment against the protected bike lane concept as person didn't feel safe riding on Bassett
- Request for safer roads in Hilldale area and not bike boulevards as people often drive aggressively
- Need better crossing of University Ave
- Midvale is most direct route to destinations, why should bikes have to take the long way around?
- Side streets wide around and are confusing
- Need Midvale to be a safe bike route



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Pedestrian/Crosswalk Comments

- Support for pedestrian improvements

