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Public Comments from City of Racine Bicycle and Pedestrian Public Information Meeting #3, Held on March 23, 2017

Comment Cards

- Durand/Taylor or West Blvd rebuilt. Hwy 11 - RaB proposed - how affected if done - DOT planning
 - Bike/car competition needs improvement - then Walker/hiker too
- Thank you so much for doing this - we are grateful
- Need more bike lanes that go through, not just 2 blocks e.g. Ohio Street
 - E/W corridor to 94
- Lakefront bike trail along Pershing Drive - I know some driveway access needs to be easier for snow removal. But the dips on the trail every time a driveway interrupts tells me it's still really all about cars - not bikers and walkers - a constant reminder of our lesser importance - I know it's a pet peeve. Don't even know which configuration is less expensive - but it's what I think as I brace for each driveway dip.
- Hwy 31 dangerous! Put bike route west side of HWY 31 from HWY 11, north to HWY 38. Improve 21st crossing
- Riverbend Nature Center is very interested in children and adults being able to safely ride bikes to River Bend along North Green Bay Road. We offer a variety of outdoor education and recreational activities. The programs and activities would be much more available to Racine residents of the bike trail/lane gave access to our facility. Accessibility would also support our mission which includes environmental education and sustainability.
- I'm worried about the mindset of City of Racine drivers. As a longtime biker, I have found drivers to NOT know the biker laws (same as a car). Also, in my riding around, some walkers and bikers alike are on the wrong side of the road. So I'm suggesting more information and signage to instruct and inform if it's ever possible. Thanks for all your work. Keep biking!
- For visitors to the city, they will not know where the local bicycle shops are for repairs - perhaps incorporate bike shops in the future signage
 - Overall this has progressed extremely well and I/we are very happy with the depth of the involvement and numerous potential changes that are listed. Please continue the great work and feel free to contact me if I can ever be of help. I am a member of Rails to Trails and donate yearly for local trails.
- I think it is crucial that Racine PD and the sheriff's department enforce state bicycle rules for public safety. That would be staying off sidewalks where pedestrians could be injured. Many cyclists can't be seen at dusk, or night, without proper front and back lights. About 20% of bike accidents involve biker alcohol and drug use. If there is an accident, will the PD and Sheriff's Dept. check for alcohol? The state does not do an "accident" report for a

bicycle/pedestrian accident. If a cyclist injures a person, they should be responsible for their negligence like a driver. Bike lanes are great even if the climate only allows their use 1/2 year. They are dangerous if a community does not commit to safety monitoring.

- I think one of the greatest hazards on bike trails is dog walkers with dogs on dog leashes, and walkers with headphones or earbuds. Both are oblivious to bikes and bike bells. Perhaps signage could warn people to keep their eyes and ears open. And, do we really need dogs on trails that bikers use? Bikes are not allowed on the sidewalk, so why isn't it proper to limit dogs to the sidewalk? There should be a law!
- Connections with trails in surrounding communities would be great.