

Revised Recommendations from SASY Transportation Committee

September 10, 2014

The SASY Transportation Committee held a public meeting on February 20, 2014 attended by approximately 45 people despite the inclement weather, who identified issues and made recommendations for improvement to the transportation infrastructure in the SASY neighborhood. Those receiving the most mention are summarized below as the recommendations from the Committee. The recommendations are designed as a starting point for discussion within the Council and with the city staff and Alder Marsha Rummel. The related maps are summaries are provided for reference.

1. Recommendations Regarding Pedestrians

- A. Consider installing crosswalks and pedestrian-activated traffic lights on Atwood Avenue at the following locations to improve pedestrian safety:
 - 1. At or near Olbrich Gardens; and
 - 2. At Corscot Street near the Barrymore Theater;
 - 3. At Ohio Street; and
 - 4. At Waubesa/Miller.
- B. Improve pedestrian safety along Lakeland at Hudson, Miller and points east.
- C. Narrow Winnebago St. east of 2nd Street to that the north side of the street does not widen to permit a straight shot into the parking area directly in front of the Alchemy Restaurant; instead, the curb should align with Winnebago as it enters the intersection with Atwood.
- D. Consider improvements to Schenks Corners as follows:
 - 1. Close the small street immediately in front of Alchemy and neighboring businesses and install a pedestrian Plaza to replace the parking lot spaces in front of Alchemy;
 - 2. Install angled parking near the east end of the 1900 block of Atwood to replace the parking spaces lost in front of Alchemy; and
 - 3. Two-way the 1900 block of Atwood with a two-way inlet from First Street and a one-way inlet at the east end from Winnebago Street; and
 - 4. Install angled parking near the east end of the 1900 block of Atwood to replace the parking spaces lost in front of Alchemy; and
 - 5. Narrow the 1900 block of Atwood Avenue considerably, making pedestrian crossing easier.

2. Recommendations regarding bicycles

- A. Install/paint bicycle lanes along Atwood Avenue from Dunning Street to Monona Drive to make it safer for bikes along that entire stretch.

- B. Implement table-topping bike path between Dunning and Waubesa as previously approved by the Council;
- C. Improve bicycle access to Schenks Corners businesses from Riverside and the bike path west of the Yahara River.
- D. Design an extension of the Wirth Ct. bike path, along the railroad track between Waubesa and the current "bike path to nowhere," which goes from the continuation of Division (north of LaFollette, former street, now bike path) east through the Union Corners land near the railroad track and ends at Farwell. The part of the path inside Union Corners was built before the recession, probably to conform to one of the proposed streets we expected to have been built seven or so years ago, and goes between what was Division and Farwell (see map). The bike path would need to be built between Waubesa and Farwell, crossing Corry and meeting up with the cul-de-sac with Farwell.

3. Recommendations regarding Transit:

- A. Increase frequency of bus service along East Washington, Atwood and Winnebago Streets;
- B. Extend more frequent bus service along Monona Drive up to the City of Monona boundary;
- C. Install a bus shelter near Winnebago/Yahara River;
- D. Do not close bus stops in the "productive" SASY neighborhood as was proposed in the nearby Tenney neighborhood for high-use stops.