



September 11, 2021

Dear Ms. Tompkins,

The Stonegate/Homestead Neighborhood Association would like to express wholehearted support for pedestrian and bicycle access from the Stonegate neighborhood area.

This area which has over 350 homes is not directly connected to other pedestrian and bike facilities. As a result, some non-motorized users are in the roadway which can be dangerous. There are no paved shoulders either so some walkers and joggers use the grass and other uneven surfaces. Not having designated and maintained ped/bike facilities can also create more liability.

The demand for users not only includes cyclists for leisure recreation and exercise and pedestrians like walkers and joggers but also those wanting to travel to other communities, the high school, parks, businesses, work, etc. Avid cyclists often ride along Big Sink for long treks while some casual riders go with their children to Douglas park on the other side of US 60. Walkers include going to the post office, walking their dog, going through the soccer complex for exercise, and going to More than a Bakery to work. The above are just a few specific examples of users.

We strongly support this overdue and worthwhile project for the benefit of so many in Woodford County. This project will provide linkage to other ped/bike facilities, support current and future demand for users, improve quality of life, increase property values and help make Woodford County a more attractive place to live and work.

Sincerely,

Brad Eldridge
President

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