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Pursuant to the December Transportation Commission meeting, I'd just like to reiterate a few points:

### **Bridge sidewalk**

On the East Medical Center Drive bridge, the sidewalk needs to be widened on the west side to accommodate the Campus-to-Campus Bikeway as well as pedestrians and cyclists going to and from the hospital. A cyclist going between the campuses can go down West Medical Center Drive, take the west sidewalk over the East Medical bridge, loop under the bridge, and head east toward North Campus (and the reverse for someone going the other way). The cyclist can totally avoid the Fuller / East Medical intersection, avoid a surface crossing of busy East Medical, and proceed efficiently and safely.

### **Route on hill**

West Medical has low traffic and a moderate grade. I think that most cyclists would feel much safer on West Medical than, for example, on Glen.

### **Let's make things better, not worse**

If there is a better proposal for the Campus-to-Campus Bikeway than WBWC's, let's see it. If there isn't, let's enable WBWC's proposal. **Narrowing the west sidewalk, as city staff proposes, would make things less safe for pedestrians and cyclists** (because it would increase conflicts).

-- Larry Deck XXX-XXX-XXXX (voice only)

-- Board member of Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition (WBWC)