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To whom this concerns,

I am writing to you to express my concern of removing street parking on the 4700-4900 block of Sheboygan Ave. I believe that removing street parking to create a bike line is completely inappropriate for this area of Madison. To give background on myself, I am a driver who does not park on the street, as I have an assigned parking spot at my residence. However, I am someone who commutes via bike during the warmer months of the year. As a biker, I rarely see enough bikers on this street to warrant the removal of parking. There are dozens of residence who use this street to park daily. Many of whom chose to live in these apartments because of the ability to park on the street. Not only are there residence who park on the street, but there are also delivery vehicles, moving trucks, emergency responders, uber/lyft/taxis, and residential guests that utilize the street parking. To remove street parking is displacing a lot of individuals from being able to park close to home.

From the prospective of a biker, I have never felt unsafe or the need to have a bike line on the block of Sheboygan Ave. The roads are already wide enough that if a car is driving by me, they have plenty of room to drive by without being near me. I do understand the importance of having bike lines around the city, but there is simply not enough bike traffic to justify removing parking on the street. The benefits of having a bike lane are minuscule to compared to the benefits of having parking.

I was not able to attend the virtual meeting that addressed this issue due to insufficient notice of the meeting on the city's part; therefore, I do not know what the outcome of the meeting was. I do want to also express my concerns about using a virtual meeting to understand the thoughts of the community. Meeting as such can lead to misrepresentation of the community because it does not have the opinions of all community members but rather just the ones fortunate enough to attend. I believe if you took a survey from the residence of this area about the potential option of removing parking on the street that the results will show disfavor towards the idea.

I urge you to truly think about the impact removing parking on the block of 4700-4900 Sheboygan Ave will have on the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Santanna Patterson  
Resident of 4700-4900 Sheboygan Ave