

April 12, 2018

To: Pedestrian, Bicycle & Motor Vehicle Commission

From: Patty Prime, President - TLNA

I am writing to support making the test traffic diverter at East Mifflin St and North Blair St permanent.

I have lived in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood since 1984. Most of my travel in Madison is done by bicycle. Living in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood makes it convenient, even easier than a car sometimes, to use a bicycle to get around town. My husband does not drive a car and so uses a bicycle all year. We do own a car, and I drive in Madison. Our bicycling helps us appreciate sharing the road with all modes of transportation. This is to say that we know this neighborhood and bicycling very well.

I am sure you are aware that there has been tremendous growth in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood in the past several years. In fact, there has been about a 50% growth in the number of living units in our neighborhood. This has had the effect of revitalizing the area, with more businesses and events and it is a very positive trend. With that growth, come more pedestrians, bicyclists and cars. I have noticed the increased volume and speed of automobile traffic on East Mifflin with many commuters using it as a cut-through, especially during rush hour when the main arteries are congested. Some drivers have yelled at me to get out of their way. It is not safe.

Daily during the diverter test period, I biked as usual downtown almost daily on East Mifflin. It was much, much safer. And, local residents could still get to their homes and stores (such as Festival) by car or bike or walking. It really was a great, positive improvement for bicycles and automobiles (safer for them as well). The City of Madison needs to make this improvement permanent.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patty Prime". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Patty Prime
President, TLNA