

From: plnametz <plnametz@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 8:33 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Don't cut the police budget!

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Hello, Madison Alders,

I have read with great concern of Mayor Rhodes-Conway's plans to cut the city police budget. Please don't vote for this! Madison is growing, bringing increasing needs for traffic enforcement, burglary investigation, community engagement, and other functions only our police officers are trained to do.

We have a great department! Please don't cut their budget as the city's needs for intelligent and caring policing only continue to grow.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Nametz
Madison resident since 1973

From: Susan Ashley <susan@ashleyhall.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 11:43 AM
To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: MPD

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Good morning,

I want to communicate my thoughts on the continuing rise in crime in Madison and the continuing and proposed reduction in our MPD budget. In a recent meeting in our area, it was disclosed by current officers that MPD ranks consist of either the very young, new recruit officers and those old enough to only be willing to continue their MPD career because they are relatively close to retirement and wish to retain their retirement benefits. The entire middle age range of officers have already left MPD for pastures greener than Madison offers; pastures where they are supported in every way by the community they work in and for. Now I've learned that there are further proposed cuts in MPD's budget for next year.

In recent years, crime in Madison has gotten completely out of control and MPD already doesn't have enough officers (due to prior budget constraints) to adequately handle all the crime, speeding, shootings, auto theft, homeless settlement unrest, home break-ins, etc. so I fail to understand how our police will serve and protect us if there are more budget cuts. In 32 of the past 39 years, I have lived in Dallas, Los Angeles, and Houston and I have NEVER felt as unsafe in those communities as I feel living in Madison. We never know when our homes will be broken into, when we might become victims of a traffic incident caused either by a youth in a stolen, speeding vehicle or of crossfire from another vehicle, when our catalytic convert will be cut off our car overnight, etc. And are we waiting for Reindahl Park to erupt into a full-fledged riot before the issues there are addressed? Our police need to be adequately funded and staffed for them to be able to protect our community. Madison has always had the reputation of being a desirable place to live but the way things are going now, that reputation won't last for very long. I have 4 neighbors and friends that used to live within a block of our home, but they have sold their homes and moved out of Madison. I'm quite sure there are many more.

Will it take an assault on your own person or home to see the danger in these MPD cuts?

I beg you, PLEASE DO NOT SUPPORT FURTHER MPD BUDGET CUTS!

Susan Ashley

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Madison, WI 53718-8500

From: Colleen Cotter <cottercmt@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 2:39 PM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>

Subject:

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I, as a citizen of Madison want and NEED a FULLY STAFFED and ADEQUATELY FUNDED Police Department. Our safety is in imminent peril without it.

From: GRIFFIN DORSCHER <gifdor@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 5, 2021 5:28 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Police department

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Alders,

While racism is a deep and long term problem to be addressed, we are not in favor of downsizing the police department. Community policing is an important part of the fabric not only of Madison, but of the whole Dane County community.

From: Nancy Battist <battistnancy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 2:03 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Disgusted

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Dear Alders,

I am a resident on the East side with Alder Jael Currie. I have lived in Madison my entire life. I have never been so disgusted as I am now. My Far East side neighborhood has been plagued with criminal activity over the past two years and now extreme violence with guns. I have always felt safe until the past few years. I live only a few blocks from the east Police district and the past months the sound of sirens is constant. I have a son living in SW Minneapolis near W. Lake St. and when visiting him there are fewer sirens heard.

STOP the politics and FUND our POLICE. Yes Social Workers and Counselors are important to ride with Police, but are they going to calls to de-escalate with @shots fired calls?" Innocent people are being hurt, homes shot at and there will be more innocent people killed. Put money back into Community Policing.

Concerned Madisonian,
Nancy Battist
1114 Amsterdam Ave.
Madison - 53716

From: mtevanon@gmail.com <mtevanon@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 4:16 PM

To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>

Cc: Patton, Timothy <TPatton@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Albouras, Christian <district20@cityofmadison.com>; Arik Grundahl <grundahlak19@gmail.com>; Heidi Wiley <heidijeanwiley@gmail.com>; Jacob Kriegisch <jacob.kriegisch@gmail.com>; Janice Bauman <jdbauman4@gmail.com>; Kristen McCool <kristen.mccool@gmail.com>; Lisa Kass <lkpenguins@gmail.com>; Lisa Schulz <buttonldy@aol.com>; Lisa Veldran <lveldran@yahoo.com>; Maggie Dugan <maggiedugan24@gmail.com>; Mark Bauman <msbauman57@gmail.com>; Marty & Terry Evanson <mtevanon@gmail.com>; Maureen Murphy <murphy.k.maureen@gmail.com>; Miguel Benson <miguel.a.benson@gmail.com>; Mike Edmonds <m.edmonds@sbcglobal.net>; Sammy Clevenger <samanthakay36@yahoo.com>; Sheray Wallace (CSW focused interruption) <swallace@focusedinterruption.org>; Tony Smick <skyumahwi@aol.com>

Subject: 2022 City Operating Budget for the Madison Police

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The Honorable Satya Rhodes-Conway – The Meadowood Neighborhood Association Board respectfully opposes your plan to cut the Madison police department budget. The attached letter outlines the safety situations in our neighborhood and the need for a fully staffed police force. As you construct the 2022 operating budget we strongly urge you to fully fund the police department.

Sincerely,

Theresa Evanson, President

Meadowood Neighborhood Association

<https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/>

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Theresa Evanson, President
MNABoard1@gmail.com

September 7, 2021

Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway
City-County Building
210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, #403
Madison, WI 53703

RE: 2022 Operating Budget for the Madison Police

Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway,

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) opposes your plan to cut the Madison police department budget.

In this last year, our neighborhood has experienced multiple shots fired incidents, with at least one injury, multiple burglaries and other property crimes. Homes have been hit with bullets while people slept in their beds.

The city already has too few officers to address multiple, on-going incidents. The five percent cut you have proposed may result in the loss of more than 35 officers from our understaffed police force. Police are already stretched thin – more cuts will make their jobs more dangerous and reduce response times. Residents in our neighborhood feel unsafe and unheard. Reducing our overstretched police force only exacerbates anger and distrust toward you and other elected officials.

The MNA Board is constantly communicating with our residents through social media, email, newsletters, yard signs, and personal conversations about the responsibility of residents for neighborhood safety. We promote communication between residents and the police. We include our neighborhood officers in our neighborhood activities so residents can get to know them personally. We encourage residents to report suspicious activity and to be cognizant of personal actions they can take to prevent crime.

But there is only so much we can do as residents. We depend on the police to show up when people in stolen cars race down our streets shooting guns. Perpetrators of these incredibly dangerous acts need to be apprehended. Neighborhood safety is at the very top of MNA's priorities. It should also be a top priority for the city.

The MNA board supports the Community Alternative Response Emergency Services (CARES) program, Focused Interruption, and a public health approach to reducing violence in our city. These and other social service efforts can help address root causes of crime. However, they take time to implement and it will be some time before these efforts have an impact on day-to-day crime in the city. It is critical that effective police services be available to address the crimes that are being committed daily and are putting our neighborhood residents at risk.

We believe that you can find the money to fully fund the police department while also funding longer term responses to reduce crime. We look forward to working with your office and our alder, Christian Albouras, to ensure safety in our city.

Sincerely,

Theresa A. Evanson

Cc: All Madison City Alders

From: Marie Schanke <marieschanke@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 1:04 PM
To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Police Funding Cut

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Hello,
I'd like to add my 2 cents to the police department's funding cut.

I was shocked to hear police had to work overtime to cover Madison during the Labor Day weekend. This holiday (as with most holidays) should have had more, not fewer, officers assigned to work.
>> At minimum, the weekend is known for increased alcohol consumption. That act alone often results in:

- an increased number of people driving under the influence
- an increase in underage drinking. Do not forget the University of WI has over 45,000 students. If we assume 20% are 21 or older that leaves 36k. If 10% don't drink over \$32k remain. With classes for 2021 starting Wed. 9/8/21 those 32k students will have moved into the area by Mon. 9/6/21 = Labor Day.
- increased DUI-based road accidents (single vehicle or multiple) & their associated injuries
- increased theft and burglary
- people doing stupid things, aside from driving or stealing, which result in injury (for ex., improper use of fireworks resulting in terrible hand & face burns)
- operating a boat while under the influence **with 4 major lakes in our backyard this is a big issue**
- injuring or killing others using the lakes
- increased domestic violence
- an increase in rape (while under the influence the word "no" quite often isn't as clearly heard as it should be)
- increased gunfire & associated injuries: death of a specific person or innocent bystanders as well as death/injuries resulting from someone "playing" with a gun

>> Regarding injuries resulting from the above crimes as well as those I didn't list:

- As of Aug. 26/2021 only 6% of WI's ICU beds were available. COVID is kicking our state's ability to treat everything from minor injuries to those meriting an ICU bed.
- Cutting the number of police available, over a known-to-be-hazardous weekend, could be considered a criminal act. It definitely is if someone dies or is permanently injured due to the limited number of police available. If a domestic disturbance call comes in, a delay of mere seconds may result in death or permanent disability. Same with a "person has a gun & is threatening..." call.
- Every "extra" injury severe enough to require the ED or hospitalization puts an increased strain on our almost maxed healthcare facilities. Also, most of their staff have been working backbreaking hours since at least February of 2020.

I hope you understand cutting the police presence within Madison is only going to kick start an increase in illegal activity. Too much of that activity leads to additions to our already severely strained healthcare system. It's a nasty circle which does not have to exist.

I was also informed that at one point there was a single officer on duty for all of Madison. That has to be one of the most disturbing and saddening things I've heard. We aren't Milwaukee, with nearly 600,000

people, but we are also not Appleton with a population close to 75,000. Our 275,000 people absolutely require an involved, well trained, and adequately sized police force.

If the “bad guys” know the severe limits of the police force’s ability to respond to crime of any type, which they already do or will soon understand, it virtually gives them free reign to do what they do best which includes everything I’ve listed above plus much more: vandalization, the stealing of cars and/or car jacking, riffling through cars in driveways, parental (or non-related) kidnapping of a child which would merit immediate investigation, the selling of drugs of all types, etc.

Please help avoid the inevitable consequences I’ve noted. We have seen what has happened in cities which have lowered/defunded their police department budgets. Every city, I believe, which has done so has experienced difficulties such as I’ve outlined (and more). Some have even employed private security firms to supplement their significantly reduced police force.

It makes no sense. Money saved up front through reduction of the department’s budget will result in a larger amount spent down the road. Spending on healthcare, the removal of “tags” off vandalized property, paying facilities to wean an increased number of our fellow citizens off drugs, etc... will haunt us; especially those who made the decision to reduce police funding.

Please properly fund our police department ASAP.

I would greatly appreciate a reply if my facts regarding Labor Day weekend police staffing are incorrect.

I would also like a reply explaining why the necessary funding is not going to the police department when we’ve seen the decline in safety and increase in violence/ crime in other cities.

- A study must have been completed before this decision was made. It would outline the benefits and negatives associated with lowering police department funding. If you can point me to that document, which I would expect to be publicly available, I would greatly appreciate it.

I thank you for your time.

Marie

Marie Schanke, M.H.A.

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From: getkidsoutside@gmail.com <getkidsoutside@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 2:56 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] Keep police funding

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Diane Schwartz

Address: 2145 East Washington Ave., East Washington, Madison, WI 53704

Email: getkidsoutside@gmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? No, do not contact me

Message:

I would like to express my support of keeping police funding in tact or even increasing it. Crime is rising, not decreasing and we are still seeing black men being shot down in the streets. I don't think it makes sense to defund the police when we need them more than ever.

From: Mary Odell <odellme@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2021 7:58 PM
To: Figueroa Cole, Yannette <district10@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mary Odell <odellme@att.net>
Subject: Budget Concerns

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So many issues so I will limit this letter to two: **Police Budget and Metro Redesign**

Under funding one agency at the expense of another is poor governance.

As to **Police Funding** I believe there should be more dollars allocated, not less. Have you considered the population growth of Madison as against the number of police on the force. What was the population of Madison, say 5 and 10 years ago versus the number of police at that time? So the population grows and the number of officers decreases. Think that one over and consider on a personal level what that means to you and your neighbors.

Secondly the **Metro Redesign and BRT** are not user friendly to residential neighborhoods. The biggest clue to this potential boondoggle is the premise from which Metro started this redesign: straight from Metro guy, "we assumed Madison had never had a bus system", not how can we tweak the system to make it more neighborhood and rider friendly.

Cutting service of existing routes to create a channel to the BRT does not meet the needs of neighborhoods. I live in Nakoma and we have had bus service since the 1920's. Metro has skewed its propaganda to treat BRT as the end all. Neighborhood routes have been eliminated. Metro is so excited to say the bus ride will be 3 minutes faster, but ignores the fact that a rider now must walk 15 minutes or more to get a bus and/or got through a transfer point and possibly missing the connection. BRT propaganda says but there will be four buses and hour across Midvale compared to one bus in or neighborhood every half hour or hour. My question to Metro are those four buses going to have at 30 riders per bus? Extremely doubtful.

As Alders I believe you are supposed to work for every resident of Madison and not limit yourself to your own personal issues. Cutting the budget should not have to be a conversation because the City Council encourages developers to build on the premise that is increases the tax base. So the tax base should be healthy at this time and your concerns should be to create a budget that keeps the city at its previous level of services, especially with these new taxes.

From: JACK K PHILLIPS <jack.phillips@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 1:29 PM
To: Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY

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Hello Finance Committee members, Alders, and Mayor,

I'm writing today to say that the mayor's proposed budget is awash with misplaced priorities and corruption. The last year has seen public debates over how to solve houselessness in our community, and we've run up time and again against the constraints of the budget. But rather than taking bold budgetary action to provide the services and facilities that can hold our community together in the face of climate collapse, mass displacement, a coming wave of evictions in our community, and political turmoil around the nation, the Mayor has chosen to dump millions more into an already bloated policing budget to maintain a private standing army for the city to violently harass houseless folks trying to get by in an economy defined by shortages of affordable housing and well-paying jobs. This speaks to our priorities as a society: We would rather kick our problems down the road, letting them snowball into untenable situations that will inevitably escalate into civil unrest, than dedicate money to improving the living situation in our city. We would rather militarize and prepare to violently repress those who capitalism fails than build a city that's resilient to that turmoil, and that alleviates the suffering that causes turmoil.

Last year saw a mass uprising demanding the abolition of the institution of policing and its replacement with a system of community care that deals with antisocial behavior at its root, rather than waiting for conditions of neglect to boil over into violence. This demand was diluted by national media to a call for mere defunding of police- and I do believe that defunding the police is a workable first step towards building a society that places people first. And yet, as we slashed tens of millions off of the city's operating budget in the face of a global pandemic, we actually ***increased*** the police budget, rewarding them for their violent behavior, for continuing to ignore the murderer in their department, for escalating fully peaceful protests to the level of property damage with their militarized presence and indiscriminate use of physical and chemical weapons against civilians. And this year, as MPD continues to ignore its problems, as it [treats houseless folks staying at a shelter as prisoners, standing by as people suffer asthma attacks](#), the mayor once again wishes to reward violent behavior with millions of dollars of additional funding. MPD holds onto and protects its bad apples- and if you know anything about food preservation, you know that even one bad apple spoils the bunch. At this point, MPD is rotten to its core, and the knee-jerk reaction of throwing money at them to solve that has proven ineffective year after year.

This has gone on long enough. Defund the police, and shift that money to shelters and boarding houses for community members who've lost their homes, to urban farming projects and food pantries to feed our neighbors, to libraries and community centers and programs that interrupt antisocial behavior at its root, and to CAHOOTS and strong mental health care programs that are more equipped to manage crisis situations than armed vigilantes.

Thank you,

-Jack

Mx. Jack K. Phillips

[They/Them](#)

Graduate Student, Biomedical Engineering
University of Wisconsin-Madison

From: Bonnie ackerman <bonnieackerman@charter.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 5:26 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Safety and Budget

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SAFETY:

I am extremely concerned about all the car thefts, shootings and car jacking by gun point that is taking place in Madison.

Madison is no longer a safe place to live. I do not feel that the mayor and city council are making citizen's safety a top priority.

BUDGET:

I feel the proposed budget for the coming year is very short sighted regarding financing. It appears to only addresses financing for the coming year without consideration for longevity to funding yearly issues.

Thank you for serving and for considering my concerns.

Cecilia Ackerman
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Madison Wi 53717

From: meganpbruun@gmail.com <meganpbruun@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 1:37 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: No increase for police spending

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Hi,

I'm writing to urge you to not increase the budget for the Madison police. This money could go to so many other causes that would help our community, such as helping with housing homeless people.

Here are a few ways that the budget could be decreased for the police:

Reduce the 168k for ammunition

Not adding new positions

Not getting new police drones

Please consider putting this money elsewhere, where it is more needed and would help the Madison community.

Thank you,
Megan Bruun

312 N Blair St. APT 1
Madison WI 53703

[Meganpbruun@gmail.com](mailto:meganpbruun@gmail.com)

From: Bailey O'Malley <bwomalley@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 7:09 PM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: no police budget increase

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I would like to oppose any increase to the police budget. I feel strongly that the police budget should be decreased and reallocated to support programs that will help all members of the community.

Thank you,
Bailey O'Malley
739 Williamson St

From: Peyton David <peyday44@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:29 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Opposition to Item 6 10/19 Meeting

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Good morning:

I am emailing to voice my opposition of the increase in funding for the Madison Police Department. This funding would be better allocated for community programs and mental health services. The increase in funding over the last several years has not curbed violence and crime. This funding should go towards resources for Madison community members instead.

I urge you to consider how an increase in police funding and presence will impact our most marginalized communities.

Thank you,
Peyton

From: Jessica D <jessdufault@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:17 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Operating budget concerns

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Dear Alders

I strongly oppose item 6.67496, particularly on the increased spending for mpd.

Your Madison constituents have been speaking loud and clear on how we do NOT support increasing budgets for MPD. And yet here we are again talking millions of dollars being invested in systems of oppression rather than systems of support. I can think of a hundred different ways I'd rather see this money used and I can promise you not one of them includes giving the police \$84M. And yet affordable housing is only getting \$6.8M and public health only \$7.2M? This is completely backwards. In case you missed it, we are demanding to defund the police. And if you forgot what that means, let me refresh your memory. It means investing money into systems of support like affordable housing and public health and divesting money from systems of oppression.

I could call into this meeting and waste everybody's time listing out the hundred of other options for investing this money into real community needs but we've done that already! And you refuse to listen.

What will it take for the city to listen to their community, divest from carceral punishment and give Madison a real opportunity to thrive? Let me know please.

Jessica Dufault

From: Allison Baldwin <acbaldwin49@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 10:42 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Common Council 10/19 @6PM Comment

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Good morning,

I am a resident of Madison who lives in District #2.

I oppose the proposed budget in Item #6 67496 2022 Executive Operating Budget due to the \$2 million increase for police. Madison does not need an increased police budget and more police officers. The recent incident where officer Keith Brown fired his weapon during an arrest on State St. and struck officer Andy Garcia shows the incompetence of Madison police that we certainly do not need to fund more of. The Common Council should listen to what activists and the public have been calling for and decrease the police budget to divert police funding to social services like affordable housing and public health that Madison actually needs. At the very least, do not pass an increase in the police budget.

I also oppose the decreased speaking time limit for public hearings as proposed in Item #21 67638 Amending Section 2.30(2) of the Madison General Ordinances. The job of the Council, as officials elected by the people, is to let the people speak and to hear them out. This is a blatant attempt to silence the people of Madison from speaking out against the harm perpetuated by Madison Common Council.

Thank you,
Allison Baldwin
Madison, WI 53703

From: Dominique Barthel <dominiqueroseb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 10:59 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: No MPD budget increase

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Hello,

I am writing to voice my opposition of Common Council item 6 - the 2022 executive operating budget.

This proposal identifies funding to go to MPD for "reform and innovation initiatives". This is problematic for several reasons. For one, it is incredibly vague as to how this money will be spent. This is very concerning to me as a community member.

As a community member for five years, I've seen many problematic behaviors from MPD, even after the new sheriff has been appointed. I am very against allocating ANY increase in funds to MPD. They do not use their funding wisely. If they need money for reform, they should **take it from the money they spend to ride horses around (a historically racist form of intimidation and ineffective tool for keeping the community safe)**. We could also **reduce the \$168,000 spent on ammunition**...or not get a new police drone. There is no reason we should be giving MPD an increase in funding. If anything, it should be cut and used more effectively.

I'd love to see our community allocate this funding to support more effective public health efforts, such as helping the homelessness crisis.

Please listen to the community and advocate against increased MPD funding.

Thank you,
Dominique

From: Bailey Wendelberger <bailey.wendelberger@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 11:30 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: 67496

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Alders,

I want to urge you to prioritize funding for low income housing, ecological restoration of the city, and mental health support (like the CARES program) over adding more funding to the police. They have enough. People and the planet deserve better. Please oppose the Operating Budget and rework it to reflect the actual needs of this community, which is health and safety through accessible services.

Thank you,
Bailey Wendelberger
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From: Ryan Eykholt <ryan.eykholt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 2:01 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Common Council 10/19 Agenda Item 6

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Dear Alders,

My name is Ryan Eykholt. I am a Madison resident, living on E Johnson St, 53703.

I have comments pertaining to Item 6 on today's Common Council meeting agenda, "ITEM 6. 67496 2022 Executive Operating Budget".

I strongly oppose the amount of money in the 2022 Executive Operational Budget that is going to the police department. Over \$84 million going towards the police (\$2 million more than 2021) is excessive, dangerous, harmful, and wasteful. It is well documented that funneling more funding into police departments, as well as allowing these departments to operate without impunity, does nothing to reduce crime. Police cause immense harm to Black and Brown communities, and we cannot police our way out of that reality. It is well documented that defunding the police and refunding community/social services offers much more promising outcomes for the health, safety, and livelihoods of everyone in our communities, especially Black people, Indigenous people and other people of color.

I find it outrageous that the Mayor is attempting to give more money to MPD when so many people are suffering, and as she is only planning for \$6.8M for new affordable housing, \$7.2M for public health, and \$18.9M for libraries. Freedom Inc surveyed 1500+ people in Madison to create the [People's Budget](#), and the needs articulated in this thorough report are not reflected in the 2022 Executive Operating Budget.

I urge you to not increase the police budget as the Mayor has written into the executive budget. We do not need \$168K spent on ammunition. We do not need a mounted police program. We don't need more police officers. We *need* to invest in an infrastructure of support, care, and transformative justice. I hope you will make a decision that looks out for your constituents' priorities and does not contribute to the centuries-long harms against Black people.

Sincerely,
Ryan Eykholt
ryan.eykholt@gmail.com

From: Allison Bell Bern <abellbern@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:20 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Budget

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I am writing to oppose the budget proposal- specifically the \$84+ million for the police. How many of you have begun devoting yourselves to developing a race analysis? You cannot do this work ethically without one and without centering it in your approach to everything you do.

The police make us less safe. You will see this if you actually study the issue as the activist community has done.

We may or may not show up and speak at the meeting. If we don't, it's not because we aren't paying attention any more now that the fervor has subsided. It's because you don't listen to us anyway.

Allison Bell Bern
Abbas district

From: Tim K <timothykilkenny@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:57 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: 67496 2022 Executive Operating Budget

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Dear Alders,

I would implore you to take a second look at the executive operating budget for next year and recognize that there is a huge discrepancy between what is set aside for the Police Department, versus Public Health.

We could easily be making a bigger and more positive impact in our community if we invest more in wellness initiatives and violence prevention passed what is a paltry \$20,000 currently according to the budget.

I know that there are steps being taken to try and help more but when it comes down to it, literally putting our money where our mouths are is at least a good start. There have been major strides starting with the C.A.R.E.S. Program; we can continue to invest in our community by focusing on these alternative emergency response initiatives, and be an example for other cities around the country.

Thank you for your time,

Tim Kilkenny
District 11
(608) 843-1083

From: Danielle Ludtke <d_ludtke@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 4:00 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Common Council – October 19, 2021

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Greetings,

With regards to Agenda Item # 67496 Executive Operating Budget, I have some concerns over some of the 2022 police department budget highlights:

- the change to ICAT is a reduction of \$65,000 when police training is more important to the safety of our community than ever; is that shift going to benefit all of us?
- the Dane County Narcotics Task Force has a \$432,600 grant and traffic enforcement anticipates \$733,700; what will that money be put towards? I'm concerned that these positions take advantage of people and discriminate based on what kind of car they drive or where they live, so putting ~\$1M more towards that will hurt my community.
- a Community Relations Specialist position is being filled, but at a net reduction of \$14,000; considering how important the relationship between the community and the police is, I worry that only having a single position and/or the compensation for that single position will be insufficient for our community's needs

Thank you for your time and attention. I know these issues are complicated and balance can be hard to find, I just want my community to be one where I'm 100% proud to be part of it.

Sincerely,

Danielle Ludtke

From: Pais Ley <pais4days@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 4:13 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Budget

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Hello,

I am here to request from the bottom of my heart that you do not increase the police budget. Public housing and healthcare are what our communities really need, and these areas are severely under budgeted, especially in comparison to the police. Why would you choose to allocate our resources to an institution that we know disproportionately harms MANY people in our community, instead of in services that actually benefit people in need? I hope you consider this, and do the right thing. I know you know the right thing.

Sincerely,
Paisley Koch

From: Olivia Williams <oliviareneewilliams@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 4:39 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Police & Housing budget

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Hi alders,

In reviewing the 2022 Executive Operating Budget, I was disheartened to see that the police budget has a proposed increase and will involve hiring new police, while many other departments are having to cut costs. Policing also takes up about a quarter of the whole Operating budget, at over \$82 million. We need to put our money where our mouth is as a community to say where our priorities lie. Please support a reduction of the police budget in order to fund more community services such as public health, housing, and libraries. Affordable housing is especially needed as home prices have gone up 13% in Madison in the last year. To help people out of poverty and reduce crime, they first need to be housed.

Thank you for your time,
Olivia

From: Missy Mael <missy.mael@thercc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 5:24 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: RE: Common Council Agenda Item 67496

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Dear City of Madison Alders,

First, thank you for your service to the people of our great City. I know that you likely chose to become alders for the same reason I became a sexual violence educator and advocate—to help people and make our community a better place. I so appreciate that.

I'm writing today to oppose agenda item 67496, the operating budget currently being put forth by the Mayor's office.

I've spent several hours over the past week counseling MMSD staff about how to effectively support students and develop better policies and practices after yet another incident of sexual violence among their student body. Whether it occurs in school hallways, at school sponsored events, or at a home away from campus, our young people experience sexual violence at astronomical rates. This doesn't even take into consideration the horrific acts of violence perpetrated by adults who have been entrusted to care for our children. Statistically, 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 5 boys will be sexually assaulted before they reach the age of 18. Those statistics aren't as easy to find for transgender and non-binary kids, but we know that they are victimized at much, much higher rates.

Why am I telling you this? I'm telling you this because our City's operating budget continually forces agencies like ours to compete with valued community partners like DAIS and Focused Interruption Coalition for funding, even though the budget for the services we provide isn't enough for just one of our organizations. We work hard to find creative ways to collaborate and make the dollars stretch, and our work has truly lasting impact that has the potential to decrease suicide rates, addiction and drug abuse, and homelessness. However, the operating budget and ARPA funds that have been identified for crisis intervention and true violence prevention services are simply not enough.

If the City of Madison genuinely wants to change the culture of violence that is causing the increase in gun violence, car thefts, and other crime, you **MUST** invest in crisis intervention and violence prevention programming.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

In strength and solidarity,

Missy Mael *she/her/hers* ([what's this?](#))

Co-Executive Director/Director of Outreach



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From: Jake Rodgers <jjrodge@sunprairieschools.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 5:44 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Budget

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Alders,

As a voting member of District 6, I am asking that you do not increase funding for the Madison Police Department.

We do not need a two million dollar increase in spending for MPD. This money can be better spent elsewhere. Housing, education, health care, and mental health services. This is not what the people need.

Thank you,
Jake Rodgers

From: Joseph Keyes <jkeyes1a1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 4:55 PM
To: Finance <finance@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Madison Budget Shortfalls

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Mr. David Schmiedicke
Finance Director
City of Madison

Thank you for your presentation about the Madison budget process and current overview of that budget at the Westside Community Conversation last Thursday, October 14th. Your presentation noted several items. First, the current budget for 2022 ongoing operations is being funded by onetime funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, onetime funds from the Tax Incremental Finance District #25, and Madison “rainy day” funds of eight million dollars. These funds will cover the budget years 2022 and 2023 but will not be able to cover the budget year 2024. You noted that cuts will most likely need to be made in 2024. Secondly, to cover the 2022 budget a recycling fee of \$3.00/monthly/household will be implemented in mid-year 2022. Finally, Madison’s Aaa bond rating is predicated on having the eight million dollar “rainy day” money available. Given these funds will be used up in 2022 there was no mention on how these monies would be replenished to preserve the Aaa bond rating.

To be transparent to the Madison citizenry, I request the following:

- 1) To be good financial stewards, Madison needs to currently address how it will approach the funding shortfall for 2024. Given that shortfall, you noted that cuts will need to be made. I would ask that a blog come from the mayor detailing what those cuts will be so those impacted by the reduced spending can have time to make plans to address that shortfall.
- 2) Again, to be good financial stewards, Madison needs to replenish those “rainy day” funds to ensure our bond rating does not decline thus increasing our borrowing costs with higher interest rates. Those higher interest rates will have a pernicious impact on the cost of debt for capital additions and on the debt issued to fund the Bus Rapid Transit project. I would ask another mayoral blog be issued addressing this point so the Madison citizenry can be fully informed.
- 3) As you agreed, a summary detailing and adding together all property taxes and fees (forestry, recycling, wheel tax, etc.) on an average Madison home be provided to Madison residents. I would request that this summary be provided on a 3-year comparative basis and be added to the mayor’s narrative provided with the yearend property tax bill.

Again, thank you for your budget presentation and I look forward to the explanations of the situations detailed above.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph R. Keyes
District 11

From: Konkel, Brenda <brendakonkel@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 8:33 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Rhodes-Conway, Satya V. <SRhodes-Conway@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: What happened to funding for a new tiny house village?

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Last July the Common Council [allocated ARPA funds in the amount of \\$2M for "unsheltered homeless support"](#). At the time we understood, and we believe many others did, that \$1M would be used for encampments and \$1M would be used for a tiny house village. (See [tiny houses](#) mentioned in the Mayor's blog regarding this funding.)

At this time we understand that all of the money has been spent on the encampment and there is no additional funding for a third tiny house village.

We, the board of Occupy Madison, are particularly dismayed that so much money has been put into a "temporary" solution and that the permanent solution has been shelved. We are perplexed that you would purchase tiny houses from an out of state company when we could have built them at half the cost and used it as a community building effort. And, we are surprised you are putting so much funding into a temporary site that will be a fire training facility in the future, wasting money that could have been spent on a long term investment.

Additionally, Occupy Madison was bidding on 1901 Bartillon Drive. In good faith, we shared the elements of our offer to the city, offering to work with city staff. However, because the city was bidding against us at the time, the price went up to \$1M and we were unable to purchase the property, particularly understanding that there were now no funds available from the city. That particular property, with the building as it is, was ideal for us because we could have converted the building to a shop to build our tiny houses. We understand you plan to demolish that building and if it eventually becomes a tiny house village, it will cost approximately \$1.2M to replace the building with current construction costs.

To date, the only money the City of Madison has put into our two villages is \$150,000 for solar improvements. The rest of the funding for our villages has come entirely from fundraising, selling goods we make and grow and Dane County (\$200,000). We believe we have a sustainable and viable option for permanent housing for some people and that our villages serve as an important option in the range of solutions to ending homelessness in Dane County.

We are writing today to ask that you put money to purchase land for a 3rd tiny house village in the 2022 budget to replace the funding previously alleged to be allocated for tiny houses.

Should you have any questions, members of the board would be happy to meet with you.

Sincerely,

Brenda K. Konkel
President, Occupy Madison

From: Michael Johnson <mjohnson@bgcdc.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 12:05 PM
To: Satya Rhodes-Conway <satyarhodesconway@gmail.com>; All Alders
<allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: MPD budget- Thanks in advance for your consideration

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Michael Johnson: Chief Barnes deserves support in his Inaugural MPD Budget

With the recent incidents happening in our city, we have a new chief of police that could be a game changer if given the opportunity and resources to do so.

Chief Barnes is a proven reformer, educator, and law enforcement expert who has been recognized by the National Institute of Justice as a Law Enforcement Advancing Data and Science (LEADS) Scholar. In his past practices, he has used data and science to help reduce crime. He also uses this approach to improve community and police relations. I recently learned that the Madison Police department has 4 LEADS Scholars that includes the Chief. This is largest number of any police department in the nation.

Our new chief also has experience working with civilian oversight boards and brings significant experience to his new position. Chief Barnes is a member of the National Police Foundation's Council on Police Reform and Race and is highly respected for his law enforcement work. I recently met with Chief Barnes, and he convinced me that he has a vision for community policing that is reflective of his budget priorities.

His current budget proposal includes:

1. Adding an additional staff member to Professional Standards and Internal Affairs to work with the new Intendent Monitor to expedite the citizen complaint process.
2. Adding a permanent Police Sergeant to his newly formed Gang and Neighborhood Crime Abatement Team to help address the rise in gun violence.
3. Creating a new division of police reform and innovation that would execute on the one hundred seventy-seven ad hoc recommendations as well as the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) report.
4. The Town of Madison will be annexed into the Madison Community in October of 2022 and Chief Barnes has proposed a balanced and equitable blueprint that is designed to keep our community safer without an abundance of over policing.
5. Creating a Community Engagement Specialist position to improve community and police relations and to help address critical communication and distrust that exist in our community.
6. His operational strategies include working with the Focused Interruption Coalition, Public Health, mental health agencies and other community partners and government agencies to alleviate gun violence and provide support to families of those impacted by violent crimes.

In addition, when he first started his assignment, we talked about the creation of a Youth Advisory Board. I watched him execute on that plan as he secured private funding to ensure that the voices of young people are being heard. I've also watched him develop his first comprehensive multi-year strategic plan which is important for a leader coming into new executive management role.

I believe we have an amazing opportunity to support an accomplished leader who is no stranger to successful reform and our city needs Chief Barnes to be successful. It is not enough to select Black executives in these roles and not offer them the full armor of support to help them achieve success for our city including supporting their budget priorities, operational recommendations, and offering moral support, especially early in their tenure.

I support Chief Barnes inaugural plans and hope he garners the support to make our community a safe and livable place for all Madisonians.

Michael Johnson is the President & CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County

From: Gene Cox <decox.2013@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 4:12 PM
To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Occupy Madison Board <omincboard@googlegroups.com>
Subject: Funding for new tiny house village

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Dear Mayor and Alders,

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We, the board of Occupy Madison, are particularly dismayed that so much money has been put into a "temporary" solution and that the permanent solution has been shelved. I have been a resident at the Third Street village for more than 6 years after experiencing just over a year of homelessness. Over the last 6 years, living in the village has enabled me to establish relationships within the Emerson East Neighborhood that promote a sense of safety, community, and belonging for us all. I have been a part of building an organization that promotes sustainability, both financially and environmentally, which has been an extremely fulfilling effort. I am equally dismayed and perplexed that you would purchase tiny houses from an out of state company when we could have built them at half the cost and used it as a community building effort. And, we are surprised you are putting so much funding into a temporary site that will be a fire training facility in the future, wasting money that could have been spent on a long term investment.

I was part of the Occupy Madison workgroup that was looking for and suggesting sites for a third tiny house village that fit our organization's criteria of available public transportation, food security, and a place to build community. We were bidding on the site at 1901 Bartillon Drive. In good faith, we agreed to share the elements of our offer to the city and have been willing to work with city staff. However, because the city was bidding against us at the time, the price went up to \$1M and we were unable to purchase the property, particularly understanding that there were now no funds available from the city. That particular property, with the building as it is, was ideal for us because we could have converted the building to a shop to build our tiny houses quicker. We understand you plan to demolish that building and if it eventually becomes a tiny house village, it will cost approximately \$1.2M to replace the building with current construction costs.

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Sincerely,

Gene Cox
Co-Treasurer, Occupy Madison Inc
608-957-3408
occupymadisoninc.com

From: Mary Odell <odellme@att.net>

Sent: Saturday, October 23, 2021 5:02 PM

To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Figueroa Cole, Yannette <district10@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Budget Concerns

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As a longtime resident of Madison, I am writing this letter out of concern for the current proposed police budget. It seems counterintuitive to cut funding when the city is encouraging economic growth. The number of police officers on the street and behind the scene is very important to having a safe city.

Policing efforts include more than the big headline stories; every day policing efforts are very important to Madison residents. I want a full complement of officers to deal with incidents like sexual assault, carjacking's, home invasions, traffic accidents and speeding, and active shootings to name a few. Investigations in to past incidents are critical to right the ship and protect the victims. You may cite crime statistics in certain categories as going down, but the nature of many current crimes has become more violent for victims, so the statistics are misleading.

Admittedly, I am not a budget expert, but I know without adequate staffing in a growing population, Madison will become even less safe for residents. I know that budget issues are not simple and they should not be made without in depth study. I also do not want funds shifted from policing to support unproven programs.

As a resident of Madison, I am asking you not to cut more funding from the Madison Police Department. An analogy might be the first experience with illegal drugs does not often kill, but multiple experiences can be deadly. Shaving a budget can lead to big problems down the road, as the saying goes. I can speak from experience on this as I spent 38 years in the classroom and budget cuts do not solve problems; they create future problems of quality students and personnel.

P.S. Please study the repercussions of using up the "rainy day" funding ahead of the real rainy day. As a taxpayer, this possibility really concerns me.

From: Kathy <kaviets@charter.net>

Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 11:39 AM

To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Proposed budget cuts

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Hello All,

I am writing regarding potential budget cuts affecting the MPD.

Madison has become a crime, violence filled city. We need more officers not fewer.

The people with criminal intentions are encouraged by the lack of respect and support of law enforcement.

I am imploring you to please drop your agendas and do what has to be done to save this city! I hope it isn't already too late.

Respectfully,

Kathy Viets

From: Alice Ropella <aliceropella@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 1:37 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: MPD

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Please reconsider your need to cut MPD funding. This crime in this city is unbelievable. I have lived here since 1973. I no longer feel safe going out at night. I don't get out of my car until I'm in my garage and the door is closed because people are getting carjacked. We are held hostage by criminals and you want to take away more officers with cutting funding. Why????? To spend more on OT when there are not enough officers to work shifts? As a taxpayer it was very disheartening to call the non emergency police number this past summer, on a Saturday night, and get told officers were too busy to deal with our situation and to "suck it up"! 2....a total of 2 officers for the entire east side that night! This is WRONG! We need more and you want less. Do you all have to have something tragic to happen in your families before you realize your actions are hurting all Madison residents? Find another way!

PS....I would not, as many others, use rapid transit because it still would NOT get me to where I need to go! And lowering speed limits....people that don't go 35 aren't going 25!! I live off Milwaukee St and these idiots just recklessly pass those of us that do go 25. But hey, where are all the officers that could bring in 1000's of \$\$s in fines?? No where because they don't exist because you all want to take away funding.....your actions are causing bad reactions. Rethink and re-set!

From: Susan Pride Caulum <spridec@hotmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 2:59 PM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: MPD

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Please do not cut funds from the Mayor's proposed budget for the Madison Police Department. With all the retirements, many "Priority Calls Only" instances and increased city size and population (including adding the Town of Madison), we need a full recruit class and protection. Thank you.

From: Lynn Hughes <finbar.hughe@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 4:21 PM

To: financecommittee@cityofmadison.com; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Keep up the good work! Don't throw money at the policing problem.

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Hey,

I had an unfortunate encounter with a police officer in 2015 visiting the UW arboretum, I was sitting in my parents' vehicle waiting for them to exit the visitor center, an officer knocked on the window of the passenger side, gestured for me to roll down the windows. As you can't roll down the windows without the key in the ignition. I opened the door. The officer feared for his life at the prospect of a high schooler leaving a car to talk to him, and thus reached for his firearm and began to yell at me to not do such a thing.

I tell you this now because the so-called "Madison Area Safety Connection" posted all of these emails to spam with hypochondria. I fully disagree with their points, I think the police operating budget reduction is perfectly fine.

You can't throw money or training at the police force to fix cops like that. Carry on with programs like the CARES response teams, we need qualified professionals — not people who believe their life is at risk every time they don't get a raise or see a civilian minding their own business

Thanks for your time,

A concerned citizen.

From: Joanne Heil <joanne.m.heil@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 5:48 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Vote No on Reducing the Police Budget

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Two alders (Keith Furman and Yannette Figueroa Cole) have proposed to remove \$795,000 of funds from MPD's proposed budget. This will reduce 11 positions from the 2022 recruit academy (that replaces officers lost to retirement and resignations) and eliminate a civilian position that Chief Barnes asked the Mayor to include in her operating budget (which she did) that would help the department collect and use data "to implement projects and services aimed at police reform."

Any cuts to the recruit academy will mean MPD will only be able to hire 36 recruits for the academy next year (even though 42 officers have already left MPD so far this year between Jan-Sept---a near record number). That also includes wiping out the 8 new police officer positions Chief Barnes asked the Mayor for (which she granted) to staff the almost-5000 residents who will join the city of Madison when the Town of Madison is dissolved next October. Yes, we would add nearly 5000 residents but give MPD no additional police officers to staff their calls for service.

If you want to show support for a safer Madison at a time when violent crime and reckless driving are on the increase in our city, please listen to your constituents who live in fear in what once was a safe and vibrant city.

From: William Sayles <wsayles1950@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 8:37 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Oppose amendments to Operations Budget for reduce MPD funding

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The City of Madison has seen an increase in violent crime. In addition, the population is growing. It will expand further with the takeover of the Town of Madison. Also, there has been a high level of departures from MPD. These factors are increasing the demand for police services. Therefore, any effort to reduce the proposed budget for MPD is unwarranted. Any change should be to increase the budget!

William W. Sayles
5017 Flad Ave.

From: Joseph Keyes <jkeyes1a1@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 9:34 PM

To: Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>

Cc: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Oppose Cuts to Madison Police Department – Finance Committee Agenda Item #17

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Madison Finance Committee,

I oppose the cuts to the Madison Police Department as detailed in the proposed adjustments to the 2022 Executive Operating Budget (Item #17 – October 25, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting agenda) . What the cuts will do is to turn the department from a pro-active to a reactive department. Current public complaints revolve around reactive departments. These cuts will only result in those self-fulfilling complaints. Also, the Madison Police Department is experiencing more and extended periods of priority calls. The City Council is still demanding the current service levels without the resources to meet them. This is leading to an untenable situation. How can this situation be resolved? I would offer these solutions. First, don't send officers to Madison schools when fights break out like the one at East High last Wednesday. That disturbance required ten patrol officers and one supervisor. Why not send officers? The Madison Metropolitan School District has stated it has a highly trained safety team that can handle any eventuality. Secondly, don't send officers to ensure an area is safe for the CARES Team. Why? The CARES Team staff are experts in de-escalation and should not need police help. In fact, the CARES team is in existence because it is said uniformed officers just escalate situational tensions. Thirdly, don't conduct traffic enforcement operations on streets like Whitney Way where Traffic Engineering has reduced the speed limit to 25 mile per hour. Why? Motorists will voluntarily abide by the new speed limits. However, in actual experience that does not happen. I live a few houses from Whitney Way, and you can hear the high-pitched whine of motorbikes regularly speeding down Whitney Way to get to the beltline. Fourth, don't send officers to noise complaints to prevent further issues. Why? Because fights and subsequent murders won't happen. But they do happen as evidenced by the young man who was killed at a party by Breeze Terrace in September.

Yes, there will be detrimental consequences for not properly funding the Madison Police Department. But the responsibility for those consequences resides not with the Madison Police Department but with the Madison Common Council and rightfully so.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Keyes
District 11

From: Ruth Crump <crumprg@comcast.net>

Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 10:47 PM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Proposed amendments to remove funds from the MPD's budget for 2022

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To the Alders of the City of Madison, Wisconsin,

I'm writing in support of the Mayor's proposed budget for 2022 and against the amendments proposed by Alders Furman and Figueroa Cole which would significantly decrease the budget for MPD.

As Madison continues to grow, there is a need for adequate policing services for the community. We lost a large number of officers in this past year (2021) so far, and the loss of funding would not provide for adequate recruitment to replace even the ones that have left the department. Our police officers have had a difficult year, with shifts that have been much too long due to already inadequate staffing, with continuing loss of staffing, and an associated loss of morale. Those officers who in the past have worked proactively to minimize crime are now needed on patrol, so our communities will have fewer supports to help solve neighborhood issues that can lead to increased crime. I am also concerned about Amendment 19, which would remove funds for a position that would help in the collection of data to improve the functioning of MPD.

I have also written the mayor and finance committee regarding my strong belief that we need to ensure adequate support for MPD. I appreciate that the Mayor's budget, as originally proposed, provides much better support for MPD than we will have should the proposed amendments pass.

Thank you,
Ruth Crump

From: Nickat Nite <nickatnite79@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 6:42 AM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: MPD budget cuts

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Hello all,

I am a lifelong resident and taxpayer of Madison (east side). I do NOT support further cuts to the police budget, which will impact public safety. As I understand it, two alders have proposed to remove a total of \$795,000 of funds from MPD. This is absolutely outrageous at a time when crime (petty and violent) continue to increase. We need to maintain a high quality of life in Madison, not diminish it by reducing the budget of our police force.

Nichole Flores

From: Daniel Battist <djbattist@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 7:44 AM
To: Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>; mayor@cityofmsdison.com; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Removing funding from MPD

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Good Morning, Now does not seem like a good time to remove funding from MPD by diverting funds to the CARES pilot. Please find alternative funding sources for CARES and increase funding for MPD. MPD is drastically understaffed and responses time is suffering as well as excessive overtime to cover basic shifts. The increase in violent crime, reckless driving and the new speeding initiative all strongly suggest more police to insure public safety.

From: jhirsch@chorus.net <jhirsch@chorus.net>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 7:58 AM
To: Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: 2022 Operating Budget

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All:

Several staff reductions are proposed on the October 25th Finance Committee agenda, specifically Amendments 17, 18 and 19. I ask you to **REJECT these and all cuts to the Madison Police Department Budget.**

Crime is up and it affects the quality of life in all areas of the City. We will be absorbing new residents and a greater geographic footprint as the Town of Madison joins us.

As evidenced by the numbers in the 2022 Executive Budget (page 285), MPD staff is overworked and putting in large numbers of overtime hours to fulfill their responsibilities to us.

Overtime Projected for 2021: \$4,543,845
Overtime in 2022 Budget: \$4,141,099

I want those officers who are willing serve us to be at the top of their game. That does not mean overworked, stressed, unable to balance work-life or having the time to recover from the traumatic events that they encounter on a daily basis.

Let's value the members of MPD and treat them like professionals. That means increasing staff to reduce the number of overtime hours that each officer is currently putting in on a regular basis.

OPPOSE ALL CUTS TO MPD STAFFING!

Thank you for supporting the work of our exceptional police officers and all of MPD.

Janet Hirsch
District 9

From: Tish Johnson <tish.johnson920@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 8:03 AM
To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Please Do Not Pass Budget Amendments 17, 18 and 19

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Dear Mayor, Alders and Finance Committee Members,

I am writing to express my serious concerns about three budget amendments, 17, 18 and 19, that you will consider. With the current issues we have with safety in our community, in our schools and on our streets, I cannot support these amendments and the impact they will have on the city's ability even maintain adequate policing resources. These safety issues, along with the integration of the Town of Madison, indicate a need for more, not less, police resources. I do not feel that retirements and other attrition were accounted for in the original budget and these proposed amendments, if passed, will force out more of our understaffed and overworked police without options for replacement. It is a vicious cycle that leaves our community increasingly more vulnerable.

I echo Chief Barnes's position that "we cannot afford to lose any resources and still maintain our current level of services" as well as his concerns about "the value and morale of our officers."

Please do not pass these amendments!!!

Sincerely,
Tish Johnson
5505 Tolman Terrace

From: Larry and Ginny White <lgwhites@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 8:22 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Don't Cut Police Department Budget

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The City Council, reportedly, is proposing to cut \$790K from the Police Department budget. We believe that would be ill-advised and counter-productive.

We want to see a less militarized, more humane police department, but not at the expense of public safety. Instead, additional money should be budgeted to better vet, train, and compensate police officers and to fund mental health and outreach positions.

The unfortunate slogan "Defund the Police" was never understood by most people to mean cutting police budgets. Rather, it expressed the idea that money should be *redirected* to hiring professionals to assist in situations involving mental health, addiction, and homelessness.

We urge the City Council to *add* money to the Police Department budget, not cut it.

Sincerely,

Ginny and Larry White

From: Tricia Lenzendorf <t_lenzendorf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 8:48 AM
To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Opposing Reduction of MPD proposed budget

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As a 14 year Madison resident, I have never felt LESS safe in this city as I do today. We will not go downtown at night anymore, there is too much risk of being the victim of a crime. This city needs a larger change overall to fix the issues causing the crime, but reducing the MPD budget with the amount of crime currently happening is not the solution right now. I strongly oppose this proposal.

Tricia Sletten
4115 Buckeye Road
Madison, WI 53716

From: James Steinbach <jbsteinb@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 9:19 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Budget - police

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Dear neighbors:

I don't support any further reductions in funding for the Madison Police Department. In my immediate neighborhood area — Walnut Grove, Wexford Village, and Tamarack Trails — crime has increased. Shootings, robberies, car theft, mugging ... these can't become normalized. People are afraid and angry. Please hear us.

Thank you for your service to Madison.

James Steinbach

From: Mike Thomsen <mikethomsenorna@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 9:52 AM

To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Figueroa Cole, Yannette <district10@cityofmadison.com>; Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Oppose Cuts to MPD

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Dear Mayor Satya and Alders,

The Board of Directors of the Orchard Ridge Neighborhood Association OPPOSE any cuts to the MPD budget.

The Common Council has failed over the years to adequately staff MPD. In 2010 Madison had a population of 233,209 and 438 sworn police officers. In 2020 Madison had a population of 269,804 and 479 sworn officers.

Madison's population grew 14.7% but the number of sworn officers increased by just 9.4%. To keep up with the population growth through 2020 Madison should have had 507 sworn officers. And, the city should be adding 7 new sworn officers each year just to keep up with population growth. If policing were becoming more efficient, perhaps we could consider reductions in the "police officer-to-resident" ratio, however, it is not. There are more demands for documentation than ever thus we actually should be increasing the "police officer-to-resident" ratio.

It takes two years to train and prepare a new police officer for the streets. The Common Council's failure to properly staff MPD in the past is showing up in exploding crime today. PLEASE, do not worsen the situation by adopting the budget amendments offered by alders Furman and Figueroa-Cole. They are shortsighted and will harm our city.

Sincerely yours,
Mike Thomsen

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Mike Thomsen, President
Orchard Ridge Neighborhood Association

From: Wendy Reichel <reichelwendy@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 10:18 AM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>

Cc: Barnes, Shon F <SBarnes@cityofmadison.com>; Patton, Timothy <TPatton@cityofmadison.com>; Freedman, Jason <JFreedman@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Please Vote No on Amendments 17-19--It's Negligence

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Dear Finance Committee alders and Mayor,

To propose taking \$795,000 from MPD's budget at this tipping point in our city's safety is negligence.

We're going to welcome almost 5000 residents from the Town of Madison but then tell them they aren't getting any police services? And MPD will lose 3 additional officer positions in addition to the 8---at a time when MPD is struggling to meet critical daily hard staffing minimums and gun violence incidents and reckless driving are affecting residents' daily quality of life like never before.

Please talk to or take a ride-along with the officers who are covering all of these overtime shifts. I have. They are burned out and morale is at an all-time low. They can't guarantee to their families that they'll be home to attend family events or pick up their kids from daycare or get time off for the mental or physical breaks they need. That's why so many of them are quitting or retiring. When they leave, all of their training (that we paid for!) and experience goes out the door with them.

And as a taxpayer I also don't appreciate paying for 1.5 cops and only getting 1 which is what happens every time an officer is called in early or is asked to stay late---all of us pay for their entire 12-hour shift, not just the 4 hours of overtime they put in.

Finally, while I (as well as the many police officers I've spoken to) hope the CARES program is a big success, it does not and will not ever replace the need for police officers to respond to most calls for service. And the program will not be able to relieve MPD of the most time and labor intensive calls---those involving weapons and those involving mental health detentions (because by state statute only a law enforcement officer can take someone into protective custody).

MPD responds to 400 to 500 calls PER DAY on average (pre-COVID that number was starting to hit the 600s). The CARES unit answered 37 calls in its first 5 weeks. Again, I wish them all the success in the world so they can help hurting people in our community. But during that 5 weeks, MPD responded to approximately 12,205 calls for service.

Even if this \$795,000 grab from MPD's budget is able to create 7 or 8 more CARES teams, they will only be able to respond to 400 to 500 calls PER MONTH. That's what MPD responds to in ONE DAY. And CARES will not be picking up bullet casings and interviewing families of victims lost to gun violence. Nor will they be arresting car thieves, domestic abusers or issuing tickets to reckless drivers on East Washington Avenue.

The CARES program is not a substitute for MPD officers and it should not be funded from MPD's budget. Please vote NO on amendments 17, 18 and 19.

Thank you!
Wendy Reichel
District 10

-----Original Message-----

From: Kevin Harried <kohunter722@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 10:24 AM

To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Finance Committee
<financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Reduction of Budget to Madison Police

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To all city leaders,

I urge you to reject any motions or amendments to the city budget that reduce monies to the Madison Police Department or any other protective services.

As a lifelong resident of the city I can tell you the landscape has changed. Every day there are news reports of violent acts of criminal activity. There are reports of personal property damage or theft. We as a community not only expect our police services to respond to these issues but also improve upon the community to reduce these activities in general.

These protective services require funding and staffing to not only maintain the current system but to improve the community in every way that we as residents expect from our city leaders.

From a voice of one resident, please reject any elimination of funds from any of our emergency services.
(Police or Fire)

Kevin Harried

From: doug.subak@kellogg.com <doug.subak@kellogg.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 10:35 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] Defunding law enforcement

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Doug Subak
Address: 4211 Hegg Ave, Madison , Wi 53716
Phone: 608-359-1053
Email: doug.subak@kellogg.com

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Hi, we should be increasing funding for law enforcement and not decreasing funding for law enforcement, the council should vote no on reduce funding for law enforcement, thank you, Doug

From: Charles James <cjjames@wisc.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 10:35 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: No cuts to the MPD!

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I understand you are planning to cut the budget of the Madison Police Department by almost a million dollars. OK, maybe it's "only" \$795,000, but that's still too much. If so, this is pure insanity! What are you thinking!

Respectfully,

Charles

Charles J. James
4018 St. Clair
District 11

From: madves <madves@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:06 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Budget amendments

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Budget amendment 17, 18, 19 Should be rejected. Reductions in the police budget at this time with the crime rates and the departure of current staff is not timely.

Kevin Vesperman
608-628-8041

From: Jayne Meyer <mshazmat@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:07 AM

To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: MPD Budget

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Dear Mayor Conway and Council Members:

I am writing today to voice my opposition to the proposed \$790,000 in budget cuts to the MPD & which includes cutting the needed 8 additional police officers to patrol the Town of Madison population by the MPD of 8,000 + by City Council members. We need these 8 additional police officers for the Town of Madison's merger with the City of Madison.

I do not approve of any funding being removed from our already-understaffed police department---especially at a time when violent crime and reckless driving on our streets is increasing.

MPD is seeing the highest number of resignations in 10 years and as of September 30th, resignations and retirements are 2 short of hitting the all-time record. So far this year 42 officers have left MPD. MPD is having trouble staffing shifts daily. Officers are staying over an extra 4 hours or are coming in early and working overtime to fill those shifts but it's become too burdensome. Officer morale is at its lowest point ever and many more officers are poised to leave for careers that won't make them work overtime every day or every other day. As a nurse, I understand how stressful and dangerous working short-staffed, especially on such a regular basis, is. Council members proposed cuts, reducing the police budget by \$795,000 which will impact the size of MPD's next year's recruit academy by 11 officers to replace officers lost to attrition and those 11 officers don't even begin to fill the gap.

More budget cuts will only increase attrition, and potentially mistakes, as I have seen in the hospital with increased hours, fatigue, and stress. In addition, when there aren't enough officers available for the city, the city goes into priority-only call status and officers are only dispatched to serious calls involving weapons, life in danger, or a traffic accident with injuries. All other calls are triaged until more officers become available again. When you call 911 or non-emergency you may be told by a dispatcher that your call is not urgent and therefore will have to be stacked in a queue. That is not the kind of service I expect from my city.

In addition, an amendment denies Police Chief Barnes his civilian position he requested that would "improve data collection and analysis supporting data-informed decision-making, violence reduction, and crime prevention." He considered this position the key to his success in doing more with fewer resources. His expertise is in data-driven police policy reform and innovation. This cut seems counterproductive.

While I support innovation in crime reduction, restorative justice, and police training, we need a fully staffed, well-trained police force in the meantime.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jayne Meyer

District 9

From: Bonnie Roe <bonnie.roe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:08 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fwd: Your Conscience is On Display

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Dear Alders,

I meant to also cc all Alders on this email below. I hope you will all be attending the Finance Committee meeting today at 4:30 pm.

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/city-hall/committees/finance-committee/10-25-2021>

Thank you for your leadership of our City,

Bonnie Roe
District 10
608-239-1748

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Bonnie Roe <bonnie.roe@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 25, 2021, 10:50 AM
Subject: Your Conscience is On Display
To: <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>, Alder Yannette Figueiroa Cole <district10@cityofmadison.com>, Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway <SRhodes-Conway@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Chief Shon Barnes <sbarnes@cityofmadison.com>

Dear Members of the Finance Committee,

If you vote yes on Amdments 17, 18, and 19 tonight, you are doing so:

- Against the wishes of Chief Davis of the Fire Department, which houses CARES.
- Against the informed and expert advice of Chief Barnes, who believes his civilian data and innovation position would help him mazimize the efficiency of his department.
- Against the Mayor's promise to add 8 officers for the Town of Madison attachment (this removes them by capping the recruit academy so it cannot keep up with attrition). This is an equity problem.
- In spite of the fact that our police department is experiencing extreme staffing shortages and unable to recoup last year's attrition, not to mention this year's record level.
- Against all common sense in light of workforce trends, growing population, and residents' growing concerns with rising violent crime and reckless driving, etc.

You will be held publicly accountable to the City you steward for your votes on these amendments.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Roe
District 10
608-239-1748

From: Gina Landucci <glanducci@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:21 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Alder-proposed MPD reductions

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Hello, I was very dismayed to learn of alder proposed budget reductions to the Mayor's operational budget. This is unfortunately a knee-jerk reaction that has the potential to make a tough situation even worse. Alders need to talk and work with the MPD and discuss ways to use resources *differently*, rather than just slashing budgets.

This lack of detailed collaborative work is further emphasized by the amendment, again proposed by the alders, that denies Chief Barnes the civilian position he requested to bring about data-driven police reform and innovation.

Alders are put in place to speak for communities and on this issue I feel they are not doing a good job of listening and working with all voices to come to a solution. I am adamantly opposed to these proposals.

Sincerely,
Gina Landucci

From: jhirsch@chorus.net <jhirsch@chorus.net>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:50 AM
To: Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: 2022 Operating Budget Amendments-Ambulance Conveyance Fee

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Finance Committee, Mayor, Alders:

I am asking you to **OPPOSE Budget Amendment #16 which increases the ambulance conveyance fee to \$1,410.**

This is an exorbitant 33% increase from \$1,075 in a two year period. With an increased travel time from Middleton and Sun Prairie, their fees should not be used as a comparison to the Madison fees.

An increase in cost will mean that many people will think twice about calling for an ambulance. In turn, this will result in negative healthcare outcomes for many residents.

Let's be proactive in offering affordable healthcare for Madison residents.

Janet Hirsch
District 9

From: judybl@tds.net <judybl@tds.net>

Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:57 AM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Please vote NO on Amendments 17, 18 and 19

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Dear Mayor and Alders,

Please vote NO on Amendments 17, 18 and 19 which reduce even more officers from MPD's already short-staffed department. This is not the time to be decreasing police resources when neighborhoods like mine are seeing a significant increase in gun violence incidents.

I have lived in my neighborhood for 35 years and I have never been scared to walk after dark, but I am now. And after several armed robberies in the last few months, I'm fearful of visiting my neighborhood Walgreens. Other neighbors are also afraid and have transferred their prescriptions to another pharmacy.

And with shooting and carjacking incidents at the gas station nearest to my house, I now only get gas during the daytime, and I feel apprehensive any time I go there.

This increase in violent crime incidents in my neighborhood is having a direct impact on my quality of life. A few weeks ago the occupants of two vehicles were shooting at each other on a street in my neighborhood. One of the stray bullets entered a home and struck a mattress. It landed only 12 inches away from someone who was sleeping in that bed. It's a miracle they weren't injured or killed.

We need MORE police officers that can have a presence and help solve crimes in our neighborhoods, not fewer.

Thank you,
Judy Bluel
District 9

From: John Fons <jefons@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 12:00 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Mismanagement

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To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Madison is reportedly spending nearly one million dollars to create an encampment for a limited number of homeless in this city. It will cost a reported \$70,000 per month to keep that encampment in operation. Yet you consider decreasing funding to the Madison Police Department by at least the same amount and make it impossible for MPD to recruit officers to replace those who retire or resign.

These decisions are your responsibility and you will be held accountable by the citizens of Madison who pay taxes and rely on tax supported services for their safety and livelihood.

Think carefully.

John Fons
4634 Tokay Blvd.
Madison, WI 53711
608-236-0844 Hm
661-917-0850 cell

From: Ruth Sybers <knitterstreat@wekz.net>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 12:03 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Police budget

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Please do not cut the police budget.

Safety of our city residents is at stake.

Dwindling number of staff are available to respond to calls. Pressure of today's world is resulting in more retirements and resignations - long hours and overtime are wearing out front line workers - just like medical staff.

It takes a long time to train w police officers. - don't continue the present downward trend.

Our police department took years to develop Community policing, much of which is preventative and is not as measurable as the crime statistics.

Traffic habits unchecked are producing needless injuries and deaths. We need education and enforcement. Grants are great but uncertain and sporadic.

Courts are in a hard place as well.

If only the police did not have to spend hours at hospitals and transporting mental commitments to mental health facilities. Gradually getting mental health to transition to a new mental health venue is great but in today's world there will always be the 911 call first to police.

Please help the MPD directed towards our safety by fully funding them.

Ruth Sybers

From: jhirsch@chorus.net <jhirsch@chorus.net>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 12:13 PM
To: Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: 2022 Operating Budget-Streets-Drop-off

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Finance Committee, Mayor and Alder:

Please **OPPOSE Amendment #15 which prematurely opens an Olin Avenue public drop-off site.**

Yes, Downtown residents will have further to go to reach Sycamore or South Point. Since the reverse has been true for years, restoring this funding has the appearance of giving preferential treatment to the central city.

Let's all make some sacrifices to bring down our debt load.

Janet Hirsch
District 9

From: Jayne Meyer <mshazmat@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 12:36 PM

To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>

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Let's be proactive in offering affordable healthcare for Madison residents.

Jayne Meyer

District 9

From: Terry Ludkey <ludkeys@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:00 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Cc:
reply+GEYTAMRQGE3DIX3QOJXWI5LDORUW63S7KBHVGVC7GIYDKNBYGAZDGNA=@reply
.nextdoor.com
Subject: Reduction of MPD Budget Request

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I am unalterably opposed to the proposed amendments which ask for a reduction in the Madison Police Department portion of the city budget.

If there is to be any hope whatsoever of reducing gun violence, other violence, speeding, and a general disregard for the law, lawbreakers need to know that the city is able and willing to quell the same.

That response cannot happen with this proposed reduction.

Please reconsider and reject these amendments and grant full funding to the Madison Police Department.

Terrence L. Ludkey
711 McClellan Drive
Madison, WI. 53718

From: Kim Richman <krichman@pm.me>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:26 PM
To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Say NO to Amendments 17, 18, 19.

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Dear Madam Mayor and ALL Alders,

If they come before you, I urge you **NOT** to consider the irresponsible 2022 budget amendments 17, 18, or 19. **I DO NOT** support any defunding, redirecting, reallocating, or reimagining of funds **AWAY** from the Madison Police Department. Those ladies and gentlemen are already dangerously stretched thin in the highest risk job in the city. On a regular basis, dispatchers are asking for extended shifts, calling in officers to fill voids, causing unnecessary extreme overtime costs. CARES is a welcome addition to Madison, but it's NOT a replacement for an MPD officer and NO funding should be redirected away from MPD for it.

I live of the far-east side where I've seen steady, fast growth East of the Interstate. There are countless homes under construction in the Grandview Commons North & South neighborhoods, The Meadowlands, and Autumn Woods neighborhoods. In addition there are MANY multi-unit "complexes" (if you will) under construction. Since 2019, on the Cottage Grove Road corridor, multi-unit buildings such as The Grove, Royster Commons and Pinney Lane have been built. Pinney Lane and Royster Commons have expansions currently under construction. Ace apartments on Cottage Grove Road at Acewood Blvd are under construction. Another large multi-unit building is currently under construction on Cottage Grove Road at North Star Drive. To the north, along Milwaukee Street (also east of the Interstate), Harmony Apartments recently opened. There are 2 more large multi-unit projects under construction. One at Milwaukee Street at Sprecher, and a HUGE one just a few blocks East. **Those "rental" units alone account for at least 1000 more units, (1500 to 3000 more people) in a short period of time, and that DOES NOT include people in the new homes.**

Now, multiply that by the other neighborhoods in Madison where there is construction and city growth. Then add in the 5000 residents of the Town of Madison that the city is annexing. As I mentioned, MPD is already stretch thin, any reduction whatsoever would be detrimental to community safety.

My point? MPD officers have only increased 9%, while at the same time (according to Madison.com), Madison has grown almost 16% since 2010. That's a disturbing trend.

Unless you aren't paying attention to your constituents, you can see what's happening with more violent crimes.

Put your agendas and politics aside and use some common sense.

Past Common Councils have not done well in this area.

YOU, as current members of the Common Council have the ability to change it.

If amendments 17, 18, & 19 come before for you, and you vote FOR them, you will individually and publicly be held accountable for your actions.

Respectfully;

Kim Richman
16th District

From: Glori Sabin <kdietzman@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:52 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Common Council Operating Budget

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This is a plea that you strike down the amendments #17, #18 and #19 that were submitted by 2 alders to remove \$795,000 from the MPD's budget. How could anyone think that this is a logical request? We are totally against ANY reduction to the MPD's proposed budget. Thank you

Kim Dietzman and Glori Sabin
10 Jubilee Circle
Madison Wi 53718

From: Elizabeth Falkos <bdjfalkos@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 2:45 PM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Barnes, Shon F <SBarnes@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Fw: Finance Committee- TONIGHT

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Dear Alders and Mayor:

Can we agree on how wonderful our beautiful city of Madison is? **Yes.**

Can we have consensus that social/city services keep it that way? **Yes.**

Can we agree on the importance of funding public safety through reasonable funding for the MPD? **Apparently not.**

With higher population, higher crime rates, and more violent crime, how can you possibly squeeze the MPD anymore? We will continue to pay the price for this with tax payers moving out of the city and people left here suffering under a diminishing quality of life.

We have a diverse, professional, committed, well-trained police force with excellent leadership that is already under-staffed. It is not reasonable to limit the number of trainees in the police academy and overwork the officers we have. It is irresponsible to depend on officers working overtime as the normal way of operations. The CARES team is a great adjunct, but it cannot handle the level of calls that the MPD covers and cannot replace the MPD. CARES funding needs to be separate from MPD funding.

I do not want Madison to be a place where residents hear gun shots and people fear driving or crossing a street due to flagrant disregard of our laws. I do not want Madison to be a place with home burglaries and armed robberies. Our security and sense of pride in this city can slip away by the incessant chipping away at the MPD. The Common Council fighting every year over funding of the MPD is bad for officer morale and for hiring future officers. Less funding for the MPD means more crime.

I protest the proposed amendments 17, 18 and 19 and urge appropriate funding of the MPD to keep us all safe.

Thank you,
Beth Falkos
6218 Countryside Ln
Madison, WI 53705

From: Paul Skidmore <paulskidmore@tds.net>

Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 3:17 PM

To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: MPD Budget Cuts

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Dear Mayor Conway and Council Members:

I am writing today to oppose the proposed \$790,000 in budget cuts to the MPD that will be considered at tonight's Finance Committee meeting. These cuts, include the elimination the 8 additional police officers needed to patrol the Town of Madison population by the MPD. We need these 8 additional police officers to adequately provide public safety for the Town of Madison's merger with the City of Madison.

Also, I do not approve of any funding being removed from our already-understaffed police department--especially at a time when violent crime and reckless driving on our streets is increasing.

MPD is seeing the highest number of resignations in 10 years and as of September 30th, resignations and retirements are 2 short of hitting the all-time record. So far this year 42 officers have left MPD. MPD is having trouble staffing shifts daily. Officers are staying over an extra 4 hours or are coming in early and working overtime to fill those shifts but it's become too burdensome. Officer morale is at its lowest point ever and many more officers are poised to leave for careers that won't make them work overtime every day or every other day. As a nurse, I understand how stressful and dangerous working short-staffed, especially on such a regular basis, is. Council members proposed cuts, reducing the police budget by \$795,000 which will impact the size of MPD's next year's recruit academy by 11 officers to replace officers lost to attrition and those 11 officers don't even begin to fill the gap.

More budget cuts will only increase attrition, and potentially mistakes, as I have seen in the hospital with increased hours, fatigue, and stress. In addition, when there aren't enough officers available for the city, the city goes into priority-only call status and officers are only dispatched to serious calls involving weapons, life in danger, or a traffic accident with injuries. All other calls are triaged until more officers become available again. When you call 911 or non-emergency you may be told by a dispatcher that your call is not urgent and therefore will have to be stacked in a queue. That is not the kind of service I expect from my city.

In addition, an amendment denies Police Chief Barnes his civilian position he requested that would "improve data collection and analysis supporting data-informed decision-making, violence reduction, and crime prevention." He considered this position the key to his success in doing more with fewer resources. His expertise is in data-driven police policy reform and innovation. This cut seems counterproductive.

While I support innovation in crime reduction, restorative justice, and police training, we will always need a fully staffed, well-trained police force that is capable of ending the threats that we are experiencing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Paul Skidmore
District 9

From: Joni Mitchell <jonimitchell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 3:36 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Reducing funds for MPD

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I am vehemently against reducing funds and police officers. Our crime is soaring in Madison. I am so upset about this!

Joni Mitchell
702 Herndon Drive
Madison 53718

From: marylinmalloy@gmail.com <marylinmalloy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 4:37 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] Finance Committee Amendments

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Mary Malloy
Address: 4414 Mineral Point Road, Madison, WI 53705
Email: marylinmalloy@gmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Please vote to Amendments 17, 18, and 19. Do not take money from the police budget for the CARES Team.

From: rmklemme@wisc.edu <rmklemme@wisc.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 5:05 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] Amendments 17, 18, 19

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Rick Klemme
Address: 142 Larkin St., Madison, WI 53705
Email: rmklemme@wisc.edu

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Please vote no on these amendments that move funds from police to the CARES team. Police budget is already short.

From: JACK K PHILLIPS <jack.phillips@wisc.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 5:08 PM
To: Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Opposing the budget as is, support amendments 17, 18, 19

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Hello,

I wrote in earlier this month with more, but I'm writing today to say that I support amendments 17, 18, and 19 to the budget, which reallocate money from a bloated and corrupt police department to emergency services which support our community.

This month, one MPD officer shot another while attempting to murder a member of the community in an overly aggressive, militarized response to a simple violation of a nanny-state bail provision which was observed via an invasive use of live surveillance downtown. MPD subsequently framed this man for their own mistake and set his bail prohibitively high to maintain their smear campaign. All of this obscures the fact that we were a few inches away from another Black man killed by MPD, this time downtown. This behavior should not be rewarded with any additional funding. We have seen time and again that rewarding this sort of bad behavior leads to more militarized and aggressive cops. MPD's budget needs to be reduced and used to fund crisis intervention to prevent future catastrophe like this.

-Jack

From: Maureen Engelberger <engmau48@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 6:36 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Budget for 2022

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To all Alders and Mayor:

Please pay very close attention to the proposal to decrease the budget for MPD for 2022. Our city has NEVER experienced the numbers of speeders and crime that has occurred in the past two years. It goes against logic in keeping our city safe to reduce a budget for a police department! The budget needs to be INCREASED, NOT DECREASED!!!!!! I beg you to give this item your utmost consideration.

Sincerely,
Maureen Engelberger
engmau48@gmail.com

From: Bonnie Roe <bonnie.roe@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 7:02 PM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Amendments

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Hi Mayor and Alders,

If it's not too late I would like to register my support for Amendments 6, 12, 13 and 14.

I strongly oppose amendmentd 17, 18 and 19.

Thank you,
Bonnie

From: James Flemal <badgerjdf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 7:34 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: MPD budget reduction

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Please do not allow the reduction of funds to the MPD operating budget. We need our police force.
JD Flemal

From: Rosalie Migas <romigas@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 10:06 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: police funding

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Dear Alders,

With the annual budget being under consideration, I would urge you to continue, if not increase funding for the police. While Madison is a safe community, the number of shootings in previously quiet neighbors is concerning.

Regards,
Rosalie Migas
5913 South Hill Drive
Madison, WI 53705

From: jillmaidenberg@gmail.com <jillmaidenberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 9:08 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] Monroe Street Library hours

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Jill Maidenberg
Address: 2809 Mason Street, Madison, WI 53705
Email: jillmaidenberg@gmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I have worked at the Monroe Street Library for 9 years. I hope you will do everything in your power to restore Monroe Street Library's hours to five days of service.

I know you have data that show our robust circulation and number of visits despite our small size. I want to tell you about a few instances that will not show up in the data.

— People from outside the Monroe Street neighborhood are not necessarily aware of our shortened hours. Twice this past week when I have been at the library during closed hours I have seen people outside the library using their phones to access our wireless - once in our parking lot, once on the steps leading from the emergency exit. They had no idea our service hours are so limited.

— In early September a young kid wearing a big backpack came to the desk around 3:00 one busy Friday. She said, "Can I ask you a question?" She asked, "How do I get home?"

She is a third grader at Randall. It was the end of her first week at her new school. Until that day she had walked home with bigger kids, but that day they had something else going on.

She lives on one of the streets between the zoo and Park Street. She said she'd know how to get home once she got to the zoo. I walked with her to the zoo, then she skipped off, knowing how to get home.

I'm so glad we were open that day! What if we hadn't been open? While she likely would have found someone to help get her get home, this incident is a reminder that the library is more than a collection of materials: it's a safe neighborhood space. And she knew it.

Restoration of 5 days of service would benefit the entire community.

Thank you for your consideration.

— Jill Maidenberg

From: jetbrey@gmail.com <jetbrey@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 6:40 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] Monroe Street Branch Library

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Jeanette Froehle
Address: 205 S Allen St, Madison, wi 53726
Email: jetbrey@gmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

I am asking you with all my heart to support the amendment to restore our library to 5 days of service in 2022. This little library is the heart of our neighborhood, and every neighborhood needs its heart. Thank you. Jeanette

From: Jason Ilstrup <jilstrup@downtownmadison.org>

Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 4:02 PM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Downtown Madison, Inc. (DMI) Supports Capital Budget Amendment 15 - Research on Federal Funding

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Good Afternoon Alders:

I hope you're all having a great week. I'm writing you today to express DMI's strong support of capital budget amendment 15, East/West Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

As you may know, DMI is a member organization, made up of businesses and non-profits of all shapes and sizes (over 50% of our membership is a non-profit or has less than 10 employees) working to create an equitable, vibrant downtown where everyone feels welcome. As such, earlier this year, our Board of Directors overwhelmingly approved the attached statement opposing the proposed routes downtown and placement of stations on State Street and the Capitol Square. DMI continues to zealously advocate for BRT, however we are not in agreement with the City on their proposed route through part of downtown. This position leads us to strongly support capital budget amendment 15. We believe the amendment will help ensure the community, through the Common Council, controls the important decisions regarding routes and stations while still allowing design work to go forward for BRT.

When weighing our position to support this amendment, we paused when hearing from the City that any delay could jeopardize Federal funding. As staunch supports of BRT, DMI does not want to do anything to potentially ruin Madison's effort at funding. Therefore, the DMI policy research team (graduate students from the La Follette School of Public Affairs) researched whether or not delays during the project development phase of BRT (the stage Madison is currently in) would jeopardize construction grant funding. Our team put together the attached summary of our research and found that **no project lost their eligibility to receive Federal funding due to delay in the project**. We've included numerous examples of projects with delays (for various reasons) that all still received their construction grants and therefore either are in construction or have completed their project. With this information, we feel that asking the Council to thoroughly review the routes and stations is the right way to go.

Thank you all for your leadership in the community. Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything from us. Hope you have a great weekend.

Jason Ilstrup
President
Downtown Madison Inc.
122 West Washington Avenue, Suite 250
Madison, Wisconsin 53703
608.512.1330
www.downtownmadison.org





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (DATE: July 14, 2021)
Contact: Jason Ilstrup, Downtown Madison, Inc., 608.512.1330

Downtown Madison Inc. (DMI) Statement on State Street and Bus Rapid Transit

MADISON – Downtown Madison Inc. (DMI) strongly supports Bus Rapid Transit (BRT); however, we join other stakeholders in opposition of the proposed routes downtown and placement of stations on State Street and the Capitol Square.

We have reached this decision through our ongoing conversations with the community, residents, small business owners, property owners, Madison's Central Business Improvement District (CID), the City of Madison, Alders, and other stakeholders. We insist on having inclusive conversations to find a mutually agreed upon compromise for alternative station locations that will best serve BRT riders and will not disrupt businesses.

Ultimately, we share the Mayor's goal: to build a vibrant, economically strong, and equitable downtown where everyone feels welcome. We are confident that together we can achieve this common goal, which includes the exciting addition of BRT.

For more information, please contact Jason Ilstrup at jilstrup@downtownmadison.org.

About Downtown Madison, Inc.:

Downtown Madison, Inc. (DMI) is committed to sustaining, planning for, and growing downtown Madison as a vibrant regional economic engine that offers a best-in-class quality of life for businesses, downtown workers, residents, and visitors. Learn more at downtownmadison.org.

Delay In BRT: A Common Speedbump to a Construction Grant

Prepared by Downtown Madison, Inc.*

There is no reliable estimate for an “average” amount of time to implement Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). Some BRT projects take longer than others to develop given their unique size, complexity, partnerships, and the amount of funding required for the project. However, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires that project sponsors obtain commitments of at least 50 percent of all non-Capital Investment Grant (CIG) funds within three years of a Small Starts project’s advancement into Project Development and continue to make sufficient progress on advancing the level of design of the project during that time.¹

The following table collects each BRT project that have either entered Project Development (excluding Fiscal Year 2022) or have finally received their FTA Construction Grant since Fiscal Year 2016. **While each project is likely to have faced steps in planning and project delivery that had introduced delay, no project lost their eligibility to receive the FTA Construction grant due to delay.**

Ideally a city will face no delay though, in practice, a city should be willing to do so. Albuquerque is a case study of a BRT Project Development that worked through delay caused, in part, by a push to launch BRT before their electric buses were fully tested and ready. In addition, delay from vocal opponents, mayoral and federal administration changes, and two lawsuits, together highlight important BRT implementation lessons for other U.S. cities. On page three are highlights from the Albuquerque case study from the Institute for Transportation & Development Policy’s *Getting to BRT: Implementation Guide for U.S. Cities*.²

BRT corridors are capital-intensive projects that require extensive infrastructure development. As a result, a city must consider the challenges to finance BRT operations. If a sponsor cannot gain at least 50 percent of non-CIG funding commitments during the first three years of Project Development, FTA would withdraw the project from the Small Starts program and would require the sponsor to reapply when that level of funding is secured.³ Page four identifies four such BRT projects that have faced delay during Project Development due to either the extra time and cost to access federal funding or the challenge to secure local and state funding. **Seattle’s current K-Line project aside, all other BRT lines that faced funding delay are now Under Construction or Complete.**

* Gabriel Stowe Terrell is a M.P.A. candidate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison La Follette School of Public Affairs.

¹ Federal Transit Administration, “FAQ: Is there a timeframe within which projects must complete the steps in the process for a construction grant agreement?” Department of Transportation, https://www.transit.dot.gov/faq?combine=&term_node_tid_depth=2586.

² Institute for Transportation & Development Policy, “Case Study: Albuquerque Rapid Transit (ART) BRT,” in *Getting to BRT: An Implementation Guide for U.S. Cities*, pp. 122-148, (Sept. 20219). <https://www.itdp.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/2019.08.04.US-BRT-Implementation-Guide.V7.pdf>.

³ Federal Transit Administration, “Chapter II: Small Starts Final Interim Policy Guidance,” in *Final Interim Policy Guidance Federal Transit Administration Capital Investment Grant Program*, pp. 4-6, (2016). https://www.transit.dot.gov/sites/fta.dot.gov/files/docs/FAST_Updated_Interim_Policy_Guidance_June%202016.pdf.

Table 1: BRT Projects that Entered Project Development or Received Construction Grants (FY 2016-22)

<u>Location</u>	<u>BRT Project</u>	<u>Project Development</u>	<u>Construction Grant</u>	<u>Status</u>
San Francisco	Van Ness	2007	2016	Under Construction
Columbus	Cleveland Avenue	2013	2016	Complete
El Paso	Montana Corridor	2013	2020	Under Construction
Utah County	Provo-Orem	2013	2016	Complete
Albuquerque	Albuquerque Rapid Transit	2014	2018	Complete
Everett	Swift II (Green Line)	2014	2018	Complete
Minneapolis	Orange Line	2014	2019	Under Construction
Reno	Virginia Street	2014	2019	Complete
Albany	River Corridor	2015	2020	Complete
Grand Rapids	Laker Line	2015	2019	Complete
Indianapolis	Red Line	2015	2018	Complete
Jacksonville	First Coast Flyer Southwest	2015	2019	Complete
Kansas City	Prospect MAX	2015	2018	Complete
Portland	Division Transit	2015	2019	Under Construction
Spokane	Central City Line	2015	2019	Under Construction
Chapel Hill	North-South	2016		Project Development
Flagstaff	Transit Spine	2016		Project Development
Milwaukee	East West	2016	2020	Under Construction
Seattle	Madison Street	2016	2021	Under Construction
St. Petersburg	Central Avenue	2016	2020	Under Construction
Indianapolis	Purple Line	2017	2021	Under Construction
Ogden	Ogden-Weber State	2017	2021	Under Construction
Pittsburgh	Downtown-Uptown-Oakland-East End	2017		Project Development
Seattle	Roosevelt (J-Line)	2017		Project Development
Tacoma	Pacific Avenue/SR 7	2018		Project Development
Miami	South Corridor	2019	2020	Under Construction
Raleigh	Wake Bus Rapid Transit	2019		Project Development
Seattle	K-Line	2019		Paused
Vancouver	Mill Plain	2019	2021	Under Construction
Waco	Waco Rapid Transit	2019		Project Development

Source: Federal Transit Administration, “Annual Report on Funding Recommendations,” *Report of the Secretary of Transportation to the United States Congress*, (Fiscal Years 2016-2022). <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grant-programs/capital-investments/annual-report-funding-recommendations>.



Getting to BRT:
An Implementation Guide
for U.S. Cities

**CASE STUDY: ALBUQUERQUE
RAPID TRANSIT (ART) BRT
REINVENTING ROUTE 66**

- **Project implementation spanning two mayoral and federal administrations.** There was a push to launch the BRT before the end of Mayor Berry's second term, so the City held a soft launch before the electric buses were fully tested and ready. A mayoral transition and corresponding change in some project staff introduced some project **delays**. Likewise, the ART implementation spanned two federal administrations, which may have impacted the efficiency of federal funding cycles.

FEB 2014	FTA approves Albuquerque BRT for Small Starts project development phase
FEB 2016	FEBRUARY 9, FTA recommends \$69 million Small Starts grant for the project, which is included in President Obama's FY17 budget proposal. FEBRUARY 10, first lawsuit filed. Project now estimated to cost \$119 million. Central Avenue businesses begin displaying project opposition signs. FEBRUARY 26, a public meeting devolves into shouting as opponents of the project are increasingly concerned about the loss of travel lanes and impacts on businesses. ¹⁴
MAR 2016	City Council votes 7-2 to authorize acceptance of nearly \$70 million in federal funding. Small Starts grant not yet approved, but City officials confident they'll get it because Obama included it in his budget recommendation.
AUG 2016	U.S. 10th Court of Appeals issues a temporary injunction, putting preconstruction on hold, and then lifts the injunction several weeks later, allowing construction to proceed
SEP 2017	In his final State of the City address, Mayor Berry says ART is 80% complete and ahead of schedule.
DEC 2017	Mayor Tim Keller takes office. Keller tells community leaders FTA funding has not yet materialized and begins to hint at problems with ART.
JAN 2018	Mayor Keller holds press conference to reveal significant problems with ART electric buses and offers no prediction on when operations will start.

ART project 'a bit of a lemon,' mayor says as problems mount

BY MARTIN SALAZAR / JOURNAL CITY EDITOR
PUBLISHED: TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018 AT 3:05PM
UPDATED: TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018 AT 10:07PM

The city has been banking on \$75 million from the Federal Transit Administration's Capital Investment Program for the project, but that funding agreement has not yet been signed.

AUG 2018	FTA announces \$75 million grant agreement with ABQ RDL.
NOV 2018	The City cancels the electric bus procurement contract with BYD and returns the 15 buses BYD had delivered. The City orders 20 clean diesel buses from New Flyer.

ART buses to open in Albuquerque on Nov. 30

Rides will be free through the end of 2019 to help promote the salvaged project that was labeled a "bit of a lemon."

By Victor Warren Libman

Nov. 11, 2019



The city of Albuquerque, N.M., will start service on two ABQ Ride ART lines Nov. 30, delivering a **severely delayed** project that could have been scrapped due to any number of factors, but that will now provide improved service to the city's west side.

"When we took responsibility for fixing this project, we recognized it was a little bit of a lemon. We've worked tirelessly to get it done right," said Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller. "In the process, we recovered \$75 million for local taxpayers, rebuilt non-functional or inaccessible platforms and secured a full fleet of 20 buses that would actually work in our system. Today, we're turning the page and encouraging folks to come ride Albuquerque Rapid Transit on Small Business Saturday."

Portland

Division transit project likely delayed due to budget shortfall

Updated May 17, 2019, 12:09 p.m. | Published Jan. 29, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

Elliot Njus | The Oregonian/OregonLive

A proposal to run a high-capacity express line bus along Southeast Division Street between Gresham and Portland faces a \$34 million shortfall, and resolving it could **delay the project by a year.**

TriMet officials say they can handle the shortfall without scaling back the project's scope or level of service. But a three-month "recalibration" would put the project out of consideration for federal funding this year, pushing opening day back to 2022 at the earliest.

"It certainly represents a time-out," said Steve Witter, TriMet's executive director of capital projects.

Planners are trying to squeeze the new line into a \$175 million budget, the limit for a Federal Transit Administration program that expected to foot half the bill. (TriMet's MAX Orange Line, in comparison, cost \$1.49 billion.)

But the bill has grown to \$189 million, mostly due to unexpected costs only tangentially related to the project, such as the replacement of traffic signals hung from cables rather than steel poles.

Minneapolis

Despite support from cities and suburbs, Orange Line needs to secure funding

Despite bipartisan backing, project faces a murky future.

By Janet Moore Star Tribune | AUGUST 13, 2016 -- 12:52PM

The \$150.7 million project nevertheless faces a murky future, and a pressing deadline: Metropolitan Council officials must submit an application to the Federal Transit Administration by Sept. 2 for the project to be considered for funding in next year's federal budget.

About \$45 million was expected to come from the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB), which levies a quarter-cent sales tax for transit in the metro area. But last month Dakota County voted to leave the board, causing hard feelings among members from other counties. Now there's some question whether CTIB funding for the Orange Line will be forthcoming.

Orange Line Project Secures \$74M Federal Grant

By Amanda Ostuni
November 28, 2018

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The federal grant comes **after more than two years of funding** acquired in fits and starts, which has put the project in a constant state of jeopardy since it was conceived.

Seattle

Metro revises RapidRide program schedule

Date: December 21, 2020
Author: Torie Rysning,
King County Metro

In response to the budget shortfall caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, King County and the County Council have reassessed the RapidRide lines that will launch in the coming years. Some projects within the RapidRide program will pause design or adjust investments and will no longer launch as previously planned.

The RapidRide G, H, I, J, K, and R Lines were all originally slated to launch by 2027. The RapidRide G, H, I, and J lines will continue to be built with slight changes to schedule and investments. The RapidRide K and R lines will be paused until additional funding is available.

RapidRide K Line (Project paused)

The RapidRide K Line will be paused once it completes its remaining conceptual design work. When additional funding is secured, and the project is able to resume, Metro will notify all project stakeholders and continue the engagement process around design for the route alignment, station locations, and access and safety improvements.

Milwaukee

County Expects Key BRT Grant Soon

Construction could begin by spring 2021.

By Graham Kilmer - Dec 3rd, 2020 04:33 pm

After years of planning and delays, Milwaukee County officials are expecting to finalize a critical grant agreement with the federal government for the East-West Bus Rapid Transit Project (BRT) this month.

In summer 2019, planners expected to finalize a grant agreement by the end of the year and start construction in spring 2020. But delays in the grant process **delayed the project by a year.** And now construction is expected to begin in spring 2021. With revenue service beginning in fall 2022.

As Urban Milwaukee **has reported**, delays have been caused by mismanagement of the grant program at the FTA. For example, the agency was failing to communicate grant criteria and, in some cases, changing project requirements after they had already been met, leaving planners in the dark as to how they would secure this grant pivotal to the project.

An investigation of the Capital Improvements Grant (CIG) program — of which the Small Starts program is a part — by the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, found the FTA caused project delays and cost overruns throughout the country.

**URBAN
MILWAUKEE**

From: jessicaliebl@hotmail.com <jessicaliebl@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 5:02 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] Monroe Street Library

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Jessica Richards
Address: 1803 Keyes Ave, Madison, WI 53711
Phone: 414-759-8634
Email: jessicaliebl@hotmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? No, do not contact me

Message:

Hello-

My family and I just wanted to voice our support for the Monroe Street Library to be open at least 5 days a week and go back to a more normal schedule.

Although the library is small, we use it almost 2 times per week and probably check out over 50 books a week between all of us. It is a walkable resource that myself and my family enjoy and one of the many reasons we moved to this neighborhood.

Jessica, Kyle, Sophia and Sydney Richards

From: Deborah Elsas <deborahelsas@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 5:26 PM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Amendment 11 Operating Budget Increase funding for Cares

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Hello Alders,

Please fund Cares to the extent possible including by shifting funds from the police since this program is importantly relieving the police of some of their duties.

Thank you

Deb Elsas

From: Carol Schroeder <monroestreet@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 5:29 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: In Support of the Monroe Street Library

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I am thrilled that the Madison Public Library, and the MPL board, have endorsed a solution that will restore the Monroe Street Library to being open five days a week in 2022 without having any impact on the city budget. I understand that the MPL has a reserve fund that can be used in situations such as this one in which library services are restricted. It is my hope that this is a one-time use of the reserve fund, and that the small amount needed to keep the Monroe Street Library open 5 days a week (just \$70,000) will be included in the operating budget for 2023.

Last year when the MPL board was forced to reduce Monroe Street's hours to three days a week for 2021 in order to make the budget work, it was stated that its goal was to make the Monroe St. Library fully viable again in 2022, and I am hopeful that this proposal will make this goal achievable.

I've been chair of the Monroe Street Library League for over 35 years, and of the Monroe Street Merchants Association for some 45 years. In my mind the two organizations share the same goals: creating a walkable urban neighborhood with a high quality of life for children, adults and seniors. Having access to a public library helps make the Monroe Street area livable, and contributes to making our mix of small, locally owned businesses viable.

The Monroe Street Library League is eager to support the branch, and our volunteers have continued to raise funds for materials used throughout the MPL system, as well as most of the programs and furnishings for our branch. We are unable, however, to host any programming with the library open so few hours a week. Supervising Librarian Ching Wong recent wrote: "I agree with Orange's statements of the limited opportunities for programming due the limited hours and future funding. If and when the library hours are restored, Monroe Street Library staff and I will look forward to your full support in funding any collection and programming endeavors."

I could go on at great length about the reasons why the Monroe Street Library should be open five days a week instead of just three, but I hope that my actions over the past 35 years speak to my passion for this branch and the importance of libraries in general. Our brand is a lively and well-loved library, even though patrons are limited to just Tuesday, Friday or Saturday. Let's hope that in 2022 they will have access five days a week!

All my best,
Carol "Orange" Schroeder

A few facts for your consideration:

- Monroe Street Library is the sole library in the Madison system with only three days of service.

- A recent week-long survey showed this library recently received more visits per day than Goodman South Madison, Hawthorne, or Lakeview libraries, despite its small size. It also saw more library materials checked out per month than Goodman South Madison despite being open less than half the hours in May, June and July of 2022.

- Library Board and staff have received many comments from library visitors in support of expanded service hours; the Board received over 80 comments in 2020 in support of the library.

- Library Board and staff have received considerable feedback from seniors and older caregivers of neighborhood children that the walkability of the Monroe Street Library is important to them and they are unable to easily visit other libraries by car.

- \$70,000 in operating funding would restore a .7 FTE Library Assistant and 20 hours per week of Library Page time, allowing sufficient staffing for 16 additional service hours per week. Due to staffing/hiring considerations, adding one day of service is not a viable option – we cannot hire a new position to work one day.

- The city of Madison owns the Monroe Street Library building and pays utilities and maintenance on it 365 days of the year. As small business owners, we recognize that it doesn't make sense to use that facility less than 150 days per annum.

- Monroe Street is a pedestrian-friendly area with many children and seniors walking to our schools shops, and restaurants. Being able to visit a library without having to go by car helps the city meet its goals of less dependence on cars.

Monroe Street Merchants Association
c/o Orange Tree Imports
1721 Monroe Street
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From: Marybeth McGinnis <marybethmcginnis@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 5:47 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Strongly against the anti-BRT amendment

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Hello,

I am speaking strongly against the proposed amendment requiring council approval for changes to BRT/Network Redesign and to express my dismay towards Alders Verveer, Abbas, Carter, Harrington-McKinney, and Myadze.

First and foremost, this amendment communicates to the city and to our staff that their expertise and knowledge is not valued, and that it is especially not valued over the whining of a few businesses. I take the bus (and my bike) to State Street on a regular basis from my Atwood neighborhood. I believe the State Street routing is the best route for transit riders and the best route for *businesses*. It is easy to say that you can "just" walk a few extra blocks, but in the winter with icy sidewalks, or for those with disabilities, or for anyone who is then forced to cross high-traffic and more dangerous roads, it is not so easy.

Our staff deserve to be recognized as experts, in conjunction with the community of bus riders. Actions like this amendment threaten our city's ability to retain the first-class staff we currently have.

In particular, I am dismayed that Alder Verveer believes he has a legitimate opinion to bring to the table regarding effective public transit. Alder Verveer is my former alder; he was also a main obstruction to making West Washington safe for vulnerable road users and for a dedicated bus lane. Because of his insistence that we keep a few street parking spots (in one of the densest districts in town, with a substantial number of students and others who do not own cars), we have a substandard bus-bike lane, which will cause conflicts for cyclists and will slow down buses. Alder Verveer has proven himself to not be knowledgeable about effective transit and its users, and I urge him and others to instead listen to our staff and the people in this city who depend upon these systems.

For those who aren't sure - and for those who *again* have to stand resolute against this constant anti-transit sentiment - I will provide you with the words of my grandfather. Along with a few others, he revitalized his small Arkansas downtown which had been destroyed by the presence of a local Walmart. He led years of tense meetings, made relationships, and persevered to create a downtown booming with new businesses, community events, and life. I will paraphrase him: "A lot of people whined about this, but who cares. All of those people are here now and like it."

If you stop BRT now, we will likely lose it. Stop being the obstructionists that my grandfather referred to, and start building a vision with your residents. This is a vision where it is easy to grab a bus, where the busses are frequent, where more of your residents can save their money by reducing the cars they own, where our workers can depend on transit rather than have to pour money into fixing their beater cars. Nothing will be perfect, but we cannot delay this and risk losing funding.

Sincerely,
Marybeth McGinnis
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marybethmcginnis@gmail.com

From: Owen Zinkgraf <ozinkgraf@wisc.edu>
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 8:51 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: BRT Delay

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Dear Alders,

I read an article in the Wisconsin State Journal titled “City Council members seek alternatives to BRT on Capitol Square and State Street.” I was disappointed to read that the City Council was considering delaying BRT. I support the current proposed route and am worried that delay may jeopardize the project. I’m hoping that the city can continue to move forward with BRT. The project is too important to delay.

Best,
Owen Zinkgraf

From: brian48johnson@hotmail.com <brian48johnson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 9:56 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] CARES funding

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Brian Johnson
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Email: brian48johnson@hotmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Mayor and Alders-

I'm writing in opposition to Alder Furman's proposal to provide 82,000.00 in funding for CARES from the MPD budget. The last place we should be looking to take more from is the already under resourced police budget. It's really head scratching that this CARES funding is being requested when the CARES team says it doesn't need the funding right now and it makes me wonder just how fiscally responsible you all are with our tax dollars.

If you need to look for additional funding for anything, look at taking it from the Citizens Police Oversight Board. I believe this board is budgeted at 450,000.00 a year to operate. This controversial board was created to address a problem that really doesn't seem to exist - rampant police misconduct and distrust of police by Madison citizens. For those rare occasions when police procedure or officer conduct or citizen concerns need to be investigated, we already have funded boards Police and Fire commission and Public Safety Review Committee in place that should be able to deal with these types of issues.

The Citizens Police Oversight Board really is a "solution" in search of a problem, when there is a clear need to address a real problem that impacts Madison citizens of all races, creeds, socio-economic standing and sexual orientation, and that's stopping criminals committing crime in our streets right now.

Can CARES be part of the solution? Sure, but when the CARES team say they don't need the extra funding right now, do the responsible thing and leave the MPD budget alone or better yet - use the budget for the oversight board to help offset our under resourced police force.

Regardless, don't raid the MPD budget for CARES

Respectfully,

Brian Johnson

From: Pat Fish <patfi@charter.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 10:05 AM
To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Madison public safety

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say no to any MPD budget cuts, add money for additional officers and officer wellness.

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Thanks

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Madison Area Safety Alliance

MPD Budget Basics

Someone on a Nextdoor post was questioning how budget cuts can affect the police department when each year their budget goes up. So I thought I would copy and paste my answer here to give you an idea of where MPD's budget stands this year:

MPD's budget goes up from year to year (like any city budget or company budget with enough employees that some are coming due for wage and/or benefit increases. Or for grants started with state or federal dollars, now being paid for by the department or agency). This is normal and will happen forever. MPD is the largest department in the City with the most employees.

So the start of the budget season each year is the "cost to continue" amount. This is the amount to continue current services and operations with the current staffing.

The 5% exercise, which obviously makes no sense to do across the board because not every department is the same (some have a few people, MPD has around 600 employees), some had fewer expenses in a covid year, while some (like MPD) had more (tons of overtime). MPD officers did not have the luxury of working at home during a pandemic. It also creates a retention issue when the Chief has to publicly delineate what a 5% cut would look like. The people in those roles first on the chopping block suddenly have job security concerns, especially when it occurs each year.

So the current 2021 budget year we're in started at that cost-to-continue level, just keeping current services as they are. Meanwhile, the department was already understaffed (an outside study in 2019 said they should hire 18 more officers, but there was no money to do so). From there, the Common Council cut \$1,250,000.00 from MPD's budget. The \$1 million cut was balanced by not filling vacant positions that came with high attrition and requiring commissioned officers to take 4 furlough days, 1 in each quarter. This staffing shortage costs the city a lot through overtime expenses. MPD's budgeted overtime last year was used up in the second quarter.

The additional \$250,000.00 cut made through a budget amendment came by capping the next year's recruit size (the only way MPD can hire new officers). Last year's high attrition was unable to be recouped due to that cap and a shrinking applicant pool because this is a difficult season for policing.

So going into this 2022 budget season, once again, as always we have a slightly higher cost-to-continue starting point (to account for raises and grants coming due, but no increase in staffing, resources, or services).

***This year, Alders wrote amendments that would have taken a total of \$795,000.00 from MPD and put it toward the new CARES (Crisis Alternative Response Emergency Services) team directed toward taking low-level, non-violent/ no weapons mental health calls for service. That 2- person team started taking calls on Sept. 1 and since then has averaged one 911 call per day. Chief Davis of the Fire Department (which houses CARES) said at the Finance Committee meeting that additional funding at this time is premature and unneeded and that they'd be in a better position to know what they need a year from now. Therefore the 3 amendments failed, two of them unanimously. ***

But now*** Alder Furman*** in the 19th District is moving ahead with another amendment that would take \$82,000 from MPD's budget for the CARES team. I have asked him if he discussed that with Chief Davis, but so far no response. This amount is tied to the Capital budget and appears to be an ongoing expense carried over from year to year, so it's a bit confusing.

At any rate, MPD is severely understaffed while the city grows at a fast pace and prepares to take in the majority of the Town of Madison residents next year, adding about 5,000 new residents to MPD's workload. The 8 officers currently budgeted to be added will not be enough, but it's better than nothing. Any cuts to MPD's operating budget will take away from those 8 officers, Chief Barnes made that clear at the Finance Committee meeting.

***Because of the short staffing, the city is paying a ton of money in daily officer overtime which is required to just fill hard minimum staffing levels across the city. ***This is not optimal staffing, but minimal staffing. They are experiencing record attrition this year in retirements and resignations. Patrol officers are struggling to respond to the number of calls for service at these levels. Going from call to call leaves very little time for proactive, problem-solving policing and it's why Chief Barnes just cut 3 of the 6 Community Policing Teams and put them back into straight patrol. This means a loss of services to the City and a drop in proactive policing and strategic engagement, but something had to stop the bleeding. Attrition is off the charts as officers are burning out.

In case you think the City is overflowing with police on our streets, attached is a photo with the minimum staffing levels on each shift, which MPD is struggling daily to fill. You can see they are broken out by the district, and then totaled at the end.

When departments are asked to delineate a 5% cut it insinuates all things are equal. Kristen suggests the police department is waging some kind of public fear-mongering war. As much as I pay attention to policing in Madison, I have not seen that. But they are struggling with a lack of staffing to do what the City is asking them to do and what residents expect them to do. This new, younger workforce values time off, family time, and vacation days on average more than working a ton of overtime. They will leave the job at some point when their ability to keep adding mandatory overtime as a regular job requirement is not sustainable, and many are leaving. Officers get one pass per YEAR on ordered overtime. At some point, you end up with the police department that nobody wants: Police officers who only have time for reactive policing, never able to get to the heart of the issues, but just rushing from call to call, working too much overtime for quality self-care, overworked and ready to snap. I don't think that is what residents want. That doesn't help anything and makes policing more dangerous to everyone. If we want to keep a

good police department in our City, we need to concern ourselves with Officer health and wellness and provide for the needs a good police department has or we will end up with what no one wants.

Crime going up is not the driver of this problem, lack of staffing is. It's why every single cut MPD faces directly affect personnel. 88% of the budget goes toward personnel costs. There are no cuts left to be made to the 12% of non-personnel expenses.

**Please consider opposing any cuts made to the budget, including Alder Furman's amendment to take \$82,000 from MPD to give to the CARES team, who currently has said it doesn't need the funding this year. **

We need more officers and shouldn't feel lucky because a 5% cut was not required. Or miffed that MPD didn't "do its part " A 5% cut would have lost us 36 more officers and thrown MPD into a major crisis, affecting the safety of the whole City.

If you want a healthy police department and a safer City, send a message to the Mayor and Alders asking them to say no to any MPD budget cuts and asking them to add money for additional officers and officer wellness.

Mayor@cityofmadison.com

Allalders@cityofmadison.com

And let Alder Furman know that CARES doesn't need \$82,000 from the police department right now:

District19@cityofmadison.com

From: Steve Veazie <steveveazie4@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 10:25 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Item 1 of 2022 Executive Capital Budget - Amendment 15

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I want to communicate my strong support for Alder Abbas' Amendment 15. I am concerned about pedestrian safety on State Street. I don't understand the Mayor's refusal to look at alternatives. State Street should be preserved as a pedestrian first corridor - not a fast bus route. Just ask the University of Illinois, which prioritized bus traffic through crowded campus streets, directly leading to 2 pedestrian deaths from bus accidents. For once, I would like to see city planners giving priority to pedestrian use and enjoyment of State Street - not just how to move a high volume of buses through that area quickly.
Steve Veazie 317 S Owen Dr. Madison WI 53705

From: Dan Fitch <dgfitch@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 12:10 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: BRT amendment

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Hey alderfolks, putting a pause on BRT via budget amendment is bad. Please don't put the project in jeopardy.

Our city needs sustainable and convenient public transit that goes to and through Capital Square and State Street areas. We need to accelerate plans for shared transit, over the worries of businesses. We need to plan for a city with less cars, and not trade BRT plans for some hypothetical pedestrian utopia. As a non-car-owner myself, I look forward to fast bus transit all over the city someday.

If you want a Madison for everyone, we need better public transit. Please invest in that, and don't block the plans to put the whole project in limbo.

Thanks for your work figuring this all out,
Dan Fitch

From: Sandi Reinardy <sandi@reinardy.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 3:28 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support CARES Expansion

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Hello,

I am writing to ask that all of you support Operating Budget Amendment #11 and Capital Budget Amendment #8, to provide funding to expand the CARES program in 2022.

I am not writing to ask that you make any quick moves to defund the police. I am asking that you acknowledge the fact that in this country – and in our community – we have come to rely way too heavily on the police force to respond to a wide variety of crisis situations, and we live in a time that demands and allows for more appropriate and complex responses. I'm asking that you take real steps to expand our City's ability to respond to crisis situations with the appropriate tools, not with a single way of doing things.

I am making this request based not only on the fact that there is evidence from the CAHOOTS program that programs like this can be effective, but also on three specific personal experiences:

- I am a volunteer leader of Nehemiah's Court Observer program. (To be clear, I am writing this letter as an individual, and not representing Nehemiah's positions in any formal way. What I write is based on my experiences as a volunteer.) We train individuals with little prior exposure to our court system to observe court hearings to see whether that aspect of our criminal legal system is functioning the way we might hope. One of the most frequent reactions we get from new observers is shock and dismay about what seems to be a lack of adequate mental health resources for people who are facing charges. People regularly note that the individuals they see seem much more in need of help than criminal punishment.
- I am currently a social work intern at Mendota Mental Health Institute. I work in a minimum security unit, with men who's conditions are currently well managed. I have long been familiar with academic information about severe and persistent mental illness. But in just two short months, I have had the opportunity to see what that looks like up close and in person and here is what I've learned: I cannot fathom a situation with a person experiencing acute symptoms of a mental illness that would be made better by police intervention. I mean no disrespect to police officers when I write that. I mean that in the best scenarios it can be difficult to understand and respond to the needs of a person experiencing a mental health crisis and the people I've seen do it best have years of training and full-time experience. My understanding of police training is that it couldn't possibly equip them with the tools and experience to regularly lead people in that situation to the best outcomes. It is asking too much of our police officers, who specialize in a different set of skills.
- Finally, I lost a young family member to suicide who had several police interactions while experiencing mental health crises and his response was always panic, fear, and an escalation of disorderly behavior. Those responses intensified with each subsequent interaction. I am not suggesting his suicide was a result of these interactions, but I do believe they are among a long

list of ways in which our systems failed to help him get better. I have another family member who has struggled deeply with serious mental illness for years and there have been numerous times when we were not sure whether she was okay or was considering or had already attempted suicide. Our only option on many of those occasions was to request a wellness check via 911. This is an excruciating decision. I do not believe there is any reason to send armed officers to wellness checks, but families – regardless of their access to financial or social resources – sometimes have no other choice. I believe it would make a world of difference if these situations were handled by trained crisis intervention specialists, like those on the CARES team.

I would like you, as alders, and by extension our city, to acknowledge that we can address community crisis needs with a variety of tools and work to make sure those tools are available to as many people as possible, as soon as possible.

I know you have difficult budget decisions to make, and I don't envy you for having to make these decisions. Operating Budget Amendment #11 represents a tiny part of the policing budget, that will not go nearly far enough to meet the community need, but it can be progress, it can be step toward a healthier community. And it may save lives.

Please support Operating Budget Amendment #11 and Capital Budget Amendment #8.

Thank you.
Sandi Reinardy
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Madison, WI 53705

From: CHASE ZACHARY CUNNIFF <ccunniff2@wisc.edu>
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 5:13 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Bus Rapid Transit

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Dear Madison alders,

I am a rider of Metro transit and downtown resident. I'm disappointed to learn about the proposed amendment to the city budget which will delay BRT. BRT will benefit Madison immensely, and the delay may put the entire project at risk. I am hoping that the city can continue move forward with the project. I encourage you to reject the proposed amendment to the budget.

Best,
Chase Cunniff

From: Beth Sluys <sluysb@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 10:15 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: BRT - Man Alive, we want 7.5

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Dear President Abbas, Alder Myadze and Alders:

Good morning! Imagine my surprise in reading the article in the paper about the BRT and the following news:

Madison's coming makeover of Metro Transit — perhaps the biggest ever — promises a \$166 million backbone of bus rapid transit that will focus service in high-density corridors, reduce service in other areas, eliminate transfer points and reduce traffic lanes on some city thoroughfares.

Now correct me if I am wrong, but we are in the midst of a NETWORK REDESIGN that is not even half way completed, and the very decisions that we are trying to determine, seemingly have already been decided. No transfer stations (ridership option) reducing service (we already have endured this with the removal of faster routes from the Northside), and the possible re-routing of buses from the high density corridor of apartments along Northport for a route up Troy Drive....how are these decisions being made? Not with input from local residents who actually ride the buses. Public listening sessions and presentations do not constitute the type of work group effort that is required to ensure the routes reflect the users and how they travel.

There is a timeline provided by city staff and the consultants that have been hired to work with the city and residents to determine the best network possible for our city transportation system. Not having been done in 20 years or more. Page 47 of the attached document about the Network Redesign, shows the timeline for the redesign work that lies ahead.

I think we need to wait until we know that the federal grant has been awarded with certainty, as it will fund the bulk of the BRT E/W only. Then what? Another grant to fund the N/S routes? This feels unjust. We like to talk about equity and yet there has been zero that is equitable about this BRT process as it relates to the N/S routes, home to may low income BIPOC families that rely solely on public transportation.

If 7.5 minute route pick ups is good for the E/W route, then it is good for the N/S route. I don't believe the north and south side bus riders have ever experienced an every 15 minute route to anywhere!

The N/S route has never been discussed in terms of learning about the transit desires of area residents, who rely heavily on the bus system. The Northside was

determined to be above average in numbers of assisted income households. It takes over an hour to get to the downtown from some areas of Madison. A trip that should take 15 minutes!

Please take the time to allow the consultants you have hired, to produce their report, and present the findings. Spring of 2022 is not far away!

We all want an innovative transportation system. One that includes great buses, pedestrian and bike paths that are well connected and safe, and a local train system.

Thank you for listening and taking action.

Beth Sluys
District 18
Neighbor to District 12



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From: Theodora Zehner <theodora.zehner@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 11:48 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: I support Amendment 15

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Dear Alders,

I support Amendment 15. I hope you will, too. While I favor the BRT, I do not favor buses on State Street. State Street should be a pedestrian mall.

Theodora Zehner
406 West Shore Dr
Madison, WI 53715

From: Custer, Betty <Betty.Custer@lfg.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 2:57 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Capital Budget and amendment 15

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I write you all, many of whom I know personally and some of whom I do not know, because I feel so strongly that you as a Council need to approve amendment 15 to the Capital Budget which gives the City Council, and not the Mayor nor Transportation, the authority to approve the final siting of the BRT terminals, especially with regard to State Street.

In all my years of watching government, supporting many of you in your efforts to make Madison better and in all my attendance at meetings specific especially to Overture, I have never found a process this significant to be so mangled in the manner in which key stakeholders were not involved.

The Mayor and her administration quote chapter and verse about all of the public meetings that were held regarding BRT. I do not refute those facts, but ask you to consider that these meetings, almost all virtually held and in the middle of a pandemic, did NOT do justice to the democratic process. Key stakeholders to the welfare of Downtown, the business and building owners, have been going through struggles for their economic lives, and no specific effort was made to single them out as a group until this spring.

When they last were singled out earlier in the process they virtually unanimously voted for the outer ring as preferred siting for BRT terminals. As soon as the mayor's rejection of that opinion became known this spring, they have been attending forums and meetings. The virtual nature has made these extremely unsatisfactory. Instead of the usual groundswell in public attendance at important in person meetings, these virtual meetings have given face only to the administrative presence and Written Q and A as the only alternative to attendees wishing to voice dissent. In the last one I attended for hours the almost 100 questions were whittled down by the facilitator, leaving out key portions, and skipping whole questions that she deemed had one or two similar words or phrases similar to a previously partially answered query.

I am not a downtown business owner, although I own my own business. I am an advocate of Downtown through DMI, my leadership role on the Board at Overture and my friendship with clients and others who are business owners downtown. But I also am a lifelong citizen with a long love affair with State Street from the days I attended Central High near the top of the street to the days at the UW near the bottom, and all the years in between and since, shopping, dining, and attending performances and gallery viewing.

The Mayor and her staff are trying to portray those fighting terminals on State St as having motives of keeping bus ridership types of people away from their businesses. The statement is both absurd and an affront to all those who have put their lives into these businesses.....many of whom are women, varying ethnicities, and hardly the elite upper white class they are portrayed to be. It is also an assault on the integrity of those of us who have spent years making equity and justice hallmarks of institutions like Overture and MMOCA.

As I finished my third year as Overture board chair a year ago I formed a committee to work on revitalizing State Street, reimagining it with even more diversity and supporting the struggling owners. I then joined committees through DMI ago do the same. The enthusiasm the greater public expressed for even the consideration of a pedestrian mall made us all feel that our love of this iconic street was widely shared. We are not against BRT. We want to reverse climate change. We want sensible public transportation. We simply acknowledge that Madison can have those things and still keep large bus terminals from impeding pedestrian views and pleasures.

We ask that The City Council take this step to make this process a true reflection of civic responsibility for those who are working on keeping and improving this iconic street for many greater days ahead.

Betty Harris Custer
Lifelong Madisonian
50 year business owner
Civic leader

From: jamesgisaac@gmail.com <jamesgisaac@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 3:01 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] Support Budget Request for More Police

Recipient: All Alders

Name: James Isaac
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Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Dear Alders,

I hope this finds each of you and your families healthy.

Please support that aspect of the mayor's proposed city budget that includes eight additional police officers in light of the merger of the town of Madison into the city of Madison. Ideally, this common council would go further and add back the four MPD officers that the mayor's budget cut last year. However, at a bare minimum, this council should support the common sense addition of the eight new officers that the mayor has proposed and that Chief Barnes has requested.

As each of you knows all too well, Madison continues to suffer from an extraordinary wave of violent crime. From 2019 to 2020, shots fired incidents skyrocketed from 144 to 250. Between those two years, homicides nearly tripled. Although 2021 is not yet over, as of the end of September, the numbers for this year have already eclipsed 2019 in just nine months. This is unacceptable. The violent crime hurts everyone and everything in this city, but it hurts our most vulnerable communities and neighborhoods the most.

The Madison Police Department is not the problem - indeed, the Madison Police Department will need to be a large part of the solution to our violent crime epidemic. In a nod to common sense, voters last week in other metropolitan areas - from Minneapolis to New York City to Buffalo - all rejected defund-the-police policies and candidates and instead voted for candidates who rightly viewed their cities' police forces as a big part of the solution to their own runaway crime rates. Madison's common council should do the same: please prioritize the real-world safety of our city's residents over ideology.

Thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of the city's residents.

Sincerely,

James Isaac

From: Ronnie Hess <rlhess@wisc.edu>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 3:22 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: My thoughts on Alder Abbas' Amendment 15 to the Capital Budget

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Dear Alders,

I strongly support Alder Abbas' amendment 15 on the capital budget. I'm a native New Yorker and I love "select" or express buses. I've seen how well they function across a City. But they don't run on every avenue. State Street is not a Second or Fifth Avenue. It's a delicate space, created to be small, and with a particular character that needs to be defended and protected. A BRT there would completely change the nature of the street.

All best,
Ronnie Hess (she, her, hers)
Madison, WI

From: Ronnie Hess <rlhess@wisc.edu>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 3:28 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Thoughts on possible amendment on Monroe Street Library expanded funding

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Dear Alders,

I understand Alder Evers will propose an amendment Tuesday to the Operating Budget making it possible to fund the Monroe Street Public Library for five days a week. I would strongly support this amendment.

I've been outspoken on this issue over the years whenever the Monroe Street branch seemed threatened. In the 30+ years I have lived in either the Regent or Vilas neighborhoods I have seen how important the Monroe Street branch has been to the area's community life. Please vote to make it financially possible to restore the library's hours, especially given the fact that the Library Board has endorsed this proposal.

All best,
Ronnie Hess (she, her, hers)
Madison, WI

From: pagenkopf.adam@gmail.com <pagenkopf.adam@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 10:47 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] Public Comment on Agenda Item #67001

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Adam Pagenkopf
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Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

I urge the Council to reject a proposed amendment that is likely to have the effect of killing Bus Rapid Transit BRT and Network Redesign. This amendment sets a disturbing precedent where a small group of business owners and their lobby groups can derail years of regular public process at the 11th hour by introducing a budget amendment allowing for 4 days of public comment after 9 years of planning.

Our current transportation system is inequitable and insufficient. The last major reworking was completed 25 years ago in the 1990s, resulting in an inefficient system revolving around 6 transfer points and 50+ bus routes. Riders from disadvantaged groups take significantly longer to get to their destination, having to take circuitous routes and lengthy transfers even to go short distances. BRT and Network Redesign will significantly increase access to jobs, groceries, childcare, and much more for Madisonians who rely on the bus for transportation.

Much of the opposition to BRT is centered around 11 blocks of the route on Upper State Street and Capitol Square. These streets have been served by public transportation for over 100 years, from horse-drawn streetcars in the mid-1800s, to electric streetcars in the 1890s, to buses from the 1930s through today. Transit has always been here because the State St/Square route puts stops closer to popular destinations and puts transfers closer together

A small group of business owners opposes the downtown route in favor of a hypothetical plan to create a pedestrian promenade on upper State Street and Capitol Square. There is no concrete plan to make the square a pedestrian or transit mall. If such a pedestrianization plan does materialize, there will be many considerations and engineering changes. Re-routing can be addressed then. Some additional investment may be required, but BRT is still a bus at the end of the day. Such a plan would require years of planning and public input. I would love to see many one-way streets changed to 2-way, dedicated ROW for transit, and additional areas pedestrianized, but not at the expense of access to bus riders. To date, none of this planning has occurred.

Transit on Street and Capitol Square serves riders best with stations that are central, safe, and attractive and with the lowest travel times. This route will be the easiest to use for new and occasional riders. Detours will continue to be necessary ~10% of running time. The alternatives are much worse because

they take longer and put riders farther away from transfers and popular destinations 100% of the running time. These problems are particularly acute in the winter months when it is often cold, icy, and dark. Most detours occur from late spring to early fall when these issues are lessened.

Bus Rapid Transit has had over 9 years of public planning and comment since 2012, including an intensive public engagement period from October 2018 - March 2020, resulting in the Routing Reports in January of 2020 and the passage of the Locally Preferred Alternative LPA by the Common Council in March of 2020. A Revised LPA with the same route was passed by the Common Council in January of 2021. Some of the alders who present this week's amendment even voted in favor of the approved route eleven months ago and nearly two years ago.

This amendment proposes to halt the BRT process and introduce delays that could easily kill the project entirely. Completion of planning will likely be pushed into 2023/2024 when a new US Congress and a new Wisconsin Governor may be seated. In 2011, High-speed Rail between Madison and Milwaukee was killed by a new Wisconsin Governor.

The amendment circumvents years of public engagement through the ordinary process. The BRT route planning process has proceeded through the ordinary means of public engagement over the past 9 years. The Network Redesign process is ongoing and is currently planned to run from March 2021-Summer 2022, with a Draft Plan being presented this winter. Difficult choices in Network Redesign are necessitated by an unchanged or decreased budget for Metro Transit operations, which is set by the Common Council.

The planned BRT route was decided on after years of public engagement and it is the best route for riders, the project, and the city. The status quo for Metro Transit is not acceptable, any change that includes BRT will bring significant benefits for riders.

Adam Pagenkopf
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262 510-8747

From: Andrew Lail <ajlail98@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 7:50 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: BRT Support

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Hello,

I just wanted to register my support for the BRT routing as stated in the current Locally Preferred Alternative. There is no need to continue to study the routing as proposed in Alder Abbas' amendment. I have been continually impressed by the high quality of information sessions and input opportunities from Metro staff over the past couple years, and I would hate to see their hard work delayed. This is a crucial project to get finished on time, given how transformative it could be for people getting around as the city develops rapidly.

The state street and capitol square route is simply the most logical and effective route, as well as the easiest for wayfinding. The routing will make it easy for visitors to find State Street and easy for locals to drop by as they ride the bus. One of the most exciting things about BRT is the hop-on, hop-off potential it creates. On my way home from work, I take the bus through State often. As much as I'd love to jump out, grab a quick coffee or buy a card for a friend, I stay on the bus because I know the next bus I need might not come for half an hour. If I knew a high frequency bus ran on State Street, it would create a lot of spontaneous trips for me.

I am fully in support of BRT as proposed currently. I truly believe this is a transformative moment for Madison and it would be heartbreaking to see it derailed.

Cheers,
Andrew Lail
406 Castle Place
Madison

From: Mary Kateada <marykateada@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:12 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Cares team ongoing support!

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Dear Alders,

We are writing in strong support of the Cares team and in hopes that you all will pass **Operating Budget Amendment #11** and the **Capital Budget Amendment #8**. It is our understanding that they will provide the following funds going forward:

- **Operating Budget Amendment #11** - would shift \$82,000 from the Police budget to the CARES team to provide for 2 additional contracted crisis workers for 6 months. (Presumably, this would happen in the latter half of the year, so that the current team can continue to work out the processes and figure out how to best incorporate two additional workers.)
- **Capital Budget Amendment #8** – would authorize \$50,000 in capital funding to procure a vehicle for a second response team.

As a 67 year old, white female retiree and a 74 year old white male retiree living in our own home on the west side of Madison, we are not the least bit swayed or frightened by any *defunding the police* rhetoric. The Care team works side by side with the police and rightfully removes responsibilities from them, which should equate to a shifting of budget \$'s for them. There is no going back, there is only going forward. Please do not be afraid of paving the way and bringing needed change to our community.

Thank you for your consideration and you work on our behalf.

Mary Kateada
Frank Schneeberger
3429 Lucia Crest
Madison WI

From: Nicholas Davies <nbdavies@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:42 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: No on the transit funding halt!

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Dear alders,

A few State Street business owners are trying to sabotage our city's much-needed, overdue mass transit system, out of a stereotype, rooted in racism, that transit riders and their clientele do not overlap. That's abhorrent.

Now we have a proposed budget amendment that would halt transit spending, based on that same racist rationale. This halt in funding would come at a crucial time in the project, where we've already secured matching funds at the federal level.

Those of you who try to sabotage mass transit in Madison, know this: your constituents will remember. The people who contributed time and/or money to your campaigns last time will remember. The city residents who are engaging with the BRT project and helping shape it to be equitable, sustainable, and an economic boon for the city, we'll all remember. The people sitting in traffic years from now, instead of on a fast, reliable transit vehicle, will remember. The people who are still commuting 2 hours each way in 2025, because it takes 3 buses to get across town with long waits at transfer points, will remember. Don't think it'll be taken lightly.

This city has been waiting for mass transit for decades, and we've reached a point in our city's growth where we cannot continue to put it off for the next generation.

In redesigning the bus system around BRT, the city was given designs prioritizing ridership vs. coverage, and was tasked with finding a balance between these two priorities--something between 1/99 and 99/1.

If you interpreted that choice as an unreconcilable binary (100/0 vs. 0/100), then I'm urging you to go back and rub a couple more brain cells together, and salvage your reputation. You are capable of understanding this.

We know who put forward this amendment:

Alder Abbas
Alder Carter
Alder Harrington-McKinney
Alder Myadze
Alder Verveer

I'm not shaming you. I'm not bullying you. I'm just pointing out that if this sabotage succeeds, city residents will know who led it. And we'll add to this list anyone else responsible.

The damage to our city's infrastructure hasn't been done yet though. You still have a chance to correct your mistakes. You can bury this amendment. You can withdraw your names as cosponsors while you still have an opportunity to do so. I hope you do the right thing.

Thank you,

Nick Davies
3717 Richard St

From: MADELINE LIGHT <madalinz@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:39 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; BRT marketing group <BRT@cityofmadison.com>;
Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: BRT Alder Abbas' Amendment

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To Whom it may concern,

As a citizen of downtown Madison, I am unable to attend the scheduled meeting on Tuesday evening. Never the less, I feel it is important to express my opinion that I am in full support of Alder Abbas' Amendment #15. I think the insistence that BRT be routed directly onto both the Capitol Square and State Street has been a bully tactic and not in the best interest of the community. It would be a much better option to be routed onto the outer loop and off of State Street. Please listen to the people who will be most impacted, including the businesses on State Street which you supposedly are so concerned about. Thanks for your time,
Maddie Light

From: Nicholas Loumos <nloumos@focusedinterruption.org>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:02 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Anthony Cooper Sr <acooper@focusedinterruption.org>
Subject: Please Vote for Amendment 8

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Dear Alders,

Please vote for Amendment 8 to transfer \$200,000 to purchased services to fund a contract with Focused Interruption for gun violence prevention programming. It is well understood by all parties that the awareness and understanding about gun violence prevention are the result of the work of Focused Interruption, and in particular the work of Anthony Cooper for the past 5 years. The partnerships and relationships built with local government, community organizations, hospitals and law enforcement agencies is demonstrated in numerous ways, including funding.

As you know, we have spent months working with PHMDC to adopt an evidence-based, comprehensive public health approach to violence reduction known as the Gun Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS), which has been implemented in cities across the country since 1996, typically reducing shootings by up to 60%. This would have meant having PHMDC play a key role, in partnership with Focused Interruption, in adopting the GVRS, which would have required some shift in practice within PHMDC to embrace this. Despite our best efforts to build such a partnership with PHMDC to adopt GVRS, those discussions ended last week with the decision by PHMDC not to adopt this approach at this time. Regardless, we intend to continue to work with PHMDC, the City, the County and our numerous other partners to establish a Madison Area Gun Violence Reduction Strategy. We look forward to continued support from the City departments and Common Council in implementing this lifesaving work.

Unfortunately, Anthony is on a vacation booked many months ago and only has intermittent internet access at best. Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions. Please know that whatever happens, we remain committed to the idea of a safe and fair Madison for all.

On behalf of Anthony B. Cooper Sr, President and CEO of Focused Interruption, and myself Nick Loumos, COO of Focused Interruption, we look forward to continuing to reimagine public safety together with you, and thank you all for your time and service on this critical issue.

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Nicholas Loumos
608-469-0598
Chief Operations Officer
Focused Interruption

From: Diana C <busybees2@juno.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 1:40 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Monroe St Library

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Dear Alders of Madison,

Please support the operating budget amendment to expand hours at the Monroe Branch.

Libraries are one of the few institutions that are welcoming to all patrons. This branch is not fancy or high tech but it serves an important purpose in many of our lives. When it was closed for the year, the community felt a void. Three days a week is nice but for many people it serves, this is not enough. Supporting the budget amendment means supporting kids, seniors, people with lower incomes along with rest of the library loving community.

Thank you.

Diana Cohen
(Greenbush Neighborhood)

From: Gail Anderson <andersonelsass@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:41 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Please support amendment to restore Monroe St. Library hours

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Alders.

I urge you to support Ald. Bennett's and Ald. Evers' amendment to restore the Monroe Street Library service from 3 days per week to 5 days per week. The Library Board voted unanimously last week to support this. When cuts had to be made last year for the 2021 budget, that Board stated it would restore Monroe branch to its 2019 hours of operation as soon as possible.

From Bayview to many neighborhoods, Monroe Street Library serves our community well. However, being open only 3 days a week seriously restricts this service.

Please support this amendment!

Gail Anderson
711 S. Orchard St. #202
Madison 53715

From: Dave McMurray <dave@planetbike.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 3:11 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Monroe Street Library

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Dear Alders,

I am writing to express my support for the amendment to expand the hours of operation for the Monroe Street library branch. It's a good little library that is an important asset to our community.

Sincerely,
David McMurray

From: Aulik Juli A <JAulik@uwhealth.org>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 3:37 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Aulik Juli A <JAulik@uwhealth.org>
Subject: UW Health requests your support for budget amendment 8

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(Sent by me (UW Health's director of community relations and local government affairs on behalf of those signed at the end with my support as well).

We, the below signed, represent the leadership of the Emergency Departments, Level 1 Adult Trauma Center, and Security Department of UW Health. We are writing to offer our strong support for budget amendment 8 that would provide \$200,000 in funding to Focused Interruption. We request you vote to adopt.

- Focused Interruption has years of experience interrupting gun violence and connecting with patients and family members. We see the success firsthand in our Emergency Department and our Trauma Center where we care for patients with gunshot wounds. The organization is uniquely equipped to collaborate with UW Health.
- When notified that gunshot victims are being transported to UW Hospital, Focused Interruption responders arrive at the Emergency Department and provide support for victims and their families. Their time onsite for events can be lengthy, often multiple hours for a singular event. The nurses, security staff, surgeons, and social workers in the UW Hospital Emergency Departments, Trauma Department, and Security Department are grateful for this partnership.
- We have worked closely and in collaboration with Focused Interruption for more than five years. This is captured in a Letter of Agreement between the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority and Focused Interruption that states, "...UW Health and FIC wish to collaborate on violence prevention and crisis response efforts to help mitigate the effects of trauma by making FIC representatives available at UW Health locations to provide peer support, information, and resources to individuals involved in instances of violence"-- not an agreement that is offered lightly by UW Health to external partners. Furthermore, they have provided internal education to healthcare teams (workshops, in services, etc.) and provide external collaboration to discuss improvement work (ED remodel, policies, regular biweekly event debriefings).
- Focused Interruption representatives participate in New Employee Orientation and comply with all requirements a paid employee must meet. We issue non-employee UW Health badges to approved personnel, allowing Focused Interruption responders to meet with patients throughout our facilities.

- Our Adult Trauma Injury Prevention Program works closely with Focused Interruption through the Dane County Violence Prevention Collaborative, established in April 2020 by the UW Health Adult Injury Prevention Program, Focused Interruption, The Rainbow Project, and DAIS to address and prevent violence in our community.
- Finally, UW Health provides financial support to Focused Interruption for their work to end gun violence in the Madison area.

If we can provide any information or answer questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by response to this email. Thank you.

Ann P. O'Rourke, MD, MPH, FACS
Medical Director, Level I Adult Trauma, UW Health
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UW Health, University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics

Jennifer Hankwitz, MSN, RN
Director Emergency Services
UW Health, University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics

Mary R. Lauby
Injury Prevention Coordinator
UW Health, Adult Level 1 Trauma Center

From: VNA President <vnapresident@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 3:39 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Agenda Item #2 (67496) - Monroe Street Branch Library Hours

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To Members of the Madison Common Council,

The Vilas Neighborhood Association urges you to adopt an amendment to the Mayor's proposed 2022 budget to fund increasing the hours of service at the Monroe Street Branch Library from 3 to 5 days a week, as recommended by the Madison Public Library Board, the Madison Public Library Foundation, and our Alder, Tag Evers.

The importance of the Monroe Street Branch to this neighborhood is evidenced by the exceptionally high volume of use it receives from area residents, many of whom walk to get there. Increasing the hours would improve access to the library's services and put our neighborhood branch on a more equal footing with the service provided in other parts of the City. The Monroe Street Branch is smaller than other libraries and would understandably still have fewer hours, but it would be significantly closer to providing full service than is possible with the current 3-day, Tuesday-Friday-Saturday configuration.

The library is an important feature of our neighborhood. In addition to providing much valued library services, it serves as a destination, contributing to the area's walkability, strengthening community by creating opportunities for residents to encounter and engage with neighbors, and generating foot traffic that is good for the local businesses on Monroe Street. Increasing the library hours from 3 days to 5 would have multiple benefits.

Respectfully,
Vilas Neighborhood Association
Sarah Bahauddin- VNA President

From: Nancy Webb <rupa621@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:17 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Monroe Street Library

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Absolutely in favor of increasing library hours. More than any other single entity, it is this library branch that makes our neighborhood especially livable and inclusive.

Nancy Webb
1710 Adams Street
Madison, WI 53711

From: Barb Sanford <barbsanford@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:32 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Expansion of Monroe Street Library hours

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I urge you to vote to expand Monroe Street Library's open hours to five days (item #2 [67496]). As a former volunteer at the library, I have seen firsthand how essential the library is to the neighborhood and how vital it is to so many people. For example, my friend and neighbor Nancy Phipps—in her 70s, lives on Social Security, doesn't own a car or computer, has numerous health issues—relies heavily on the Monroe Street Library. She's only one of many.

The library is the soul of our neighborhood. It provides its many loyal customers with the materials they need, internet access, answers to reference questions, adult and children's programs, and voting registration. My family has cherished it for over 30 years. Please vote to bring it back to a full-time, full-service library that is so crucial to the health of our neighborhood and our community as a whole. Thank you for your consideration and support of our libraries.

Barb Sanford

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Barb Sanford
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From: Gillian Nevers <neversgillian@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:36 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Expanding hours at Monroe Street Branch Library

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Dear Members of the Madison Common Council,

I strongly support expanding the hours of operation of the Monroe Street Library to five days a week. I have lived in the Vilas neighborhood for 43 years; and before that in the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood. Until Covid closed libraries for in-person use, I visited the Monroe Street branch at least once a week. My children, now 47 and 52, grew up using the library and as a result are still supporters and users of libraries wherever they live. I am now 77 years-old and anticipate that a day will come, hopefully far in the future, when I may give up driving. I'd like to know that the Monroe Street branch will be open for me to walk to, should that day come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gillian Nevers
Madison Street

From: Lisa Hempstead <lhempstead@madison.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:48 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support Amendment to 2022 Operating Budget

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Dear Alders,

I am writing to you not only as a resident of district 5 and a public school librarian, but also as the Madison Metropolitan School District Representative serving on the Madison Public Library Board. I am asking each member of the Common Council to please support amendment 14 which would enable the city to reinstate full operating hours at the Monroe Street Library.

The library is a vital resource in our community. When the initial 5% reduction in the operating budget was proposed the community spoke out loud and clear in support of the Monroe Street Library. I personally received over a 100 emails in support of keeping the library open. Elderly who have lived in the neighborhood for decades, school children from Randall and West HS, and families from all backgrounds reached out to me to make a valid plea to maintain access to Monroe Street library. Many of the patrons are strong supporters of MPL and it would be a disservice to alienate them. This is our opportunity to give back to a neighborhood that consistently supports the city of Madison's services via revenue from property taxes and donor gifts.

It is also a superb example of an eco-friendly neighborhood branch in which patrons primarily access on foot. We should be encouraging and replicating this successful model.

The library is a keystone destination, local small businesses hit hard by the pandemic will benefit from the increased hours.

A mere \$70,000 in funding would restore a .7 FTE Library Assistant as well as 20 hours of Library Page time which would provide sufficient staffing for 16 additional service hours per week. This would justifiably restore 5 days of service to the only branch in the MPL system that is currently only open 3 days. Monroe Street branch has often been neglected to the detriment of the community.

It may be small but the Monroe St. Branch has more foot traffic per square foot than any other branch in the system.

I thank you for your service and commitment to making our neighborhoods safe and desirable places to reside.

Regards,
Lisa Hempstead

From: Ginny Kester <ginny.kester@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:05 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Monroe St Library hours

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Please expand the library's hours to five days a week. It is a valued asset to all generations in our neighborhood.

Thank you,
Ginny Kester
909 Lincoln St.
Madison

From: Liz Jesse <liz.jesse@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:48 PM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Martin, Arvina <district11@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Please Do Not Delay BRT!

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Good Evening,

I am writing in opposition to capital budget amendment 15 that would temporarily halt, and potentially permanently stop, BRT for Madison. Any delay in bus rapid transit planning increases project costs, decreases the potential for rapid adoption by riders, and sets the tone for further, potentially indefinite delays.

We need this for our growing city. It is unfair for Madison to continue to give an unfair transportation advantage to people that drive cars. Personal vehicle use is the largest source of urban air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. BRT is key to reducing personal vehicle dependence, and thus is an essential step towards greenhouse gas and urban air pollution reduction.

I urge you to vote against this amendment and support bus rapid transit without delay.

Thank you for your consideration,
Elizabeth Jesse
5126 S Hill Dr, Madison, WI 53705

From: amanda k <atkemnitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 6:22 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Monroe Street Library

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As a regular user of the MOnroe Street Library I fully support restoring the operating hours to full time.

Thank you,
amanda kemnitz

From: Nicholas Davies <nbdavies@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 6:38 PM
To: Harrington-McKinney, Barbara <district1@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Re: No on the transit funding halt!

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Dear Alder Harrington-McKinney,

I appreciate you engaging in dialogue on this. I've omitted your words below, because I didn't want to share what you wrote without your consent. But I think this is relevant to others on the council as well...

I don't mean to impugn your motivations, or those of the other alders I named. A few wealthy State Street business owners have a vision for a more segregated, affluent-only downtown. Taking actions that further that vision doesn't mean that you share it.

It seems like the amendment is attempting to make a statement. The problem is that, if it succeeds, what people will remember is the action (not the words) of sabotaging mass transit, which will disproportionately affect those who rely on transit today, and who have long deserved better. Whatever press release went along with the amendment will be lost--I haven't even seen one myself. Whatever logical contortions it takes to justify this to yourself will be irrelevant in the accounting of your legacy.

Should the network redesign consider and incorporate and prioritize equity? Of course. Absolutely. Without question. The consultants doing that redesign need council input to do that. If there's somewhere specific that a bus route needs to go, tell them, please. Sabotaging the entire thing instead is not fair to the people who need you to actually advocate for them in this process.

You had some questions about where I'm coming from, but I won't bore you with that. When I advocate for transit, it's not about me.

I think about the group of blind folks I shared a long, winding bus route to work with for years.

I think about the people living in pockets of affordable housing on the far east side or far west side, whose job opportunities or educational opportunities are across town. I think about the small business owners of all backgrounds who are desperate to hire, but that next hire can't afford car ownership yet.

I think about the service industry workers on State Street, whose bosses don't pay them a living wage, and now want to relegate the working class to the back door, or walking the long way around.

I think about the young folks expected to find their own way to get where they need to go, and somehow get ahold of a car to do so. I don't condone car theft, but we won't address the root cause until we give them better options.

I think about the historically underserved neighborhoods like Allied Drive that bear the brunt of air pollution, light pollution, and noise pollution, while being cut off from the rest of the city by that same highway that we're inexplicably expanding in real time.

I think about the thousands of people who will become city residents in the next few years. I think about the thousands more who will have to leave if there isn't any practical way for them to get around.

I just try to listen and understand what people are dealing with. I'm sure you do too, alder. But I suspect you're also hearing from business interests that I'm not--I've reached out to these "yellow sticker" State Street business owners, and they won't talk to me. Maybe they think I'm worthless just because I take the bus sometimes.

Thank you,
Nick Davies

On Nov 8, 2021, at 10:41 AM, Nicholas Davies <nbdavies@gmail.com> wrote:

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Dear alders,

A few State Street business owners are trying to sabotage our city's much-needed, overdue mass transit system, out of a stereotype, rooted in racism, that transit riders and their clientele do not overlap. That's abhorrent.

Now we have a proposed budget amendment that would halt transit spending, based on that same racist rationale. This halt in funding would come at a crucial time in the project, where we've already secured matching funds at the federal level.

Those of you who try to sabotage mass transit in Madison, know this: your constituents will remember. The people who contributed time and/or money to your campaigns last time will remember. The city residents who are engaging with the BRT project and helping shape it to be equitable, sustainable, and an economic boon for the city, we'll all remember. The people sitting in traffic years from now, instead of on a fast, reliable transit vehicle, will remember. The people who are still commuting 2 hours each way in 2025, because it takes 3 buses to get across town with long waits at transfer points, will remember. Don't think it'll be taken lightly.

This city has been waiting for mass transit for decades, and we've reached a point in our city's growth where we cannot continue to put it off for the next generation.

In redesigning the bus system around BRT, the city was given designs prioritizing ridership vs. coverage, and was tasked with finding a balance between these two priorities--something between 1/99 and 99/1.

If you interpreted that choice as an unreconcilable binary (100/0 vs. 0/100), then I'm urging you to go back and rub a couple more brain cells together, and salvage your reputation. You are capable of understanding this.

We know who put forward this amendment:

Alder Abbas

Alder Carter

Alder Harrington-McKinney

Alder Myadze

Alder Verveer

I'm not shaming you. I'm not bullying you. I'm just pointing out that if this sabotage succeeds, city residents will know who led it. And we'll add to this list anyone else responsible.

The damage to our city's infrastructure hasn't been done yet though. You still have a chance to correct your mistakes. You can bury this amendment. You can withdraw your names as cosponsors while you still have an opportunity to do so. I hope you do the right thing.

Thank you,

Nick Davies

3717 Richard St

From: kyleandheatherhanson@gmail.com <kyleandheatherhanson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 6:53 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] Oppose capital budget amendment 15

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Kyle Hanson
Address: 1833 Helena St., Madison, WI 53704
Phone: 608-772-0734
Email: kyleandheatherhanson@gmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? No, do not contact me

Message:

Madison Common Council Members,
I'm opposed to capital budget amendment 15 that would derail the BRT project. The city is rapidly growing and climate change is becoming a crisis. Our city desperately needs to support more non-car transportation options like BRT. The majority of Madison residents support this project, however very few are willing or able to attend marathon council meetings to join hostile debates in support. The quibble over state street bus stop locations is NOT worth the risk of delaying this whole project. Delays in large public transportation projects causes them to die, like the high speed rail project to Milwaukee. The public input phase of this project has passed and state street businesses need to accept that major changes are off the table. Please keep your attention on the long term needs of our city and keep BRT on track!

Thanks,
Kyle Hanson

From: Anne Forbes <amforbes3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 7:08 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support for expanding Monroe Street Library operation

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Please support the operating budget amendment being offered by Alders Bennett and Evers from the Council floor tomorrow (Item #2 - 67496) to expand the Monroe Street Library hours of operation from three days per week to five days per week.

The Library Board voted last week to fund this expansion from the library reserve, which makes this amendment revenue neutral with respect to the levy - a compelling reason to support rather than oppose it.

Thank you,
Anne Forbes
Greenbush Neighborhood

From: janice steinberg <monroestreet2004@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 7:59 PM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: support of Monroe St, Library changes

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I have lived on Monroe St, for a little over 27 years at the Clarendon Apartments, I have been extremely blessed by the Monroe St. Library. I support 5 day week for the Library being open on Saturdays, which I know is a plus, we were closed one day a week, and that was Thursday, With that one day closed, I know that people would not mind that, with the Saturday hours of 9-5, like other libraries in Madison have. I know that our library surpasses in attendance and circulation, over at least one library branch. I don't recall, but our my Alder, Tag Evans noted it, That being the case, why should the Monroe Street Library be singled out with having hours cut? We have the smallest Library, so that speaks for itself. People, including myself, miss the Monroe St, Library having the library open 5 days a week. I am glad that we have Saturday hours, but to have four more days open would be great. It has computers and newspapers to go with a great collection of books and magazines. Please take consideration my email that supports having the library open for 5 days a week, including Saturdays, with one day closed, instead of having only 3 days a week open, including Saturdays. It would mean opening it for one other weekday. Thank you, Janice Steinberg

From: Janet Laube <janetlaube@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:00 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Monroe Street library hours of service

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Dear alders, I am writing in support of an expansion of the current 3-day schedule at Monroe Street Library to a 5-day schedule. The library is an anchor in the surrounding neighborhoods, and its accessibility for foot traffic is highly desirable for the livability of the neighborhoods. I find it is inconvenient to have the library open only three non-contiguous days, although I am grateful to the city for maintaining the library in this area and have appreciated having it open even on a limited basis. Please consider using the library reserve to expand the library services on Monroe Street.

Thank you for your consideration.
Janet Laube
2025 Jefferson Street

From: Constance Bell <constance.e.bell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:12 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support of Restoring the Monroe St. Public Library to Full Operation

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Hello,

My name is Constance Bell and I live at 507 Leonard Street, Madison. I want to express my support for restoring the Monroe Street Public Library to full operation. This library is a wonderful asset to our community. It provides reliable internet and access to reading materials to all residents. It should be restored to full operation so everyone in our community can take advantage of this great resource.

Thank you,
Constance Bell

From: Connor Stone <cdstone262@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:17 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Capital Budget Amendment 15 Opposition

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Dear Alders,

We are writing in opposition to capital budget amendment 15 that would temporarily halt—and potentially permanently stop—bus rapid transit (BRT) for Madison. Any delay in BRT planning increases project costs, decreases the potential for rapid adoption by riders, and sets the tone for further, potentially indefinite delay (including the timeline for the second BRT line connecting the North and South Sides). Madison Bikes understands that we cannot achieve our vision of a city accessible by bike to anyone, safely and comfortably year-round if we do not also rapidly improve public transit for all in Madison. People on bikes need a functional transit system, and that functional transit system relies on BRT.

Bus rapid transit is a crucial issue for everyone's transportation in Madison and for our city as a whole. Reducing climate gas emissions, enabling sustainable mobility, and eliminating injuries and death in traffic all rely on a truly multimodal transportation system. Madison is a rapidly growing city with a constrained geography. With only few corridors to travel through the isthmus, transit in Madison naturally lends itself to high capacity rapid transit, i.e., bus rapid transit. Bus rapid transit and the long overdue network redesign are also closely tied together, and slowing down one part endangers the other.

We therefore urge you to vote against this amendment and support bus rapid transit without delay.

Respectfully,

Connor Stone, on behalf of the Madison Bikes Board of Directors

Connor Stone
Board Member, Madison Bikes Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit
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Members of the City of Madison Common
Council

Madison, November 9, 2021

In opposition to capital budget amendment 15 (bus rapid transit)

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Respectfully,

Connor Stone
on behalf of the Madison Bikes Board of Directors

From: litweilerc@hotmail.com <litweilerc@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:28 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] BRT Route Amendment to Capital Budget

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Chuck Litweiler
Address: 5 Lukken Court, Madison, WI 53704
Email: litweilerc@hotmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? No, do not contact me

Message:

I support the Amendment requiring Council approval of the BRT Route before funds are released for the project. This is the stage for settling on the route through the inner isthmus/State Street area. The general public has not been involved to date.

From: ljbrown607@gmail.com <ljbrown607@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:48 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] 11/9/21 meeting item 1, amendment 15

Recipient: All Alders
Name: Laura Brown
Address: 607 Piper Dr., Madison, WI 53711
Phone: 608-274-9367
Email: ljbrown607@gmail.com
Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email
Message:
Nov. 9, 2021 Madison Common Council Meeting

Re: Item 1 - 2022 utive Capital Budget, Amendment 15

Dear Alders,

I strongly object to the proposed amendment to delay expenditure of BRT funds until the council has approved all BRT routes and the modifications to other routes.

I object to this delay. Planning must continue or we face the very real chance that the BRT will not happen at all. This money is needed to continue to progress from the 30% stage.

Further, as development happens around BRT routes, moving the BRT off State Street runs the risk of hurting State Street businesses and instead encouraging business growth elsewhere. I personally have noticed stores from the bus, and returned to shop later. With the turnover of businesses on State Street, the view from the bus is great advertising. I have purchased at least one item because I spotted it in a Monroe Street store window while passing on the bus.

I want to be dropped as close to the place I'm going as possible. Having the bus drop me right next to a State Street restaurant or the Overture Center is a great reason to ride the bus. In a rain storm or a cold winter day I don't want to be dropped blocks away, especially in the dark. The downtown area is confusing, so as an older female I also don't want to be walking around in the dark trying to find the bus stop to get home. This might mean that I won't attend activities downtown.

Please let the planning go forward, and respect the work done by our professional staff.

Sincerely,

Laura Brown
607 Piper Dr.
Madison, WI 53711

From: DAVID SHAW <dbshaw@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:17 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Monroe Street library hours

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Hello,

I have always visited the Monroe Street library often. It is hard to plan around the reduced hours. Please reinstate as much of the 6 day a week schedule as possible. Thank you David

From: Cindy Koschmann <ckoschmann53@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:46 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support for increased hours at Monroe St library

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To all alders,

Please approve the operating budget amendment by Bennett and Evers to expand library hours at the Monroe St library from 3 to 5 days a week. I have lived in the Greenbush neighborhood for over 40 years and have been a regular patron of this library. The pandemic caused most of us to miss a lot of things we take for granted in our lives. One of those things was being able to easily walk or bike to my local library on more than just a few select days a week. Increasing the availability of my neighborhood library would help in returning to normal life. Thank you for your consideration.

Cynthia Koschmann
Emerald St

From: j.zach.johnson@gmail.com <j.zach.johnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:16 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] Budget Amendment 15: Conditional funding for BRT project

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Zach Johnson
Address: 522 McCormick Ave, Madison, WI 53704
Phone: 847-567-3314
Email: j.zach.johnson@gmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? No, do not contact me

Message:

Common Council,

Do NOT go forward with budget amendment 15 to the 2022 Capital Budget that will force conditions on future funding for the BRT project and ultimately years in delays to the project. We cannot afford to put this project off any longer.

The bus system is in dire need of BRT. Without it, Madison Metro will continue to be nothing more than a poorly implemented welfare program for those who have no other mode of transportation. If we want our bus system to be a serious transportation option in this city to handle issues with congestion, carbon emissions, and other quality of life metrics, we have no option but to continue forward. Any delay in this project risks the project becoming permanently shelved due to any number of unforeseen circumstances.

In addition, Madison Metro is already doing a lot of work getting information about the BRT route and metro overhaul out to residents. They have been working on this for years so far, and have been putting a lot of effort towards making the new bus system not only be more efficient and useful for the general population but also for folks of color and low income residents. What do we gain by having the Common Council double check their work? Any issues with changes in routes can be dealt with outside of the Common Council as part of either the BRT project or the general restructuring/overhaul. Further, if we don't like changes in the non-BRT routes, we can always update them and move them around. We don't have to pretend like this iteration of the bus system will be the last.

Please allow the BRT project to continue to move forward as expected. Anything less would be incredibly foolish and akin to when our former Governor turned down federal funding for a Milwaukee/Madison high speed train which we will now never have in my lifetime.

From: ROBERT M FACTOR <rmfactor@wisc.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:16 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Monroe St Library

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To the Alders of the Madison Common Council,
I strongly support the operating budget amendment offered by my Alder, Tag Evers, and Alder Bennett to expand Monroe Street Library hours of operation from three days per week to five days per week. The Library Board voted last week to fund this expansion from the library reserve, which makes this amendment revenue neutral with respect to the levy.

The Monroe St Library Branch is a true asset to the local neighborhoods, and to the business on Monroe St. It is well used. It would be excellent for it to be open 5 days per week instead of the current 3 days per week.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and I do hope you find it possible to support it.

Robert Factor
1808 Jefferson St.
Madison, WI 53711

From: Aj Johnson <ajgardener3x7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:41 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Monroe St. Library

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Please restore the Monroe St. Public Library to full hours. Our library is a vital part of our community where we can meet friends and neighbors. It reminds me of Cheers. it is a place where everyone knows your name! As a person who does not drive, I love the fact that I can walk to this branch library. It is within walking distance or biking distance. For a city that prides itself on being a biker and walker-friendly community, it is important to show support for our little local branch library. Not only do we support Monroe St., we are also a part of the bigger community. Please show us the love! Support us and the people who work there. We appreciate it so much!!

From: Laurie S <laswimm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 5:29 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: operating budget amendment to expand Monroe St Library hours

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Dear alders,

We are writing in favor of the budget amendment to expand Monroe St Library hours offered by Alders Evers and Bennett.

Monroe St Library is part of the "glue" that is so important to our community. It serves as a community center of sorts where we can gather, either spontaneously or not. Currently the diminished hours have limited our ability to use the library resources that are important to us. We look forward to increased opportunities to access these resources with the library's increased hours.

Thank you for your consideration.

Laurie and Lee Swimm
Greenbush residents

From: Pat Scheckel <pschecke@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 6:16 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Monroe Street Library Hours

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I'm writing to support increased operating hours for the Monroe Street Library. It is my home library and it serves many seniors who walk there.

Pat Scheckel
1915 Jefferson St

From: Rena Gelman <rena_gelman@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 7:34 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: BRT

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Keep buses of State Street.

From: Larry and Ginny White <lgwhites@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:05 AM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: No BRT Busses on State Street!

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Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway:

This is our **fourth** email to you urging that all of State Street be excluded from the proposed BRT route. We are long-time residents and property tax payers and we voted for you for mayor. We find your intransigence in the face of widespread opposition to BRT buses on State Street troubling.

Downtown Madison should be a destination, not a place to pass through as quickly as possible. Your myopic vision for BRT will degrade the ambience of both State Street and the Capitol Square. It's time for you to rethink your destructive plan.

Sincerely,

Ginny and Larry White
71 Oak Creek Trail
Madison, Wis. 5371y

From: Barbara Erlenborn <bjerlenb@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:11 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Agenda Item 67496

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Dear Madison Alders, please support full operation of the Monroe Street Library. I have been a West Lawn resident for 50 years and I recall taking my children to the Monroe St. library to pick up picture books all the way up to research books. We attended story hour for tots and truly... the library was an important part of our day! I feel sorry for the little ones in the neighborhood who have to rely on off hours, alternate days of operation, etc. to experience the joy of visiting the Monroe Street Library. Please bring it back to full operation. I suspect the attendance is down at Monroe Street Library for one very important reason... it is not open full time. If it were, the neighborhood would utilize it and take some of the pressure off Sequoia Library. Please return our library to us in full force. Sincerely,
Barbara Erlenborn

From: George Tervalon III <outlook_63F8B0A3C36AEF18@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:10 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Police Department Budget Support

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Good Morning:

I am forwarding the attached letter that was previously directed to the Finance Committee to express support for the proposed Madison Police Department Budget.

This statement of support is being directed on behalf of the Madison Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to bring our support to the attention of the full council.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Tervalon, Polemarch (President)
Madison Alumni Chapter
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.



KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.®
The Madison Alumni Chapter
7285 Fountain Circle
Middleton, WI 53562

November 2, 2012

City of Madison
Finance Committee
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 210
Madison, WI 53703

RE: Police Department 2022 Operating Budget Proposal

Dear Finance Committee Chair:

The Madison Alumni Chapter is forwarding this brief yet important correspondence in support of the 2022 Operating Budget that was submitted by the Madison Police Department.

More specifically, we fully support Chief Barnes his proposal and his team's justifications for each of the line-item elements within the Operating Budget outline.

It is our hope that the full council will provide the necessary fiscal support to enable the Department to install new initiatives that will better serve the Madison Community going forward.

We look forward to continuing to provide staunch support for the women and men within the Madison Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

George Tervalon, III, Polemarch (President)
Madison Alumni Chapter
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
geotiii@aol.com

From: Matt Lazio <matt.lazio@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:16 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Monroe St library hours

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I strongly support the funding of increased hours at the Monroe St library. It is a vital institution in the Vilas neighborhood and a major reason why we moved to the neighborhood.

Thank you in advance.

Matt Lazio 1812 Adams St, Madison, WI 53711

From: Erik Paulson <epaulson@unit1127.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:18 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support BRT tonight: do not vote to delay it

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Alders -

Please vote to move forward with the current bus rapid transport plan. It is an important part of Madison's future, and a project-wide pause would be bad. We want to get shovels into the ground as soon as possible.

One nice thing about BRT is that if we want to make changes in the future, a BRT change is much easier than say a light-rail change. If the route goes down State St and two years from now we are all convinced that it shouldn't have gone down State St, in the grand scheme of things it's not that hard to make a change later. (Jackhammering a raised platform out and repairing the sidewalk is a lot less costly than mistakes in other construction projects: a BRT platform doesn't need us to bulldoze a neighborhood or clearcut a forest)

Everyone agrees on 95% of the BRT system, so let's started now. A systemwide delay tonight would be a mistake.

Erik Paulson
202 DeMilo Way (District 3)
Madison

From: jhirsch@chorus.net <jhirsch@chorus.net>

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:19 AM

To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: 67001 2022 Capital Budget

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Mayor and Alders:

Re: Common Council Item #1 **67001 2022 Capital Budget**

I ask you to **SUPPORT** the following amendments:

- #12- Police Property and Evidence Facility
- #13- Police Vehicles for the Town of Madison
- #15-E-W Bus Rapid Transit

I ask you to **OPPOSE** the following amendments:

#1- ADU Lending Program

#8- CARES Vehicles

#9- Henry Vilas Zoo Funding Transfer

Thank you for smart choices regarding Madison finances.

Janet Hirsch

District 9

From: Mary Lang Sollinger <sollingerml@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:22 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; BRT marketing group <BRT@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: TONIGHT'S City Council Meeting on the BRT

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Hello Mayor, Alders, and BRT City Staff,

Tonight at the City Council meeting, the BRT will be debated regarding amendment 15.

I have been on two virtual presentations led by the City Staff and appreciate all the work for this new transit system.

The mechanics and design work very well on the main traffic thoroughfares like East Washington Avenue and enhance the visual landscape and create a more livable and functional urban spaces.

As in many downtown plans, there is a major concern regarding State Street.

This time it is the top three blocks of State Street, regarding the existing culture of the street cafes and casual pedestrian atmosphere.

The speed of the buses and more intense grouping of riders is a major concern.

There will be a 60% reduction of bus traffic on the rest of State Street as well as all bus traffic will be eliminated on lower State,

The outer ring was built to be the vehicle connector route for our transit system.

It seems strange not to use utilize it for the BRT, even though it is a bit over a minute longer.

I hope using the outer ring can be the solution.

I hope there will be some resolve tonight, where the funding and timeline can be respected.

With faith in our processes, the dedicated city staff our Mayor and our concern citizens who all care for our extraordinary city,

Mary Lang Sollinger

From: Mark Kliewer <eimark938@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:34 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: restoring Monroe St. Library to full hours

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My wife and I would like to strongly support proposed amendment sponsored by Alders Evers and Bennett to restore the Monroe St. Public Library to full operation

thank you
Mark Kliewer and Eileen Ahearn
2348 Commonwealth Ave
Madison, WI 53711

From: jhirsch@chorus.net <jhirsch@chorus.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:48 AM
To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: 67496 2022 Operating Budget

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Mayor and Alders:

Re: Common Council Item #2 **67496 2022 Operating Budget**

I ask you to **SUPPORT** the following amendments:

#8- Focused Interruption

I ask you to **OPPOSE** the following amendments:

#3- Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

#11- Cares Crisis Workers - Note that MFD Chief Davis clearly stated that additional CARES expenditures were premature.

I also ask that you oppose any amendments from the floor which would negatively affect the work the MPD Chief Barnes would like to accomplish in 2022. Let's support the hiring decision made by the Police and Fire Commission earlier this year.

Thank you for smart choices regarding Madison finances.

Janet Hirsch
District 9

From: Josh Napravnik <josh.npravnik@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:13 AM
To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Rhodes-Conway, Satya V. <SRhodes-Conway@cityofmadison.com>; BRT marketing group <BRT@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Common Council Amendment Regarding BRT

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Hello All Alders,

I am disappointed that Madison Alders introduced a recent amendment regarding the downtown BRT route. This is yet another example of alders inserting themselves into a process years too late and trying to delay a project by calling for unnecessary studies. In this case, there are reports that go back years outlining the different routing options for BRT. Here is one from [January of 2020](#). These routes were already voted for by the Common Council. Twice. ([Files 59665](#) on 3/31/2020 and [63184](#) on 1/5/2021).

A delay now will jeopardize Federal funding for the project. If that were to happen, then I am not confident that we will get BRT at all. Tom Lynch indicated that a delay would add 4% to the cost from FTA guidelines - or \$5 million dollars per year. Do you have a plan for paying for the additional costs that you are unnecessarily adding?

Once again, we are seeing business interests take precedence over those of the people who take public transit. During a meeting earlier this year, the State Street businesses said "those who take buses do not frequent our businesses." Those are the type of classist statements that you are defending when you back a few State Street businesses over thousands of transit riders. Their website against BRT even spread the falsehood that "BRT IS COSTING OVER \$10 MILLION PER MILE."

Please vote to keep BRT on track. Please vote to keep the "Rapid" in Bus Rapid Transit.

Thanks,
Josh Napravnik

Dear Alders,

At the suggestion of my alder, Mike Verveer, I am sending you this letter to the editor of mine (which will not appear in the Wisconsin State Journal until tomorrow [if then]) for your consideration in the deliberations at the Common Council meeting tonight regarding routing bus rapid transit off State Street.

I am registered to speak at the meeting and will elaborate on my objections to the proposed State Street route at that time but I wanted you to have both my documentary and verbal arguments before you.

Thank you for your attention.

Cordially,
Paul J. Quinn

As a Downtowner, I want to offer my inexpressible gratitude to Common Council President Syed Abbas and to Alders Sheri Carter, Barbara Harrington-McKinney, Charles Myadze and Mike Verveer for sponsoring the amendment that has finally stopped the Rhodes-Conway bus rapid transit juggernaut from disfiguring State Street.

I have been thinking a lot lately about the Greenbush residents of fifty years ago, and of the despair with which those pitiable folks must have watched the contractors' machines of demolition advance on their homes.

So it was with me and the seemingly inexorable progress of the State Street trashing.

But your proposed amendment has made me euphoric.

My neighborhood would be safe.

And - - - with that danger passed - - - the most urgent task that the mayor and her minions would have before them (as regards the Downtown BRT segment) is the swift enablement of an alternative off-State-Street route so that the debut of the bus rapid transit system, to which we all look forward, is not delayed by her mooted obsession.

Will they, one wonders, be able to keep their eyes on the ball?

From: Teri Boundy <tmboundy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:40 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Monroe Street Library - operating budget amendment

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To Members of the Madison Common Council,
I strongly support increasing the hours of service at the Monroe Street Library. I urge you to adopt an amendment to the Mayor's proposed 2022 budget to fund increasing the hours of service at the Monroe Street Branch Library from 3 to 5 days a week.
The Monroe Street Library is an important part of our neighborhood. Increasing the hours would improve access to the library's services and put our neighborhood branch more equibilty aligned with the service provided in other parts of the City.

Respectfully,
Teri Boundy
1905 Jefferson Street
Madison, WI

From: Rhockers@aol.com <Rhockers@aol.com>
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Subject: [All Alders] BRT

Recipient: All Alders

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Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Please vote against BRT Please vote against BRT routes and stations on the Capitol routes and stations around the Capitol and top of State Street. I work downtown and have seen how the local businesses are already struggling to survive. This will just make less people want to go to State Street. Please route the BRT buses and stations on nearby streets.

From: marylinmalloy@gmail.com <marylinmalloy@gmail.com>
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Subject: [All Alders] Amendments

Recipient: All Alders

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Message:

Please support Capital Amendments 12 and 13 . Please oppose Operating Amendment 11. We need to support our exemplary Police Department in these difficult times. They are a model for the nation.