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Dear Commission members,

I'll save time by giving you my input in writing ahead of the meeting. I support the design for Cedar St that includes buffered bike lanes.

Buffered bike lanes lead to a safer and less stressful usage of the street for motorists and cyclists alike.

Five additional parking spots are the last thing this neighborhood needs to be devoting its road area to.

There are expansive lots not only directly in front of the grocery store on Park St, but also directly behind it on South St, and yet more parking lots a block south on Park St and a block south on South St. It adds up to about 15 times more acreage parking in the adjacent area than there is in the grocery store itself.

We also need to question whether we should be devoting space on public roadways for storage of private vehicles, and whether that giveaway of public assets aligns with our city's needs.

Madison is continuing to grow, and we know that prioritizing car traffic and storage is unsustainable as a city grows. South Park Street, as it is today, is a testament to these mistakes of the past. For a commercial corridor, it has relatively low commercial and residential density, in large part because so many of the buildings along this corridor are buffered by wide moats of asphalt parking.

Imagine Park Street as it could be: fronted by small, local businesses. Pedestrians, cyclists, and wheelchair users traveling stress-free under a tree canopy, catching a BRT back from work to their affordable infill housing.

Maybe this vision doesn't sound like Park St to you, maybe it sounds more like Monroe or Williamson? But there's no reason people living along South Park St shouldn't have the same amenities and the same quality of life as people in other neighborhoods. It's a historic injustice that Park Street--its inhumane road design and land use--is what it is today, and the decisions that this Commission makes will determine whether we start to correct that.

Thank you,  
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