

Bachmann, Christy

From: Carrie Rank [carrierank@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 10:54 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street reconstruction design

Dear Ms Bachman:

My name is Carolyn Rank and both my husband and I are daily users of Monroe Street. My older son is a 1st grader at Edgewood Campus School in Madison, WI and my younger son attends daycare at Meriter Children's Center. I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed redesign and reconstruction plans for Monroe Street. Specifically, I do not believe it is in the best interest of the city to approve a design for Monroe street that eliminates the extra commuting lanes or reduces the amount of street parking available.

My family lives in Westmorland neighborhood as are frequent visitors to the businesses on Monroe street as well as daily commuters. My older son's school, Edgewood Campus School, is only accessible from Monroe street. My younger son, Charlie, attends daycare at Meriter Children's Center - also accesible from Monroe street. I am a pediatrician at GHC Capital Clinic and either commute by car on Monroe Street or by bike on the southwest commuter bike path. My husband is an Assistant Attorney General at the WI DOJ, and also uses Monroe street for his daily commute to downtown madison after dropping off the children.

I share many peoples' concerns regarding pedestrian saftey on Monroe street and am thankful for the improvements already being made with the flashing pedestrian lights that have been placed.

I disagree with the plan to add a bike lane to Monroe street. The southwest commuter path is only blocks from Monroe Street. It allows easy access to businesses on Monroe Street. My family frequently uses the bike path to access Edgewood Campus, Michaels Frozen Custard, Trader Joes as well as many of the restaurants. I think it would be much more beneficial to look at ways to enhance access from the bike path to Monroe Street as well as increased bike rakes, rather than a dedicated bike lane on Monroe street itself.

Another concern with decreasing lanes involves bus access along Monroe Street. Edgewood College students and faculty use the public bus system as well as many people who live on the west/near west side who work downtown.

Finally, parking is already problematic to access businesses on Monroe Street. Reducing the street parking available would make the restaurants and businesses less desirable due to the annoyance of having to park blocks away.

As a daily commuter (both by car and bike), I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Carolyn Rank, MD

Bachmann, Christy

From: Oliver Hofstetter [oliverdhofstetter@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 7:34 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Oliver Hofstetter and I am the parent of a student at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my child to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in West Madison.

In my opinion, Monroe Street is one of the most important west-east-axes in town, and additional resources should be made available to ensure for both bicycle and pedestrian safety AND unobstructed vehicle flow through this part of town.

As such, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is of utmost importance.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,
Oliver Hofstetter

Bachmann, Christy

From: the Colalucas [3colalucas@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 6:08 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Reconstruction Project

Dear Ms. Bachmann,

My name is Jessica Colaluca, and I am the mother of a student at the Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

I drive my daughter to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Verona. I spend two hours commuting per day with the dedication that Edgewood Campus School offers the best education and environment for my daughter. This two hour commute is on top of working full-time. I cannot imagine how myself, and the families impacted, will be able to manage an even longer commute.

The Edgewood School is celebrating it's *one hundred and thirty fifth year* anniversary. Considering it's presence in the city, to restrict the access to the school in such a drastic way overlooks the school's presence and commitment to the community.

Finally, redirecting traffic flow down to 2 lanes, will ultimately be diverting daily commuter traffic through the neighborhoods (specifically Gregory), which contradicts the logic behind the proposal to restrict the traffic flow on Monroe, ultimately creating an even more undesirable and unsafe traffic pattern for the surrounding neighborhood.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Jessica Colaluca

Bachmann, Christy

From: Heidi Pankratz [HPankratz@edgewood.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 4:47 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Construction

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Heidi Pankratz and I am a teacher at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only from Monroe Street. As such, I drive to and from school daily on Monroe Street from my home in Fitchburg. As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is absolutely critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that I value greatly. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,
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Bachmann, Christy

From: lophd2000@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 4:11 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street - construction

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Rebecca Smith, and I am the parent of two young children at Edgewood Campus School.

I recently learned about the proposed redesign of Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes and eliminates the commuter lanes. The volume of traffic on Monroe requires that it remain four lanes, and my fear is that reducing the traffic will result in commuters driving throughout the surrounding neighborhoods to bypass the delays on Monroe Street.

Along with many commuters and residents of the Monroe Street area, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood's campus should be given a great deal of consideration as the redesign process moves forward. As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Smith

Bachmann, Christy

From: eafitz@tds.net
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 3:56 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Construction

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

Our names are Edward and Amy Fitzgerald and we are the parents of Jade, a student at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. We are writing to express our concerns about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. We do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my child to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Madison and our business in Middleton, WI.

This proposed changes will greatly affect our commute to and from school as well our commute through the area in general. This is just a bad idea, period.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Edward and Amy Fitzgerald

Bachmann, Christy

From: Heidi Stigsell [bhstigsell@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 3:02 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Redesign

My name is Heidi Stigsell and I am the parent of 2 children that attend Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my my children to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Fitchburg. Several times a week due to their sports schedule/practices I am making 3-4 trips per day.

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As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical. As I recall, there is a bike path just off of Monroe Street, correct?

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Heidi Stigsell

Bachmann, Christy

From: Heike Hofstetter [heike.hofstetter@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 2:33 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Reconstruction

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Heike Hofstetter and I am the parent of a student at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my child to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home on Madison's West Side.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical - unless other options for access can be provided.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Heike Hofstetter

Bachmann, Christy

From: Lynn Koresh [lynnkoresh@edgewoodk8.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 2:27 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Lynn Koresh and I am a teacher at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes. For many years, I have been concerned about the congestion of traffic on Monroe Street, and the safety of **ALL** people using Monroe street, not just the pedestrians and bikers.

Edgewood Campus School, is a vital part of the Monroe Street community, and is accessible **only** from Monroe Street. As such, I drive to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Lodi. As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Working at Edgewood Campus school brings me to Madison every day. Because of the convenience of already being in Madison, much of my business is done in Madison.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Bachmann, Christy

From: Beth Bowen [bbowen@ampt.net]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 1:48 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street

VIA EMAIL TO: cbachmann@cityofmadison.com

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Beth Bowen and I am the parent of Olivia Kabbaz at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my child to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home on the near west side.

The traffic on Monroe Street has grown substantially since my child has been attending Edgewood for eight years. I think with all the development downtown and the Epic people it is now quite horrendous. I would suggest you send some one from your office to see the back up that occurs around 3:30 when it is down to two lanes. It should be 4 lanes at that time. There is really no alternative routes going west unless you want to go miles out of your way.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

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As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Beth Bowen

Bachmann, Christy

From: Tom Hemaidan [tom@laborradio.org]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 1:36 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Cc: tom@laborradio.org
Subject: Monroe St. Re-construction

Dear Ms. Bachmann,

I'm writing to express my deep concern for the proposed redesign of Monroe St..

Currently, there is an increasing amount of traffic using that corridor, and while school is in session at the Edgewood campus as well as other schools along Monroe St., there is a moderate delay in the movement of that traffic during specific times of day. The **only** relief for this traffic is the opening of additional commuter lanes during peak times. Without that relief, and because the corridor **MUST** be used to access these schools, traffic will become a great deal more congested, and *there will be increased, not decreased danger* to bicyclists and pedestrians. Danger to *all* increases with the level of frustration of those behind the wheel.

I have a proposal that could cost less, and allow for a safer environment for both cyclists and pedestrians while preserving the essential traffic relief that additional lanes at peak times provides.

In parts of downtown Munich and other European cities, the bicycle lanes are incorporated into the *sidewalks*, not the streets. A bi-directional bike path is laid *next to* the pedestrian sidewalk, and rather than a 'verge' or 'tree-bank' in areas where space is limited, the pavement reaches to the curb. The four driving lanes can maintain their current width, and the curb can be extended out a little (since there would no longer be need for bike space in the road) to accommodate the need for additional space on the sidewalk.

It's far safer for cyclists, being farther away and separated by curb and gutter from auto traffic, and even for drivers who would no longer have to worry about bicycles sharing the same pavement. It keeps traffic moving, and will prove once again that Madison is a bicycle-focused community *as well as* a community which does not ignore the needs of its automobile commuters.

As far as pedestrian safety, there are a myriad of available options to increase visibility and safety, up to and including lighted, flashing crosswalks which are beginning to appear around Madison.

In conclusion, eliminating the commuter lanes on Monroe street is a poor design proposal that will result in greater danger to all who use the corridor. There is no need to accept that design when a more thoughtful, creative and effective option is available.

Thank you for your time.

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Jennifer Read [jenread@tds.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 1:49 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe street construction

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Jen Read and I am the parent of 5 students at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my children to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Middleton.

At some point my children will drive themselves it concerns me as well that if the lanes are narrowed, or eliminated that this could be a stress issue for a young driver or leave little room for error. I am really hoping you consider keeping more then one lane available for this. Not to mention the out of town college aged students driving in the area that are not sure of their surroundings. I am aware of this daily as they stop or have no patience for the people such as myself getting into the school as is when traffic is at a higher level. They are angered by the stopping and flow already - removing a lane will only make this worse.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project. I would also add due to the school we frequent stores/shops/food on monroe so the school does bring in business.

Sincerely Jen Read
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Bachmann, Christy

From: Christopher Ehlers [cehlers@wmryan.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 1:35 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Proposed Monroe St Plan

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Chris Ehlers and I am the parent of two students at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my children to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home near Nakoma. Monroe Street is a critical feeder street to downtown business and many of us drop our kids off at Edgewood followed by getting back on Monroe street to proceed to downtown office buildings. Narrowing of the streets will also cause morning back-ups to push well into the Nakoma neighborhood causing for additional safety concerns to the many residents who walk, run and bike in the mornings.

Edgewood has done a terrific job to help reduce traffic including subsidizing a commuter bus program to pick up students at offsite locations as well as keeping parents informed of city bus schedules and routes.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

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As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Chris Ehlers

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Vice President of Operations



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Bachmann, Christy

From: Raj Kamal [rajkamal.wi@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 1:28 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Construction Plans

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Raj Kamal, and my son goes to Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am also a faculty member at the School of Business at Edgewood College. I am writing to share my significant concerns about the planned redesign / construction of Monroe Street. **I urge you to not reduce the number of vehicle lanes or eliminate the commuter lanes.**

For over a dozen years, I have commuted on Monroe Street as the **ONLY** way to reach Edgewood College and Edgewood Campus School from my home in Verona. As you well know, Monroe Street is a major thoroughfare to get to that part of the city from other areas. Reducing the number of vehicle lanes or commuter lanes will significantly increase congestion and driving time, as well as pollution from cars that don't move through the areas speedily. This could also lead to more accidents as impatient and frustrated drivers try to get through the area quickly. Therefore, as a daily commuter, I believe **maintaining the four lanes is essential.**

Edgewood Campus School and Edgewood College are important fixtures on Monroe Street, and reducing access to them will adversely affect over 250 children between the ages of 4 and 14, in addition to the College students, and the Monroe Street Community, in return.

I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes. Preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

Yours sincerely,

Raj Kamal
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Bachmann, Christy

From: Beth Rawlinson [bethrawlinson@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 1:24 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe St. construction concerns

Dear Ms. Bachmann,

My family attends Edgewood Campus School. We frequent the restaurants and until last Spring I had a retail shop in Knickerbocker Court.

We have kept up on the progress of the Monroe St. construction. Each day we drive along Monroe St. at least three times. School drop off and then twice for pick up as our son has classes later than our daughter. We also come back to Wingra park for soccer practice and then back about once a week to go out to dinner. We have 9 more years of driving along Monroe St. to get to Edgewood for school.

I'd like to speak to the construction from two perspectives, as a retail (past) owner and as a parent of Edgewood students.

First, as a previous retail owner, I would be exceptionally concerned with the lanes being reduced from four to two lanes. I know well how the businesses on Monroe St are suffering and hoping that there is a way to gain more business. It is not due to lack of areas to bike and walk. It is a reflection on the online shopping trends that our customers have adopted. One of the reasons I let my lease end this past Spring was because of the looming road construction. I was worried that it would lessen the traffic flow and make it harder to maintain my business. I know that many other retailers in the Knickerbocker area are worried about this currently as are several I keep in touch with on the East end of the street.

More challenging though for us is how lessening the lanes will affect getting children to school on time and picking them up on time. I would encourage you to pretend for a few days that you have a child to get to Edgewood by 7:50 each morning (Middle school is earlier arrival) and picked up at 2:45 or later and take the drive. It is a challenge already with the bus ahead of us and all the cars backing up while they pick up and drop off passengers. Without a second lane to shift into it will be an absolutely nightmare. I can't believe that anyone who has children at the school would even consider voting for it. Then factor in bad weather and it is a monster. We are curious as to what the ratio is of bike riders/pedestrians to drivers along Monroe St. My educated guess is that drivers far outnumber the pedestrians and bikers. That to us makes it unfathomable that such a change is being seriously considered.

I also think that the side streets such as Gregory will become traffic heavy. That concerns me a lot because of all the young children who live in the neighborhood. With the construction at Glenway and Monroe I already see west headed traffic backing up and people turning up side streets to avoid the three block wait to get across Glenway. Once again, I can't fathom that the neighborhood will welcome this change in traffic pattern.

With regards,
Beth Rhodehamel

Bachmann, Christy

From: Joyce Wodka [jawodka@edgewood.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 1:16 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe St. reconstruction

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Joyce Wodka and I have been the Business Officer at Edgewood Campus School in Madison for 27 years. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

I drive Monroe Street everyday and as Business Officer, I have been involved in numerous discussions regarding Master Planning, Traffic Control and Accessibility. When we gave up our access to Edgewood Campus School 20 years ago from the Park and Pleasure Drive (Edgewood Drive) we counted on Monroe Street being the alternate access to our grade school. The impending possibility that it will be reduced to 2 lanes and that the city may possibly add more bike lanes to a road that is so heavily traveled by vehicles is unfathomable. I can assure you that car and pedestrian accidents will increase substantially if this happens.

The concern for safety of students and families traveling to and from the Edgewood Campus has to be as important as the neighborhood concerns about aesthetics and bike access. Please do not put one group of people at risk for the convenience of the other. I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Joyce Wodka

Business Manager
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608-663-4144

Bachmann, Christy

From: Scott Quincey [quincey@edgewood.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 1:07 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Concern about Monroe Street Redesign and Reconstruction

Dear Ms. Bachmann,

My name is Scott Quincey and I am a teacher at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home on the southwest side of Madison

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,
Scott Quincey

Bachmann, Christy

From: Sara Fisher [sara_fisher@att.net]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 1:07 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street construction

Dear Ms. Bachmann,

My name is Sara Fisher and I am the parent of students at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my children to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in the far west side of Madison.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

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As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Sara Fisher

Sent from my iPad

Bachmann, Christy

From: Carlos Saucedo [cesaucedo@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 12:59 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street redesign and reconstruction concern.

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Martha Saucedo and I am the parent of 2 students at Edgewood Campus School and Edgewood High School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my children to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Oregon Wisconsin.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade and one of the best High Schools in town. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Carlos Saucedo

Bachmann, Christy

From: Chris McClimon [CMcClimon@directbusinessmedia.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 12:47 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Chris McClimon and I am the parent of three Edgewood students (11th, 9th & 5th graders). I want to express my concern about the proposed redesign/reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not feel the City should approve any plan that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or eliminates commuter lanes (we drive in from Stoughton daily).

Edgewood High School & Edgewood Campus School are only accessible from Monroe Street. I do share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle & pedestrian safety, but given the volume of commuter traffic on Monroe Street maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood is a big part of the Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as future plans of Monroe Street are evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Best regards,

Chris

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Kerry Ham [kerrymham@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 12:43 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Redesign

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Kerry Ham, and I am the parent of an 8th grader at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my child to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home on Madison's east side.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community.

Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Kerry Ham

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Janice Okas [JOkas@edgewood.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 12:37 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: RE: Monroe Street redesign and reconstruction

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Jan Okas and I am a parent of an Edgewood High School graduate (Michael Okas, '12), and also a former employee of Edgewood High School. I am currently the Administrative Assistant at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive, and have driven, to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Verona for almost 10 years.

After having driven several vehicles over the bumps and potholes of Monroe Street and have witnessed several accidents and close calls, not just vehicle to vehicle, but close calls when pedestrians and bicyclists become entwined with the traffic. I cannot even imagine, nor can I comprehend why anyone would want Monroe Street to have 2 lanes. The morning traffic, end of the school day traffic, and into the evening traffic is extremely busy. As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Jan Okas

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Daniela Annen [daniela.annen@m3ins.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 12:54 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Construction

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Daniela Annen and I am the mother of a student at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my son to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Belleville. Even without construction, the road is congested, especially in the afternoon around 4 P.M. and taking a left from ECS onto Monroe Street sometimes already requires waiting through 2-3 traffic light cycles. I cannot imagine what it will be like with the construction going on....

I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Daniela Annen

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Lisa Marshall [marshfam4@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 12:35 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Concerns about Monroe Street reconstruction

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Lisa Marshall and I am the parent of ab Edgewood Campus School student as well as a recent graduate of Edgewood HS. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

I drive my child to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Verona and from there I head downtown to where I work for the state at 201 W. Washington Ave. There is no avoiding Monroe Street if you are part of the Edgewood community.

I think the city is making a critical mistake trying to remove commuter cars from Monroe Street. Just because you take away the streets, the cars aren't going to stop driving there. Where are they going to go but into the neighboring streets around it? Won't it just divert cars onto some other Madison street unprepared for the volume? It's just going to make it more unsafe and create rear-end accidents, which just endangers bicyclists and pedestrians. Even if you live in this neighborhood, you are driving to get in and out of there. I drive it every day and I don't see that many local residents standing at the bus stop. They are also commuting on this road. What firm has the city hired to evaluate traffic patterns and make recommendations?

This issue isn't just about Edgewood commuters, if I were Monroe Street businesses I would be fighting this. If they believe that their businesses are based on bicycles and neighborhood traffic, I think they are sadly mistaken. Have any of them taken the time to do a zip code survey of their customers to find out where they are coming from? I would not frequent any of these businesses if I wasn't forced to drive through there by necessity. I would never drive to Monroe Street to eat at any of these restaurants or shop at Trader Joe's, if I didn't have a students in the Edgewood community. Trust me, I would avoid this area at all costs. Parking at these establishments are bad enough that it would prevent me from making a special trip. I would prefer patronizing Middleton businesses, but because I'm already traveling through there, I do eat and shop at Monroe Street businesses. Businesses like Collectivo, Michael's, Pizzeria Brutta and the former Bluephie's should stop and think about how much revenue they are getting from the Edgewood community of students and families.

Most commuters aren't weighing in because they are unaware of what's being proposed. There has been little media coverage on this topic. The most recent was a Ch 3-WISC-TV story on worried business owners about losing revenue due to the construction -- construction that will reduce car traffic. Imagine how worried these business are going to be when commuter traffic is reduced. Before the city makes a decision it should be asking businesses to take a good look at their demographics through zip code surveys. If you change the road design and these businesses begin losing revenue, the city is going to take a hit on the decision.

Don't get me wrong, I share concerns about vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. The street could use turn lanes to make it safer and off-road commuter bike trails to get downtown or to campus. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical. As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Lisa Marshall

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Laura Parker [laurawparker@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 12:31 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Reconstruction

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Laura Walton Parker and I am the parent of Grace Walton Parker at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive Grace to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Verona.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Laura Walton Parker

Bachmann, Christy

From: Bob Stigsell [bob@madisonasbestos.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 12:31 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street commuter input

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

Good Afternoon!

My name is Bob Stigsell and I am the parent of two students (grades 7 & 9) at Edgewood Campus/High School. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes. This would make the commute and traffic lines even longer than they already are.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is mainly accessible from Monroe Street. As such, my wife and I drive our children to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our house in Fitchburg.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical. **Furthermore, if you would like to be green and keep our air clean, like I know the people in the City of Madison like, you would want to keep the traffic moving so people aren't idling their engines in traffic.**

Edgewood Campus School is a school in a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project!

Sincerely,

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Linda Hanna [lindajeana@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 12:22 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Construction

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Linda Hanna and I am the parent of Krista Hanna and Barbara Hanna at Edgewood Campus School and Edgewood High School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my two daughters (Krista Hanna and Barbara Hanna) to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Middleton.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School along with Edgewood High School are vibrant learning communities for over **850** children ages 4 years to 12th grade combined. They are both communities that my family and I value tremendously and we in fact use it to encourage new comers to Madison as a well reputed school system. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Linda Hanna

Bachmann, Christy

From: Shelley McCoy [shel_mccoy@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 12:14 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Cc: Shelley McCoy
Subject: Monroe Street Construction Project - Please keep 4 lanes

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Shelley McCoy and I am the parent of a student at Edgewood Campus School in Madison, WI. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do **not** believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or eliminating the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my child to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Stoughton, WI.

I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the immense volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical. As it is, during the heavy commute times the traffic is backed up into Edgewood Avenue intersection creating a dangerous traffic block. Cutting the traffic lanes by half will only increase the risks.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Bachmann, Christy

From: Ann MacLaughlin-Berres [annmacb@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 12:11 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Redesign

Hello Ms. Bachmann,

My name is Ann MacLaughlin-Berres and I am the parent of a student at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

It seems very short-sighted to do so when Edgewood Campus School, a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is only accessible accessible from Monroe Street. My husband and I drive our son to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home near Spring Green. Both of us work in Madison, so we share the long, daily commute with our son. My husband works at UW-Madison (just down the road from ECS) and I work at Madison College's Truax campus.

We do share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. As the street exists now, and as busy as it is, we do have concerns about allowing our son to bike or walk to other nearby destinations after school. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is extremely critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. Our son has been at the school since he was four years old and we plan on keeping him there through his high school years as well. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. We make sacrifices to send our son there because it is a place where values and community matter. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street neighborhood. As such, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project. I cannot imagine the traffic problems at morning drop-off and afternoon pickup, if the street were restricted to just two lanes.

Sincerely,

Ann MacLaughlin-Berres

Bachmann, Christy

From: Broyles, Nicole [nicole.broyles@broylesco.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 12:09 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street project

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Nicole Broyles and I am the parent of Nathanael Broyles, a 3rd grade student at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my child to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home on the west side of Madison.

I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Nicole C Broyles, CPA



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Bachmann, Christy

From: Martha Saucedo [martha_de_leon@icloud.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 12:06 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street redesign and reconstruction concern.

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Martha Saucedo and I am the parent of 2 students at Edgewood Campus School and Edgewood High School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my children to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Oregon Wisconsin.

This is also my route to make it to work at the University of Wisconsin.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade and one of the best High Schools in town. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Martha Saucedo, LCSW

Bachmann, Christy

From: Jessica DeMotto [JDeMotto@edgewood.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 12:00 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Redesign and Reconstruction of Monroe St.

Dear Ms. Bachmann,

My name is Jessica DeMotto and I am a teacher at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive myself to and from school daily on Monroe Street from my home on the West side.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated. As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Jessica DeMotto

Bachmann, Christy

From: Alison Prange [alison@vilaszoo.org]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 11:55 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street concerns

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Alison Prange and I am the parent of a student at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes. In addition, my office is located close to Monroe Street, and I use the street frequently for transit to and from meetings.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my child to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Madison's northeast side. As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

In addition, we live close to Fordem/Sherman Avenue, and have been very unhappy with the changes that were made to that street in terms of the addition of bike lanes and a center "turn" lane. While we really appreciate the attention to safety, it has made the street more dangerous with cars using the center turn lane as a passing lane, and I have found myself facing cars head-on as they speed around people as I sit to wait and make a turn. Monroe Street is a street with many more pedestrians and I am greatly worried about the potential for more accidents.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Thank you for what you do to make our city's streets safe. I appreciate the opportunity to voice my opinion.

Sincerely,
Alison K. Prange

Alison K. Prange
Executive Director
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Bachmann, Christy

From: Christopher Hildebrand [cjhmdva@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 9:09 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe St. Reconstruction

Dear Ms Bachmann:

I understand how contentious this issue is for the neighborhood, businesses and Edgewood Community. Monroe St. is a most interesting and vibrant district. Unfortunately, Monroe St. serves many more Madison citizens and visitors than just the residents of the area.

My wife and I are both physicians working at the hospitals in town. We chose to send our children to the Edgewood schools (both Campus School and High School). Our daily work lives take us up and down Monroe St. a couple times per day. I cannot imagine how we would be able to get our children to school and ourselves to work without a four-lane Monroe St.

We are not alone. I would imagine that many more employees of the University, the hospitals and multiple other businesses rely on Monroe as part of their daily routine than even the residents of the neighborhood.

I can empathize with the residents of the neighborhood. Most, however, bought property in that neighborhood with the full acknowledgement of the hassles of Monroe St. traffic.

Our vote is to keep four lanes. I would suggest forbidding parking on the street. It would seem time to consider investing in a parking structure somewhere on the street near the commercial heart of the street, ideally with access and shared funding of the Edgewood community (or better still, funded through parking fees). I support enhanced pedestrian and bicyclist amenities. How about bridges or underpasses for foot/bike traffic? The intersection at Edgewood Ave and Monroe seems particularly dangerous. Also, limiting access to Monroe St. from the side streets makes some sense and might help the neighborhood embrace their role as a vital conduit for Madison traffic.

I also think further development with multi-family structures seems contradictory to the neighborhood needs. Personally, I envy the condominiums and would someday like to purchase in the Monroe St. district. I understand the attraction. Regardless, too many of these structures draws a higher population density and one that likely does not benefit this situation.

Monroe is a key resource for the commute into the Madison central city from the populous and growing SW corner. Regardless of the outcome, a working solution is necessary for the hundreds of Edgewood grade school, high school and college students as well as the City at large.

Thank you for your time and your dedication to this wonderful place.

Christopher Hildebrand, M.D.
Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
Edgewood Campus School and Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart Parent and Supporter

Bachmann, Christy

From: Martha Zipkin [mmaddock1@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 11:53 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street construction and Edgewood Campus School

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Martha Zipkin and I am the parent of a student at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my child to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in West Madison.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Martha Zipkin

Bachmann, Christy

From: Kelly Ehlers [kehlers@evokebrands.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 11:50 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Concern: Monroe Street Construction

Importance: High

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Kelly Ehlers and I am the parent of Owen Ehlers at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my Owen to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Fitchburg.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. ***However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.***

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value ***immensely***. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, ***I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.***

Sincerely,

Kelly Ehlers

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President

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Margaret O'Brien [margaretobrien1@mac.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 9:57 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street change

Dear Mrs. Bachmann:

My name is Margaret O'Brien and I am a Board of Trustees member of the Edgewood Campus School and a retired professor from Edgewood College in Madison. I am writing to express my great concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, Edgewood High School and Edgewood College are fixtures of great importance in the Monroe Street community, only accessible from Monroe Street. As such I have driven to and from these schools for more than 50 years from my home in Fitchburg, WI and from Oregon WI.

This is a main route through the city for many businesses as well as those who travel to other areas for educational purposes. Are you really considering education and business? Is this change being driven by a vocal group of people thinking only of their own mode of transportation?

As such I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access the campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

The Edgewood Schools are a vibrant learning community for children as well as adults. It is a community that I value and treasure immensely. The schools are a vital part of the larger Monroe Street community.

Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to the Edgewood campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a frequent commuter on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Margaret O'Brien

Bachmann, Christy

From: Jon Woods [jjpwoods@charter.net]
Sent: Saturday, October 08, 2016 10:18 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: input on Monroe St reconstruction

Christy Bachmann, P.E.
City of Madison
Engineering Division
Street & Highway Section

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

I am writing about the options being considered for the future reconstruction of Monroe St. I urge the city to maintain the **current cross-section configuration** with 4 traffic lanes including 2 street-edge parking lanes that are used for traffic flow at busy times of day, while also increasing pedestrian crossing safety, perhaps by using traffic light-controlled crosswalks at more intersections.

I live near Reservoir Park toward the north end of Glenway St, which terminates at its south end at Monroe St. I teach at UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health (west campus) and have an office and lab in the Microbial Sciences Building on Linden Dr (main campus). I have 2 young kids who are enrolled at Edgewood Campus School (ECS) and who participate in after-school extracurricular activities. My wife and I volunteer frequently at ECS for lunch service and other activities. We eat frequently at Taste of India and other restaurants on Monroe as well as shopping around Knickerbocker place and other locations on Monroe. We occasionally use Monroe to get to the UW Arboretum, Lake Wingra, and Vilas Zoo. Thus, I transit Monroe St at least twice each weekday and also on weekends, mostly by car but also with some walking along/around Monroe or from campus. My kids also walk from ECS to nearby destinations for field trips. Many of my students, lab personnel, and colleagues commute using Monroe St by car or Metro bus. Thus automotive/bus and pedestrian traffic on Monroe are very important to me for family, occupation, and avocations.

Monroe St is a **critically important automotive and Metro bus traffic arterial** between west (via Odana) and southwest (via Nakoma) Madison and environs connecting to UW campus and central Madison, as well as flow occurring to/from smaller neighborhood streets. It handles a lot of traffic and is very busy in mornings and afternoons. This is a reality and can't (or shouldn't) be denied. That traffic will move somewhere. It can move as efficiently and smoothly as possible on Monroe using the current system with 4 traffic lanes at busy times of day, 2 of those on the street edge used for parking at less busy times. If, instead, it is substantially restricted on Monroe by some of the alternate configurations that have been discussed using fewer than 4 traffic lanes, that traffic will move elsewhere, such as smaller neighborhood streets or Mineral Point Rd, University Av, or Park St, which are already very busy traffic arterials themselves. I think this approach would be irresponsible as well as inefficient and dangerous, kicking Monroe St's challenges and responsibilities into the lap of other arterials and other neighborhoods. Additionally, it would undoubtedly compromise (slow and/or reduce) Metro bus traffic that depends on Monroe St, especially at busy times of day.

Of course **pedestrian safety** is important, is inadequately addressed by the existing marked crosswalks with orange flags, and should be improved. I suggest that more frequent traffic light-controlled crosswalks be instituted at some other intersections, balancing the competing interests of smooth traffic flow at busy times and need for pedestrians to have more frequent access to better controlled crosswalks than they do now. Perhaps the

traffic lights at these crosswalks could use regular intervals during busy times of day (when all 4 lanes are used for traffic), with access on demand (push button) at less busy times (when 2 outside lanes are used for parking).

I do bike, but not very frequently. I believe bicyclists already have a reasonable nearby route with the bike path, not requiring a large new commitment to bike lanes on Monroe St. If there is a need for increased bicycle commuter access, I suggest making a parallel street north of Monroe into a "bicycle boulevard," similar to Kendall Av.

Thanks for your attention and your efforts, and good luck with your analyses and considerations on this project.

Sincerely,
Jon Woods

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Broyles, CPA CFE CFF MBA, Steve [steve.broyles@broylesco.com]
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 2:43 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Project

Dear Ms. Backmann:

My name is Steve Broyles and I am the parent of third grader at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my son to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home on the west side of Madison.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Kind Regards,

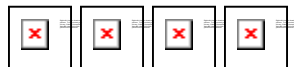


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Bachmann, Christy

From: Phillips, Robert
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 3:50 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: FW: ATTN: Christy Bachmann

From: Roz Williams [<mailto:rwilliams@mononapfp.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 3:24 PM
To: Engineer
Subject: ATTN: Christy Bachmann

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Rosalind Williams and I am the parent of 3 students at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my children to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Middleton. Additionally, I work out on Monroe street at least twice a week (love boxing) and travel Monroe to reach that destination as well.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical. I understand that Monroe neighborhood people want reduced traffic. **My question...where will the traffic go?** University is already hectic. As is Speedway. I don't think the University is going to shut down and I certainly hope Edgewood doesn't change. The traffic has to go somewhere. To move in to a neighborhood, like Monroe, and then be upset about traffic is somewhat ridiculous. I have lived in Madison my entire life. Monroe is, and always has been, an artery into and out of the city. If fact, it would be WONDERFUL if it was opened to ALL FOUR lanes in the morning and in the evening. The flow of Millennials driving to EPC using Monroe has certainly increased west bound traffic in the a.m.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Rosalind Williams

a.k.a. Proud Mama of 3 Edgewood Kids

Bachmann, Christy

From: Noronha Family [noronhafam05@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 3:53 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: RE: Redesign for Monroe Street

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Sarah Noronha and my children attend Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my children to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Verona. It is my understanding that the feedback you have received expresses support for increased pedestrian safety and increased bike safety and bike friendliness. It also includes a preference for reducing traffic volume, speed, parking and changing traffic patterns that could include limiting traffic to two lanes (*i.e.*, the elimination of extra commuter lanes on Monroe Street in the morning and the evening.)

As a proud citizen of Madison, I take great pride in our city's strong biking culture and the environmental and health benefits that it offers and as such, also support increased bike safety. However, for those of us who cannot ride our commute, I have serious concerns about a proposal to reduce the number of vehicle lanes on Monroe street from four to two as this will impede access to campus. A significant percentage of the children at Edgewood come from families where both parents work. Impeding access to the school would significantly impact our travel times and our ability to reach work on time. This could put our jobs and our family's future at risk in an already tough job market and economic environment. I urge you to instead consider more stringent monitoring of parking violations as cars are regularly parked in the commuter lanes during prohibited times. These parked vehicles block traffic lanes and create a dangerous travel environment for bikers and moving vehicles. It would also be more cost effective to first address the problem of parking violations as this would address the issues with traffic congestion and safety, without impeding access to Monroe Street.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Noronha

Bachmann, Christy

From: McCoy [memccoy4444@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 11:40 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Objection to proposal to reduce traffic lanes on Monroe St.

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Mary McCoy and I am the mother of Cyrus McCoy at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, my husband and I drive our son, Cyrus, to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Shorewood Hills.

Each morning we merge onto Monroe St. to drop Cyrus off and are incredibly grateful for the 4 lanes that make it possible to get from other streets to the Edgewood High School entrance where we drop him off. Two lanes in that block would be a nightmare.

We share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, we believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Mary (and Al) McCoy

Bachmann, Christy

From: Nikki Yesbeck [cnyesbeck@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 8:04 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Reconstruction

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Nikki Yesbeck and I am the parent of two students at Edgewood Campus School and one student at Edgewood High School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my three kids to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in DeForest. It is already difficult enough to get our three children to school on time with the downtown congestion.

I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Nikki Yesbeck

Bachmann, Christy

From: Karen Romadka [karen.romadka@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 9:39 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Redesign

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Karen Romadka and I am the parent of a student that attends Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes. The traffic pattern currently is challenging enough!

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my child to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home on the west side of Madison as I head toward the east side for work.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

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As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Karen, John and Jocelyn Romadka

Bachmann, Christy

From: Torgerson, James [James.Torgerson@astrazeneca.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 8:51 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe street

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is James Torgerson and I am the parent of student at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my child to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Fitchburg.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

James Torgerson

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Wiedenbeck Jill A [Jill.Wiedenbeck@uwmf.wisc.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 9:43 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Jill Wiedenbeck. I am the Mother of Aiden Wiedenbeck, a 5th grade student at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only from Monroe Street. I drive my son to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Fitchburg.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical. **The traffic quagmire that would result in this poor design, would affect traffic not just in the Monroe street area, but all of Madison. Backups would include all of downtown Madison, Nakoma Rd, Seminole Hwy and the nightmare that is the Beltline Hwy.**

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, **I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.**

Sincerely,

Jill A Wiedenbeck

Bachmann, Christy

From: Jyoti Watters [jyoti.watters@wisc.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 11:55 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Redesign

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My husband and I are the parents of 2 students who attend Edgewood Campus and Edgewood High Schools in Madison. I am writing to express my family’s concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. We do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus and Edgewood High Schools, are fixtures in the Monroe Street community, and are only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, we drive our children to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in the Hoyt Park neighborhood.

We share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, given the volume of commuter traffic that uses Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access the UW campus and downtown Madison areas, maintaining four vehicle lanes on Monroe Street is absolutely critical.

Edgewood Campus and Edgewood High Schools are vibrant learning communities for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade and over 550 high school aged children. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our schools are also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to the Edgewood campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As daily commuters on Monroe Street, often multiple times per day with extracurricular activities, we urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely yours,

Jyoti and Gary Watters

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Peter Rank [psrank9@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 1:08 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street reconstruction

Dear Ms. Bachmann,

My name is Peter Rank and I am writing to express my concerns regarding the the Monroe Street redesign that proposed to reduce commuter drive lanes.

I live at the south end of the Westmoreland neighborhood. I work downtown, and my kids attend schools along the Monroe Street corridor. Because of these I am a regular commuter on both Monroe St. and the SW bike path, and am concerned that the reduced commuter access on Monroe Street will adversely effect the safety of both Monroe street as volume significantly increases on that road, as well as the increased traffic overflowing to other routes into downtown during peak hours. Likely alternatives of commuting traffic include increased volumes on Regent street, as well as increased neighborhood traffic as commuters "avoid" the bottle-neck of Monroe Street. Each of these external results of reducing drive lanes on Monroe Street create increased safety issues as more cars intersect with the SW bike path, and increased volumes are directed toward West High and Randall school during the morning commute.

While I share concerns about pedestrian safety and the increasing vehicle use of Monroe Street, I believe that alternatives from reducing commuter drive lanes can be utilized to accomplish the goal of increased pedestrian/bike safety, while not pushing increased volume to other areas.

As a daily commuter on the Monroe St. corridor either by car of Monroe St. or bike on the SW bike path, I urge you to maintain the current commuter drive lanes in any design. I would be happy to discuss my concerns with you in more detail if that would be appropriate.

Sincerely,
Peter Rank

Bachmann, Christy

From: JESSICA A DRAPER [draper@surgery.wisc.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 2:23 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Reconstruction Project

Importance: High

Ms. Bachmann:

I am the parent of two students attending Edgewood Campus School in Madison. My name is Jessica Draper, and I commute to Edgewood Campus School from 30 minutes away, drop my children off at school and then commute to the American Family Children's Hospital. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my son and daughter to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in the Sun Prairie area. I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

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As a daily weekday commuter driver on Monroe Street, as well as a weekend commuter driver to extracurricular school activities and to the businesses located there, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Jessica Draper, MSN, RN, CPNP

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Kasey Shannon [KShannon@edgewood.edu]
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2016 9:35 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Redesign and Reconstruction

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Kasey Shannon and I am a staff member at Edgewood College in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes. Edgewood College, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive to and from my job daily on Monroe Street from my home in Waunakee, WI.

I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter and public transportation traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical. Edgewood College is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated. As a daily commuter on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,
Kasey

Bachmann, Christy

From: Abby Lattanzio [alattanzio@edgewood.edu]
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2016 9:41 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Reconstruction

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Abby Lattanzio and I am a staff member at Edgewood College in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood College, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is only accessible from Monroe Street. Many students, faculty, and staff have no other choice but to drive to campus. I, myself, drive to and from my job daily on Monroe Street from my home in Middleton. Having four-vehicle lanes is imperative for many in my situation, not only so we can get to and from work and school, but so we can do so in a timely and efficient manner.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter and public transportation traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical. Commuting everyday by way of Monroe Street, I see firsthand how many people rely on this street. Reducing Monroe Street to two lanes will cause umpteen problems with traffic congestion (for instance, turning left not at a light will be impossible). It is simply not feasible to reduce the traffic lanes on Monroe Street.

Edgewood College is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated. As a daily commuter on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,



Abby Lattanzio

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Tammy Banfield [TBanfield@edgewood.edu]
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2016 9:42 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Public Transportation and Commuter Use of Monroe Street

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Tammy Banfield and I am an employee at Edgewood College in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood College, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive to and from my job daily on Monroe Street from my home in Mount Horeb. I usually take advantage of Edgewood's shuttle bus. The shuttle bus allows many employees and students of Edgewood College to park and ride which reduces the traffic on Monroe Street. I commend Edgewood College in finding alternative ways to help with the traffic congestion. During the peak morning and evening times Monroe street it is evident that four vehicle lanes are needed.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter and public transportation traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood College is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,
Tammy Banfield, Coordinator
Henry Predolin School of Nursing
Edgewood College

Bachmann, Christy

From: Margaret Nkemnji [mmnkemnji@edgewood.edu]
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2016 9:53 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Construction

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Margaret Nkemnji the Guidance Counselor at Edgewood Campus School. As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Terese Waltz [TWaltz@edgewood.edu]
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2016 10:09 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Construction Concerns

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

I am an employee at Edgewood College writing to express my concern about the reduction in the number of vehicle proposed for the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I traverse Monroe Street daily on my way to work and from work – either on a commuter shuttle or in my own vehicle. For myself and the many other individuals working and going to school at Edgewood College, High School and Campus School, this route is unavoidable because the Edgewood campus is only accessible via Monroe Street. Even with the current number of lanes on this route, congestion is common during peak travel times. I believe that eliminating the commuter lanes or otherwise reducing the number of vehicle lanes on Monroe Street would have a severe negative impact on those of us who travel by car or commuter shuttle to Edgewood's campus.

Edgewood College, High School, and Campus Schools are vital parts of the Monroe Street community and therefore contribute significantly to the volume of commuter and public transportation traffic on Monroe Street. Ensuring smooth, safe access to the Edgewood campus should be a high priority in the planning and evaluation of the Monroe Street redesign.

I understand that many factors have contributed to the current construction plan. I share concerns for the safety and usability of Monroe Street for bicyclists and pedestrians. However, I feel that having four lanes available for motor vehicle traffic is vital to the success Monroe Street as a corridor for vehicles traveling not only to the Edgewood campus, but also to the University of Wisconsin campus and downtown Madison destinations.

I believe that proceeding forward with a plan that eliminates the commuter lanes or otherwise reduces the number of vehicle lanes would be a mistake. I urge you to explore other options which would allow the City of Madison to maintain the current number of vehicle lanes on Monroe Street.

Thank you,

Terese Waltz

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Scott Lanphear [SLanphear@edgewood.edu]
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2016 10:18 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Reconstruction - Traffic Lane Concern

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Scott Lanphear and I am a staff member and commuter at Edgewood College in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes. There is currently a vast and robust network of bike and pedestrian paths that service this area which are visually underutilized. **Traffic safety, commuter efficiency, emergency vehicle access and emergency response time to Edgewood and other locations along Monroe Street would be severely impeded if the street were reduced from its current 4-lane format.**

Monroe Street is also a major arterial corridor for sporting events, access to the arts, and UW-Madison employees and students, and Downtown businesses.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter and public transportation traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, and for the multitude of regular special events in Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is absolutely critical.

As a daily commuter on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Scott Lanphear



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Bachmann, Christy

From: Jennifer Koziar [jennifer.koziar@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 7:04 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Concern

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Jennifer Koziar and I am a concerned parent and employee at Edgewood Campus School and Edgewood High School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my children to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in nearby Seminole Hills.

My family often bikes as well to the Monroe Street area for coffee, ice cream and dinner. We bike over the beltline, through Vilas and up Edgewood avenue the Monroe Street. We have also come from the Seminole, Nakoma direction. We have felt safe biking with our three boys with the existing set-up.

My son also has soccer practice weekly with Regent Soccer Club at Wingra Park and commuting to this venue is important. I often have to bypass traffic by driving along Wingra Lake because of congestion in the Collective area. Yesterday I went for a run while my son was at soccer and I found that the bike traffic on the Capital City trail was extensive. This path runs parallel to Monroe Street and seems to be the best conduit through this area for bikes, runners and walkers. It is really easy to drop south in several areas to pop in for ice cream and other attractions for bikers. We are a biking family and we bike routinely to the farmers market and other downtown venues often. The Capital City Trail is a much better place for commuter bikers than along Monroe. On the weekends and in the summer traffic is reduced to a point that bikes are safe on Monroe Street and this constitutes the bulk of recreational use.

Stopping up Monroe Street to fluid vehicle traffic is a mistake. I have had many of our parents complain about traffic and I have heard of parents not opting for Edgewood because of the commute down Monroe Street. The Edgewood institutions are integral elements of the Monroe Street health and culture. Our families support the businesses on Monroe Street and the School grounds in turn support the community by hosting the farmers market on Saturdays and giving back to the Wingra Watershed through positive environmental practices. As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical. The Capital City bike trail provides a safe route for bicycle traffic and the bike path near and in Wingra Park and around the north edge of the arboretum provide wonderful pedestrian opportunities as well.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. Edgewood High School educates around 500 students, more than half of which are young drivers that need a safe place to hone their skills. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Jason, Jennifer, Matthew (9th grade), Andrew(7th grade) and Benjamin Koziar (4th grade)

Bachmann, Christy

From: Lynda McMurray [LMcMurray@edgewood.edu]
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2016 10:51 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe St Redesign

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Lyn McMurray and I am a staff member at Edgewood College in Madison. I am writing to support the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street.

I am impressed that the City takes into consideration all facets of complete street design, and doesn't only consider traffic flow above all else. As many students, faculty and staff access campus by walking and biking, pedestrian and bicycle safety is very important. The neighbors surrounding Monroe St, including many families and children who often cross Monroe St. to access shops, restaurants, parks and the lake, will also be very appreciative of the increased attention to pedestrian safety on Monroe St. In addition, the parks and Lake Wingra define this part of the City as much as Monroe St, and it is wonderful to see the health of these areas taken into consideration.

Again, I wish to express my support for the proposed redesign of Monroe St., which supports and encourages alternate forms of transportation and the reduced speed of traffic on Monroe St.

All my best,

Lyn

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Erin Teksten [ETeksten@edgewood.edu]
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2016 11:34 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Reconstruction

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Erin Teksten and I am a staff member at Edgewood College in Madison.

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood College, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I use the Madison Metro bus #3 and #58 daily for my commute to and from work at Edgewood from my home on the near east side of Madison. Given the number of students and staff who use public transportation, and the extremely limited access to parking on campus, slowing down or limiting access to public transportation would affect large numbers of students, faculty, and staff members in the community.

As a bike commuter as well, I do share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter and public transportation traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical. Edgewood College is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated. As a daily public transportation user on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four- vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Shawn Johnson [johnson@edgewood.edu]
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 9:28 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe st construction

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Shawn Johnson and I am a staff member at Edgewood College in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do **not** believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood College, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive to and from my job **daily** on Monroe Street from my home on the north side.

I am not sure you are aware of what is happening in higher education, but most mid to smaller sized schools are seeing a decrease in enrollments (has to do with birth rates) . This is happening nation wide and here in Madison, that is effecting Edgewood College. We do all we can to make our school be a destination for students. Part of that is the welcoming environment and yes that include parking and ease of getting to campus. We not only have the college traffic each day, but the Edgewood High School and Campus school traffic combine with all the commuters that use Monroe to get to their jobs in the city of Madison, you may only be able to imagine how much Monroe is used. If you are not familiar with that experience, try commuting to the college at 8am for yourself or at the end of the work day. I understand the need to think about people on bikes or walking but the given the Wisconsin weather (especially when it is winter), the majority of users of Monroe are cars!

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is **critical**.

Edgewood College is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project. I know the neighborhood has a strong voice but the Edgewood campus (all 3 schools) are part of the neighborhood and our voices should count equally.

Sincerely,
Shawn Johnson – Academic and Career Counselor, Edgewood College

Bachmann, Christy

From: Janice Havlena [jhavlena@edgewood.edu]
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 11:02 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Redesign - Parking

Dear Ms Bachmann,

I appreciate the City's efforts to improve the design of Monroe Street.

I am contacting you today regarding the plans to reduce parking on Monroe Street. I am concerned about the impact this will have on local businesses. Monroe Street is a very interesting and lively part of the City, in part, because of the several blocks of small, locally-owned shops, restaurants, galleries and other businesses and residential mix. While local residents, pedestrians, bikes and bus passengers are likely patrons, access to these businesses by car and parking, especially during the nine months of inclement weather in Wisconsin, is critically important to sustaining the local business community.

As a longtime resident of Madison's near west side and commuter to Edgewood College, I have noticed the increasingly heavy flow of commuter traffic THROUGH Monroe Street to and from Fitchburg, to other sections of the City - to the Capitol, or to the University. Midvale Ave and Park St should be used for those "through" commuters. With the recent redesign of northbound traffic from Midvale/18, traffic is diverted even more directly from Midvale/18 via Nakoma Rd to Monroe St. I hope you are looking into this situation as part of your plan.

I see that you are planning to reduce traffic to two-lanes and eliminate parking. Some possible alternatives to consider for addressing this "through-street" commute via Monroe St would be to make it one-way, southbound, in the AM, and one-way northbound in the PM, M-F. That way, "through" commuters would be routed to use Midvale and Park St. People who work on Monroe St during those times could get there via Mineral Point to Regent to Monroe, or Park St to Regent to Monroe.

I appreciate your consideration of public feedback on the Monroe St redesign.

Thank you,
Janice Havlena

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Bachmann, Christy

From: AnnO [anno@charter.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2016 4:15 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Ann Olson and I am the parent of 2 students at Edgewood, one at the Campus School and one at the High School, in Madison. In addition, my husband uses Monroe Street to commute to his office in downtown Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

The Edgewood Campus, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, we drive my children to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in the Verona area. We also drive them and/or pick them up from school activities at different times of the day.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is essential and critical. We believe reducing Monroe St. to two lanes will only exacerbate the current issues or create new ones.

The Edgewood Campus is a vibrant learning community for nearly 900 children, not including the College. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community and has a legacy with the community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated. As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Ann V. Olson

Bachmann, Christy

From: Amy Torgerson [jatorgerson@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 3:28 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Construction

Dear Ms Bachman:

My name is Amy Torgerson and I am the parent of a student at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my child to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Fitchburg.

In addition, my child participates in activities outside of school. She swims for Badger Aquatics Club, which holds swim practice multiple times per week at Edgewood High School's pool. This requires us to travel on Monroe Street for this purpose also during highly congested times. Our family can utilize access to the Edgewood Campus up to four times per day during certain days of the week.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Amy Torgerson

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Eskrich, Sara
Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2016 11:36 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy; zia@urbanassetsconsulting.com
Subject: Fw: Monroe St. Reconstruction

FYI

Sara Eskrich

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From: Marilyn Fayram <mfayram@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 4:16 PM
To: Eskrich, Sara
Subject: Monroe St. Reconstruction

Dear Sarah,

I am already subscribed to the newsletter and I have attended a meeting on the subject of the reconstruction. I live at 2338 Monroe St.

I just want to say that because I actually live on Monroe St. I feel very protective of the traffic becoming worse. 20 or so years ago when they repaved the street, they closed off Leonard which was the way I usually came home. We weathered that but still don't like it. I'm sure Leonard Street- probably 6 houses does.

I have lived in this house for over 40 years and the traffic , especially this year, seems to be getting a lot worse. I suppose it has something to do with the Verona Rd. project but I haven't got a clue. Maybe the traffic dept. does. In any case, I hope that when the plans for reconstruction go in there is at least some consideration for those of us who live on the street. I have a narrow driveway and we have two cars.; therefore, when we back out we have to be super careful and so far so good. There is a lot of parking, however, now from Edgewood College students that block the view when we back out and when we are going east, cars have barely stopped many times when we need to turn in our driveway. Coming home from downtown, turning into the driveway usually needs to be done from the second lane and requires special care to avoid someone trying to get around us. We have to do that because there is usually a car blocking the near lane in front of our house.

I pay a 25\$ a year fee to park one of our cars on West Lawn in case my husband or I are coming home early or if we have guests. On trash day - Thursdays during the winter, we often have to go around the block to West Lawn and walk back to remove the trash can which has been placed in the driveway. I know it is difficult for the personnel that collect the trash to do otherwise again since there is almost always a car parked in front of our house and the people have to pick up the cans over the tops of cars or something like that. Other streets on the east side, I have noted, have restrictions on this during the morning hours of trash days.

To sum it up: I would hope that

1. We,would still be able to get in and out of our driveway somewhat simply after the reconstruction
2. If it more difficult which I fear it will be , we should be able to get a free parking sticker for West Lawn.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Fayram

Bachmann, Christy

From: JDavie@hoopercorp.com
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 11:59 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Reconstruction Project

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

As a lifelong Madisonian I have always appreciated Monroe Street. My daughter is a first grade student at Edgewood Campus School. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community and has been for decades, is only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, we drive our daughter to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home on the Eastside.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Jacob Davie

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Teresa Kohler-Burke [TKB.ZH@outlook.com]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 12:04 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street redesign

Dear Ms. Bachmann,

I am parent of a student at Edgewood Campus School and plan to have my daughter attend Edgewood High School. I have recently found out that the City is considering reducing the number of car lanes and / or eliminating the commuter lanes.

Edgewood has been a key part of Monroe Street since over 130 years and the only way to access it is via Monroe Street. I am part of a car pool in order to cut down on the number of cars that travel on Monroe Street each day but we, as a car pool, drive six children to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our homes in Fitchburg. There is no other way for our children to reach the school.

Bike and pedestrian safety is also very important but I don't believe that having less vehicle lanes is the answer. I strongly feel that by reducing lanes there will be additional safety issues for both bikers and walkers. Drivers will be more nervous and in a hurry if traffic is not flowing smoothly. Based on the number of vehicles heading to campus and downtown each morning and evening, it is imperative to maintain four vehicle lanes.

Edgewood is a wonderful part of the community and it would be a shame if families were unable to attend the school due to longer commutes due to poor road design. As a parent who needs to use Monroe Street on a regular basis I kindly ask you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project. I assume that it has already been considered, but would it be possible to do the four lanes during the time that the UW and Edgewood are in session and then in the summer months when there are less students at both the UW and Edgewood, use one lane as a bike lane? I assume that there are also more bikers / pedestrians on the road in the summer.

Sincerely,

Teresa Kohler-Burke

Bachmann, Christy

From: Nicholas Holmes [NicholasHolmes@edgewood.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 12:44 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Nick Holmes and I am a staff member at Edgewood College in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood College, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive to and from my job daily on Monroe Street from our home in Lyndon Station

It's hard enough to drive an hour and twenty minutes twice a day as it is, let alone having parking issues on top of it all.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood College is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily, driver, on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,
Nicholas Holmes

Bachmann, Christy

From: monica hees [monicahees78@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 9:26 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

We are the parents of students at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community since 1881, is only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my children to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in downtown Madison. Edgewood Campus School does not provide bussing service so I must drive them daily.

I do agree that bike and pedestrian safety are a concern in this area, but I do not feel that eliminating the commuter lanes is the solution. If anything, I think it will make the street more dangerous since one lane each direction is hardly enough to accommodate the increased traffic load in the morning and evenings. Frustration will be high and the bikers and pedestrians will be at increased risk. I propose you eliminate parking altogether on Monroe street and create a bike path akin to Johnson Street or University Avenue. There are enough side streets and public parking areas for people to park.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Monica and Phil Hees

Bachmann, Christy

From: Nathaniel Kosharek [NKosharek@edgewood.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 12:47 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Nate Kosharek and I am a staff member and commuter at Edgewood College in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood College, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is only accessible from Monroe Street.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood College is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

Sincerely,
Nate Kosharek

Bachmann, Christy

From: Darla Peterson [DarlaPeterson@edgewood.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 3:16 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: RE: Public Transportation and Commuter Use of Monroe Street Concern

Dear Ms. Bachmann,

Thank you very much for adding my concerns to your list. It is important to remember that with the growth of a community (Madison as a whole), areas of main passage will become more heavily traveled and congested. Monroe Street has been a very popular means of getting to and from the downtown area and the only means of getting to Edgewood College. It seems likely if one of those major arteries gets severed, it may generate a greater traffic impact on other avenues of getting to and from the core downtown area. Is it fair to think other areas of the city should experience more congestion and traffic burdens when it may be beneficial and fair to help distribute the traffic especially to the center of the city and its many activities. Maybe skywalks at prime locations could enhance the safety needed for people to fully patronize the businesses and navigate through the more highly visited areas. In my opinion, there must be more creative ways to funnel the traffic than compressing it into two lanes. By simply experiencing a couple of trips on Monroe Street during rush hour gives you a clear visual that it is literally impossible to imagine two lanes.

Kind regards,
Darla

From: Bachmann, Christy [<mailto:CBachmann@cityofmadison.com>]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 2:43 PM
To: Darla Peterson <DarlaPeterson@edgewood.edu>
Subject: RE: Public Transportation and Commuter Use of Monroe Street Concern

Ms. Peterson, your email will be added to the record for the Monroe Street reconstruction project. I will compile all of the comments and present them to our Traffic Engineers and Alder Eskrich.

Thank you

Christy Bachmann, PE
City of Madison Engineering
608-266-4095

From: Darla Peterson [<mailto:DarlaPeterson@edgewood.edu>]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 2:37 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Public Transportation and Commuter Use of Monroe Street Concern

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Darla Peterson and I am a staff at Edgewood College in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or eliminates the commuter lanes. Edgewood College, which is a contributing fixture in the Monroe Street community, is only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive to and from my job daily from my home in Verona.

I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter and public transportation traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood College is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project. Edgewood College has made efforts to be considerate of the traffic patterns on Monroe Street by offering a shuttle service. The College's efforts exhibit our concerns for the volumes that pass through this neighborhood corridor daily.

I am also concerned about the possibility of businesses losing business based on if Monroe Street became two lanes it may divert traffic that may support the businesses. It would be interesting to see what percentage of consumers of the Monroe Street businesses are immediate neighbors. It could be devastating for Monroe Street businesses if accessibility went down and patrons of the business decreased with the reduced accessibility.

Sincerely,
Darla Peterson

Darla Peterson

Executive Assistant

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EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

Bachmann, Christy

From: Alicia Boehme [aliciasidman@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 8:58 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street - Please keep 4 lanes

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Alicia Boehme and I am the parent of two students at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my children to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Fitchburg.

Reducing the number of lanes will tremendously increase the amount of time that it takes for me to get to Edgewood Campus School and then to work in the morning. This will result in less time to stop to visit shops on Monroe Street. Currently, I stop 3-4 times a week at coffee shops, Trader Joes, and other businesses. In addition, I believe that the additional traffic will cause dangerous intersections around the entrance and exit of the Edgewood Campus. Turning in and out of the school will be more dangerous for children who are crossing the street. In addition, busses will block traffic which will cause additional problems.

I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical. During my daily commute down Monroe Street, I notice that there are times of the day that are more or less busy. During the non-busy times of the day is no problem to have one lane of traffic each way. I encourage you, however, to consider the commuters during those times when traffic is busy.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,
Alicia Boehme

Bachmann, Christy

From: Eric Lynn [eric@blackriver.cc]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 3:03 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street construction

Dear Ms. Bachmann,

I'm the parent of a child who attends Edgewood High School and recently received a reminder from Edgewood to follow up with you to stress the importance and impact of the project on the lives of the students, staff, faculty and parents.

I do agree it's important to all of them. I also believe it's exponentially more important for ALL the people who use Monroe Street, daily, to have safe and considered access through one of Madison's signature neighborhoods. I have 2 serious concerns about the project: safety is first and efficiency is second.

First- Safety should be a concern for all modes of transportation, not just cars. Bikes, walkers, runners and cars all use the corridor. As a business person who commutes by bicycle every day, 12 months a year from Nakoma to downtown and back, I can attest to a large safety issue that exists between Commonwealth's intersection at Monroe and Edgewood's Campus on Monroe.

All non motorized traffic funnels to a small and poorly maintained sidewalk in this area. Cycling commuters, cycling athletes, exercising runners / walkers, pedestrians with children in strollers and others all share the sidewalk in this section with lots of FAST moving traffic inches away. Keep in mind that the Lake Wingra loop is a formally signed, promoted and hugely popular 10k loop around the lake. Monroe shares all of this traffic in the stretch. The sidewalk is dangerous and not designed for the volume of pedestrian traffic it receives.

My request is to to either expand the sidewalk into a formal bike path or build a lane for cycling traffic into the newly designed corridor in this area.

Second - Efficiency. I drive a car regularly too and appreciate a smooth flow through Monroe, but I know that the quality of life of residents on the street and in the local neighborhoods, including Nakoma where I live, is effected by the kinds of infrastructure decisions we make. If we want walkable and rideable communities, shops and a human scale to our neighborhoods, I urge the planners to put those criteria first. Slow the car traffic a little, accommodate walkers, runners, cyclists and locals in the traffic patterns and leave the high volume and high speed options in the arterials located on Midvale, Park Street and Fitch Hatchery. Please do not sacrifice the quality of life and safety of our Monroe/Nakoma community for speed and volume by formalizing Monroe Street as a main arterial from Fitchburg and W/SW areas into downtown.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,
Eric

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Eric Lynn
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Bachmann, Christy

From: Tracy Schmotzer [t19w73@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 4:24 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street

Hello

I am writing to express my concern over the Monroe street project. I think cutting the road down to 1 lane would significantly bottle neck traffic downtown, to Edgewood high school and college. This would impede business traffic as well.

I hope an alternative plan can be developed.

Thanks
Tracy Schmotzer

Sent from my iPad

Bachmann, Christy

From: Donita Croft [donitacroft@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 4:26 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Reconstruction of Monroe Street

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

I am the parent of two students at Edgewood Campus School and am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not think that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

The Edgewood campus has many students and is only accessible from Monroe Street. We frequently ride our bikes to school from our home on Hillcrest Drive. We use the bike path, which is very conveniently located for biking to Monroe Street. However, with inclement weather we drive to and from school. We also frequently bike and drive to patronize businesses on Monroe Street.

I share concerns about improving safety on Monroe Street. Personally, I think biking to Monroe St is already safe by using the nearby bike path and following the rules of the road. Regarding vehicle and pedestrian safety, given the volume of commuter traffic already using Monroe Street in the morning and evening to access the campuses and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is imperative

Our school is an important part of the larger [Monroe Street](#) community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project. Thank you for your work on this very important project.

Sincerely,

Donita Croft
3725 Hillcrest Dr
Madison, WI. 53705

Bachmann, Christy

From: Liz Heinrichs [ltheinz@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2016 10:09 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street project

Dear Ms. Bachmann,

We are writing to you as concerned citizens in regard to the Monroe Street project. As a vital artery running through Madison's near west side, we understand the importance of the upcoming project and its potential impacts. We are longtime Madison residents, an alumna of the high school, an alumnus of the University of Wisconsin School of Business, former residents of the Vilas neighborhood, and parents of current and former Edgewood High School students. We frequent Monroe Street businesses and have friends and family who live in the adjacent neighborhood. As a result of our long and varied experiences as users of Monroe Street, we are writing to express our fervent opinion that Monroe Street remain a four-lane road with alternate side restricted parking hours.

We participated in the project survey that was sent out earlier this year and were dismayed that the school communities served by Monroe Street were not even listed as constituents. How can this be? Edgewood has anchored Monroe Street since its founding in the late 1800s and yet its three entities (the Campus School, High School and College), along with Dudgeon School and the University of Wisconsin don't even appear as constituents on the survey. That was very concerning. These schools' students, faculties, staffs and families are major users of the Monroe Street corridor. They are vital and thriving Madison institutions whose needs should be considered in a project such as this. The Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood is not a bubble, but connected to and part of a larger, thriving community and the needs of all should be considered.

Further constricting Monroe Street's traffic by eliminating lanes of traffic and changing the parking regulations would cause unnecessary and unsafe congestion and delays for thousands who rely on the road to get to work and school each day and who, in turn, support the businesses along Monroe Street. The increased congestion and travel time would negatively impact businesses as people would think twice before venturing into the area. Bikers and pedestrians have a beautiful and well-maintained bike path that already runs nearly parallel to Monroe Street and provides a safe, unconstricted and speedy route to the same locations.

It does not serve the tax payers, businesses, schools or the neighborhood at large to constrict traffic on the road. We look forward to an improved Monroe Street that still accommodates four lanes of vehicle traffic and alternate side parking hours that serve the needs of the ENTIRE community.

Sincerely,
Terry & Liz Heinrichs

Ms. Christy Bachmann
City of Madison
Madison Municipal Building
215 Martin Luther King Junior. Blvd.
Madison, WI 53703

Re: Monroe Street Reconstruction Project

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

As residents of the City of Madison and parents of an Edgewood High School student, we are very interested in the plans that the city of Madison has for the reconstruction of Monroe Street. We understand that the project is currently being considered for 2018. As professionals who have worked on transportation corridor and recreational trail planning throughout our careers we believe there are two issues for the city planning department to keep in mind for this project.

First, the Monroe Street corridor is a commuter route for many people in the City of Madison, both for people commuting to downtown and to campus. Because of this long established traffic pattern on Monroe Street, we think it is critical that any reconstruction project maintain four lanes of traffic. Anything less than this will surely cause increased congestion on other roads and further increase traffic congestion on the beltline. We respectfully request that the city maintain four lanes of motor vehicle traffic on Monroe Street along with alternative side restricted parking hours.

Second, it is critical that the city of Madison does not try to incorporate a bike lane right on Monroe Street proper. Proposals to put a bike lane down the center of Monroe Street or along the side of the street will cause user conflicts between cars and bikes, making for a very unsafe environment on Monroe Street. We would suggest that the city direct bike traffic to the existing trail corridor that is present just two blocks off of Monroe Street, which extends down to campus. Or, alternatively, we would suggest that the City consider opening another bike-only corridor that runs along Lake Wingra and provides a bike commuter route to the UW-Madison campus and the St. Mary's/Dean Clinic health care corridor.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Dave and Elizabeth Kluesner
30 Kingswood Circle
Madison, WI 53593

Bachmann, Christy

From: John Jerisha [jjerisha@charter.net]
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2016 3:59 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Cc: Anne Palzkill; Robert Gowney; michael.elliott@edgewoodhs.org
Subject: Monroe Street reconstruction project

Dear Ms. Bachmann,

My name is John A. Jerisha M.D. and I am the father of Joshua Jerisha who attends both Edgewood Campus School and Edgewood High School. I am writing to express my feelings about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes. Edgewood is one of the finest schools in Madison and a fixture in the Monroe Street community, and is accessible only from Monroe Street. My wife, and whenever I can accompany, drive our son Josh, who takes pride in that he has never yet been absent or tardy, to Edgewood. We drive from our home in Seminole Hills in Fitchburg, taking Seminole Highway to Nakoma Road and then turning onto Monroe street. We pass other fine schools along the way that need Monroe Street access. There are also many daily commuters to the University of Wisconsin and downtown Madison who rely on the Monroe Street route. I am a Radiologist with UW Health and my work takes me to Meriter Hospital and 1 South Park Street Clinic, with Monroe Street providing an avenue. In my Radiology Group, I have two partners and another recently retired, who live in the Monroe Street community, who all share my feelings on the Monroe Street reconstruction project, in that maintaining four vehicle lanes on Monroe Street is critical. Please maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project, I believe this is most important for efficiency in commuting and, in my opinion, safety as well.

Sincerely,
John A. Jerisha M.D.

Bachmann, Christy

From: Julia [jlangbehn@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2016 9:03 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street project

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Julia Langbehn and I am a parent of a student (and future student) at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my child to and from school daily on Monroe Street all the way from our home 35 minutes south of Monroe Street.

With having a 35-40 minute commute Monday through Friday with a 6 year old and 2 year old in the car, I don't have the time to sit in daily bumper to bumper traffic on Monroe street. If that is the direction the city goes which will cause major traffic hiccups, I will have to get my kids up even earlier just to get my child to school on time. I often think to myself when I am driving down Monroe Street each day, I can't believe the city doesn't just open all 4 lanes ALL day long.

As such, I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood Campus School is a vibrant learning community for over 250 children ages 4 years to 8th grade. It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

Julia Lanbehn

Parent of Edgewood Campus School Student

Sent from my iPad

Bachmann, Christy

From: amy bruner [amybruner@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 9:02 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe street reconstruction

Dear Ms. Bachmann,

Thank you for the open forums you have provided to solicit input for the Monroe Street Reconstruction project. With Monroe Street being such a main corridor surrounded by an involved community and vibrant business district, your task of appeasing everyone, is a tall one. However, I ask that you please consider our family's safety when finalizing your plans.

I live one block off Monroe Street on West Lawn Avenue. My elementary school daughters attend Edgewood Campus school. Nearly every morning we cross Monroe Street on foot. We wait nervously at the traffic light at Leonard and Monroe. The traffic moves so quickly, I always push the traffic signal button and make my children stand a full 5 feet or more away from the curb. The four lanes of traffic are helpful in allowing Edgewood students in cars to enter the school, yet impatient drivers jut into the rightmost lane and speed at rates far above 25mph to race to work. I am VERY concerned about the safety of my family. The stoplights are the only certain way to fully stop traffic so that we may safely cross Monroe Street.

The new flashing pedestrian lights are very much appreciated but are only part of the solution. Cars still traveling well above the speed limits and unfamiliar with the new signage DO NOT STOP. I find myself waving my arms and pointing to the sign above to gain a car's attention. Just last week, more than 6 cars passed by me without stopping.

With these concerns in mind, I ask that you please continue to actively consider plans that slow the traffic on Monroe Street and ensure ample opportunities for pedestrian crossings -- especially during school times.

Again, thank you for your collaborative approach to this complex issue.

Most Sincerely,
Amy Zimmerman
2253 West Lawn
Madison, WI 53711

Bachmann, Christy

From: Lynn Jacobson [lmj6245@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 11:07 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Construction

Dear Ms. Bachman,

I am writing to you concerning the upcoming Monroe Street construction. I am sure you have received many letters in favor and against different proposals.

The issue that, to me, is most concerning is the idea of reducing the lanes of traffic in either direction. As Monroe Street is a major artery into the city for workers in all facets of employment including the University, the state, the hospitals and all of the supporting businesses located downtown, restricting traffic on Monroe Street will only lead to diverting the traffic onto the smaller streets in the neighborhood (such as Gregory and Commonwealth, Virginia Terrace, etc.), or diverting more traffic to Regent Street which seems a bit hierarchical to think Monroe Street residents may be more deserving of less traffic than another major street. Additionally, restricting lanes will increase the length of time lines of cars are waiting to get to their destinations on Monroe Street or elsewhere which will increase exhaust emissions in the area.

I lived on Monroe Street for several years, and while traffic can be frustrating at times (UW football Saturdays!), it is the mechanism by which most people get to things on or near Monroe Street.

Reducing accessibility to businesses on Monroe Street will reduce the attractiveness of using those businesses. When folks are moving into the neighborhoods on or near Monroe Street, they should be fully aware of what type of traffic the streets have rather than attempt to have the city change major traffic patterns to suit their desires. While living there, the current bike path which parallels Monroe Street was great for biking. Since this bike path, which was paid for by all taxpayers in Madison, is directly parallel to, and one block off, Monroe Street, there is no imminent need for replication by adding a bike lane to Monroe Street. That effort will not serve the bulk of Madison taxpayers.

Finally, safety is an issue on every street in the city. Now, when travelling on Monroe Street, I find that posted speed limits are generally ignored and less than fifty percent of pedestrians use the flags for crossing. Perhaps adding speed humps such as those on Gregory Street could help to slow traffic to posted levels, and if more pedestrians used the flags, it would be easier for drivers to see them.

I believe everyone agrees Monroe Street needs to be fixed. The improvements should not put undue burdens on those who do not live in the Monroe Street neighborhood to serve the wants of those who do. If those who live in the Monroe Street neighborhood are unsatisfied, moving is always an option.

Thank you for your time.
Lynn M. Jacobson

Bachmann, Christy

From: Dave Merrick [davidjmerrick@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 11:24 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Reconstruction

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My name is Dave Merrick and I am the parent of two students at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood Campus School is only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, I drive my children to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home in Madison.

I agree safety is an issue for Monroe Street, as it is for all city streets., but reducing lanes on Monroe Street will only push traffic into the neighborhood streets as people try to find alternatives. I don't believe this addresses safety issues, just pushes them elsewhere rather like squeezing a balloon. Additionally, the existing bike path that parallels Monroe Street should be sufficient for bicyclists. The current four vehicle lane design should be maintained for the health of Monroe Street businesses and the health of the city at large.

David J Merrick
466 South Segoe Road
Madison, WI 53711
Cell: 608-212-2142

Bachmann, Christy

From: APrestigiacom@foley.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2016 8:07 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Construction

Dear Ms. Backmann:

My name is Toni Prestigiacom and I am the parent of a student at Edgewood High School in Madison. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street. I do not believe that the City should approve a design for Monroe Street that reduces the number of vehicle lanes or that eliminates the commuter lanes.

Edgewood High School, which is a fixture in the Monroe Street community, is accessible only accessible from Monroe Street. As such, my teenage student drives to and from school daily on Monroe Street from our home on Madison's west side.

I share concerns about maintaining and increasing vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety. However, I believe that, given the volume of commuter traffic using Monroe Street in the morning and the evening to access campus and downtown Madison, maintaining four vehicle lanes is critical.

Edgewood High School is a vibrant learning community for over 650 high school and Edgewood Campus School middle school students (classrooms for ECS grades 6, 7 and 8 are located in the high school). It is a community that my family and I value immensely. Our school is also a part of the larger Monroe Street community. Accordingly, preserving safe and efficient access to Edgewood's campus should be a critical consideration for the City of Madison as the redesign and reconstruction of Monroe Street is evaluated.

I too drive to my downtown office via Monroe Street. As a daily commuter driver on Monroe Street, I urge you to maintain the current four-vehicle lane design as you proceed with this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Toni Prestigiacom

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Bachmann, Christy

From: Bob Schaefer [nannbob@chorus.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 11:25 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street Reconstruction

Good Morning:

I just had a chance to read through the survey and proposed project for Monroe St. For my 2 cents, Monroe street is one of 4 primary routes to the west side of Madison, the others being University Ave, the Regent/Speedway/Mineral Pt route and the Belt Line. Reducing the traffic flow on Monroe St. will increase the traffic flow on the other 2 routes with the Belt Line providing limited access to the local neighborhoods and neighborhoods further west. We frequently will avoid the Univ. Ave route because it passes through the Univ. and has high multi use interactions especially at class changeover times. Regent has primarily 2 lanes until you get to Speedway where you have 4 lanes.

Parking, cross walks and schools are a factor in using this route.

Monroe is the only other corridor remaining where traffic is not excessive but heavy at times. Cross walks are somewhat more visible because of better site lines when driving. There are some bad ones where cars block the view of persons waiting to cross. Bikes should be banned from the street unless there is a bike lane but the narrow corridor will require two lanes of traffic with bicycle lanes or four lanes without a bicycle lane. Since the bike path more or less parallels the street a bike lane is not really necessary until after the Odana interchange. The current restricted parking during rush hour times seems to work but would be eliminated if you go to just 2 lanes.

If the street could be widened that would be a different story. That would mean moving the curb and gutter and there does not seem to be enough room for that without removing a lot of trees. Keeping it green seemed to be a valued aspect of the corridor. In the end, I think that improving the road base to reduce the need to repair frequently would be very beneficial. I would stay with the same layout and traffic patterns since the road is a major E/W connector. I would encourage bikers to use the bike path and provide a connection to the road after the Odana intersection. I have walked, drove and biked the route for 40 plus years. When biking I find the bike path to be the safest route to use because of reduced car/bike interaction. Driving can be slow but primary only at rush hour. Since the route has walkways on both sides of the street, pedestrians have a safe place to move about.

Thanks for providing a contact person.

Bob Schaefer

October 25, 2016

Ms. Christy Bachmann
City of Madison
Madison Municipal Building
215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Madison, WI 53703

VIA U.S. Mail and VIA EMAIL TO:
cbachmann@cityofmadison.com

RE: Proposed Monroe Street Reconstruction Project from Edgewood High School Board of Trustees

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

On behalf of the Edgewood High School Board of Trustees, I am writing to you as the project coordinator for the City of Madison's proposed Monroe Street resurfacing and reconstruction beginning in the spring of 2018.

Please know we appreciated your invitation to participate in the public information gathering related to this project. The meetings were informative and the questions and discussions that followed helped us and the community better understand the complexities of coordinating this project. To that end, we want you to have a written understanding of our thoughts and current concerns regarding the project.

Edgewood High School is located in the 2200 block of Monroe Street. As communicated in your public gatherings for this project, Edgewood High School has supported and maintained a beautiful campus for 135 years. Our students, faculty, staff and families not only spend time on our campus, but also frequent the Monroe Street businesses and parks. Our mission and values at Edgewood High School are consistent with building, growing and maintaining a strong, healthy, and cohesive community. Observing we have 535 students and 97 employees, we respectfully ask that you consider the following action items in your final work.

- **Maintained Access to Campus.** We urge you to ensure that this project maintains continued and efficient access to the Edgewood campus. There is no parallel corridor to access to the Edgewood campus. As a result, we are very concerned with maintaining access during construction and after project completion for our staff, students, families and visitors. Our chief concern is that four vehicle lanes be maintained on Monroe Street.
- **Improved Public Safety.** We believe that the final project should provide increased safety for pedestrians, bikes and vehicles traveling to and from campus. We share the Monroe Street community's expressed concern for safety for all of those living, working and traveling on Monroe Street.

Accordingly, we support a project design that both maintains four vehicle lanes, while also making design improvements to enhance safety for drivers, pedestrians and bicycles.

- **Continuation of Madison Metro Bus Routes.** A large number of our students and employees utilize the Madison Metro bus service on a daily basis. Any change that would decrease or eliminate bus service could greatly impact access to our campus. The final design should include maintaining the bus routes on Monroe Street.
- **Support for Restricted Parking Lanes.** A number of our high school students and staff utilize the restricted parking lanes on Monroe Street to attend school. We believe that the current system of restricted parking on Monroe Street near the campus is working and we support that it be maintained.
- **Open Access for Emergency and First Responders.** As stated above, Monroe Street is the main access point to our campus. We urge that the project design carefully evaluate and consider the need to maintain the ability for emergency services vehicles and first responders to not only access our campus, but also access the surrounding neighborhood.
- **Improvement of Street Aesthetics.** Like many other businesses, Monroe Street is the Gateway to the Edgewood Campus. We heard over the summer during the public meetings numerous expressions of support for the project improving the street aesthetics by planting additional or different trees, changing green spaces and other ideas for improvements. We share those goals as a part of this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our concerns regarding this project. The Edgewood High School Board of Trustees looks forward to working with you as you continue to accept public input and proceed with the reconstruction.

Sincerely,

David Hackworthy
Chairman
Edgewood High School Board of Trustees

Bachmann, Christy

From: Richard Bruce [doc@bruce-family.org]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2016 8:52 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street redesign

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

My wife and I have two children who attend Edgewood Campus School. Both my wife and I work at UW hospital and commute from Verona. We drive on Monroe Street at least twice per day every single school day and usually at peak traffic times. We have come to frequent and support several of the Monroe businesses because of their proximity to the Edgewood campus. For us or anyone with students attending at the Edgewood campus, commuting on Monroe is an essential part of every day.

I am writing to urge you to not approve any Monroe construction plan which would decrease the vehicle traffic capacity of Monroe Street. For many who travel daily on Monroe Street, there are not any alternative routes. Reducing the number of lanes available for vehicular traffic would significantly compound the congestion problem which already exists. Maintaining access to Edgewood and the other businesses along Monroe should be a priority for the City of Madison.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Richard Bruce, MD

Bachmann, Christy

From: Cassie Orosz-fagen [coroszfagen@icloud.com]
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 10:47 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe Street

Dear Ms. Bachmann,

As someone who moved to Madsion 29 years ago to work at Edgewood College, whose 4 children has gone, is going, or will go to Edgewood High School, who enjoys the unique shops on Monroe street, and frequents the yummy restaurants, I would like to express my desire that this very heavy used area be easily assessable. When designing the renovations of the area, please keep or increase the lanes. Please keep the street parking. I am not the only one who likes ease. If things are hard to get to, business will decrease. That is why construction can make it very difficult on shops and restrarant. Please keep it as easy as possible to get around and park the Monroe street neighborhood. The large majority of Wisconsin weather does not encourage walking. People will not change their lifestyle of using cars. They will just find other places that are convenient for them. Please keep the Monroe street area car convenient.

Thank you,
Cathy Fagen

Sent from my iPhone

Bachmann, Christy

From: Zellers, Benjamin
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 12:50 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Subject: Monroe St. Comments

Christy –

The meeting went well last week – hopefully things will go as smoothly in the adoption of the cross-section by the Council so work can begin on the details.

Since you've arranged all the meetings, and it sounded like you were gathering project comments, I figured I'd pass along comments from two people who I talked with after the presentation was over for addition to whatever compilation you may have:

Perry Sandstrom (sandstorm@icecube.wisc.edu)

- Any bike link up to the Southwest Path by Glenway should have sharrows.
- A bike link through Glenwood Park would be ill-advised – the grades don't work well, and the connection to Monroe is too indirect. Use Copeland instead.
- Westlawn Ave. should have sharrows – it could be a safe bike route.
- The crossing between Wingra Park and Westlawn Ave. should be improved.
- Keep as many street trees as possible.
- Do not add more street lights.
- Low color temperature LEDs are good, and should be used for any replacements.
- Cross Plains used nice shielded LED fixtures for their recent street project. (*I think he was talking about the Highway 14 DOT project*).
- Willy Street streetlight fixtures are bad – too much spillover.
- Keep parking on Monroe Street to limit spillover onto side streets.
- Undergrounding of power lines would be less expensive on Monroe than Willy because of the Arboretum frontage and lack of power line "laterals."
- Add more drinking fountains.

John Imes

- Raised tabletop intersections are a great idea.
- More green features are needed, especially at Commonwealth and at Crazylegs – current proposal falls short of the green street resolution that was passed unanimously by the City Council – need to make sure we're not missing any opportunities.
- Maybe Crazylegs plaza could be a park, and park funds could be used for its improvement.
- The Odana/Monroe/Nakoma intersection could be a great place for stormwater features.

- Ben

Bachmann, Christy

From: Ben Yahr [bjyahr@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 10:45 AM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Cc: Eskrich, Sara; zia@urbanassetsconsulting.com
Subject: Monroe Street Traffic Model- Comment

Good morning Christie,

I am writing to document a personal observation and provide a public comment about the traffic model as presented at the public meeting on October 27th.

"I have personally observed bumper to bumper traffic each morning from Commonwealth Avenue extending west all the way to Seminole Highway. The traffic is not moving freely, and thus appears to be controlled completely by the stop lights at Commonwealth and Glenway. The traffic backs up from Commonwealth, past Glenway, past Odana, past Seminole Highway, and on occasion beyond.

The congestion is so bad that drivers try avoid the segment of Nakoma from Odana to Seminole by taking a short cut on Manitou. Obviously this has been happening for a significant amount of time as traffic calming measures have been installed on Manitou.

This observed condition is WORSE than the modelled conditions presented on October 27th for each of the two proposed alternative cross sections. Your staff stated that under the proposed alternative conditions model morning peak traffic would only be backed up to Glenway or at worst Odana.

The fact that an existing conditions model was not presented does not make any sense to me. The fact that my personal observations conflict with the claim that the proposed alternatives would be worse than the existing conditions is even more troubling.

Using the traffic model as justification for not investigating or pursuing design alternatives is wrong. I understand that there are limitations to the model, but the way that it was presented without actual travel/delay times as conclusive that the existing conditions are the most effective option is completely flawed."

Now, I understand that the existing conditions model (which was not presented) may have indeed showed results that were worse than the proposed alternatives. However, if so, this was erroneously presented during the meeting.

Regards,
Ben Yahr

Bachmann, Christy

From: Hacker, Marsha
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 12:38 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Cc: Engineer
Subject: FW: Unacceptable design of Monroe Street

From: jaymaycat [<mailto:jaymaycat@aol.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 12:38 PM
To: Eskrich, Sara; Engineer
Subject: Unacceptable design of Monroe Street

Mayor Soglin, Alder Eskrich, and City Engineering,

I cannot support the city-presented cross section for Monroe Street. Being essentially the same design as before will not improve safety or the future actions of commuters and will not shape Madison into the city we believe we are and hope to become.

Anyone who had concerns about Monroe Street, including commuters, we're invited to these sessions. Many people gave up a lot of time, thought, and effort. There was overwhelming support to change the design. There were several articles on the Reconstruction Facebook page showing very successful and championed programs in other cities where a change of focus to safety and green design was embraced.

It seems as if all this input has been dismissed from the start and throughout the process, and no change will occur.

The City is actively designing Monroe Street to remain unsafe and unattractive as its design continues to provide for and encourage vehicle speeds above the posted limits. If City Engineers wanted to promote driving the posted speed limit, alternative designs would suffice.

This very narrow and supposedly cherished neighborhood of Madison, its residents' safety, and the bicycle commuters are being ignored and sacrificed instead of incurring a small and possibly short-term increase in commuter travel time by car. Bus and bicycle transportation will not be increasingly chosen above single-passenger, personal vehicles unless there is an incentive to chose differently.

This design will impact Monroe Street and Madison traffic for decades. If cars are the focus of design, rather than safety and bus and bicycle transportation, there will be no change in actions, a change that our community and environment needs as we progress as a society and grow and thrive as a city.

I support designing for the city that we want to be now and in the future, not for continuing to accept the old design that Madison's growth has made unsatisfactory. To me, this cross section design is not acceptable and definitely not something for which Madison should be proud.

Please listen to the residents and reconsider.

Julia Billingham
Sprague Street

November 16, 2016

To: Alder Sara Eskrich District 13 and Christy Bachmann, Madison City Engineering

Subject: Monroe Street Reconstruction

Before the City Engineering recommendations on Monroe Street reconstruction goes before the various city planning meetings scheduled for November, December, and January, we would like to suggest testing some of the ideas that seem to have been rejected by City Engineering. In particular, we strongly urge that you reconsider the decision to leave unchanged the rush-hour no-parking provision.

We have lived on the corner of Gregory and Sprague Streets since 1977. We are regular users of Monroe Street (both car and foot) and over the years have watched the traffic along the Monroe increase in speed and driver incivility. We are very unhappy, disappointed, and upset that the recommended cross section of Monroe Street is to stay the same—despite community members' feedback that the combination of reducing speeding motorists and improving pedestrian safety were their number one priority.

We would like to have the city at least try the idea of keeping parking on both sides during rush hour with temporary left turn lanes

We include here Facebook commentary from Grant Foster, a member, as we are, of Madison Bikes:

Grant Foster

November 7 at 5:05pm

At the last public engagement session, Traffic Engineering shared a confusing graphic about how a TWLTL (removing rush hour travel lanes and installing left turn lanes) would result in unacceptable traffic backups at peak hour. When asked what the measure for acceptable vs unacceptable is or what the projected increase in travel times would be, they had no idea. When asked how it compared to the existing rush-hour lane configuration (that they are recommending for reconstruction), they said they never ran that through the same model.

Why should the community support reconstruction of a cross section that is hostile to people outside of cars with no good evidence to support that decision?

We would be willing to bet money that if you tried the model Foster refers to, you would be amazed at how little rush-hour traffic movement would be affected. Car traffic would move more smoothly with better driver civility. And, in an area of school crossings, a major kindergarten-through-college institution, and heavy pedestrian traffic, there would be great gains in safety. Monroe Street merchants would benefit.

Monroe Street reconstruction is coming, and with a major disruption of commuter traffic (and driver habits) on Monroe inevitable (for a year or two) this would be an excellent time to try a more creative solution. You can bill it as temporary, and revert if indeed it doesn't work. Our prediction is it would be so successful you would never revert.

In the more distant past, our city engineering department seemed obsessed with "moving the cars, moving the cars." We're doing much better now and our city is becoming much more bikeable and walkable, and a greater place to live. The bike-laning we've done all over town, and hard decisions like the one on North Sherman, have really been good. Don't stop now, and don't revert to the old "move the cars" obsession. Please apply some of the new thinking to Monroe Street! Try it!

We look forward to hearing from you,

Kathleen and Paul Beckett

2533 Gregory St.