

Jenifer St Feedback as of February 8, 2016

1. I am writing on behalf of myself and my fiancé Sean Cullen regarding the proposed relocation of the westbound bus stop at Jenifer/Ingersoll Streets. We reside at and are the homeowners of 1054 Jenifer St, directly in front of the proposed Westbound relocation site. I would like to express our profound opposition to the relocation for a number of reasons:

We purchased our home just over a year ago knowing full well that we would be on the bus route. However, had it been known that a bus stop would soon be relocated directly in front of our house we might not have moved forward with the purchase. Additionally, the price at which we purchased our home could have ended up being dramatically different. In the same vein, the presence of a new bus stop in front of our home would be detrimental on the resale value of our home should we ever choose to sell.

An additional financial implication for us would be the added expense of constructing a fence in our front yard to prevent people from lounging on our front steps while waiting for the bus. Both 1104 Jenifer St and 1051 Jenifer St (where the existing bus stops are currently located) both already have existing fences for that reason. This presents a significant financial hardship on us in addition to the looming costs associated with the upcoming Jenifer St construction/upgrades. Of note, we support the proposed upgrades to the infrastructure of Jenifer St as we view them as both necessary and appropriate. However, we do not feel the same way about the relocation of the bus stop.

Sean and I are professionals who have decided to settle down in the near East Side of Madison after spending the better part of the last decade moving all over the country. This is now our home, and in the very near future we intend to start our family here. The constant presence of busses stopping and going at our front doorstep would be highly disruptive to the immediate living environment of our children and will pose a significant safety concern to us once they become mobile and active. We also have two dogs who would be agitated by the frequent foot traffic of unfamiliar people in front of our house. Our concern is not only the stress this will cause them, but the disturbance of our neighbors resulting from the barking/agitation of our dogs. Given that our neighbors would already be dealing with the new obstruction of their driveways caused by the busses, we do not wish to add to their concerns associated with this proposed relocation.

We have been to several neighborhood meetings at which these relocations have been discussed by city officials and from what I gather, your primary concerns are the flow of traffic and the safety of bus riders when they are disembarking. I ride the bus regularly and I can say with certainty that I have never witnessed an incident in which a bus rider attempted to cross the street in front of a bus after exiting or engaged in behavior that threatens their safety, the bus's safety, or that of oncoming traffic.

In the time that we have resided here I have come to believe that Madison is a city that cares about the people who call it home. I truly hope that the city does not impose a change that no resident has supported and many residents have strongly and vocally opposed due to the blatant hardship it will cause them. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have, or if there is anything in addition we can do to make our voices heard on this matter.

Respectfully,
Joyce Liau and Sean Cullen

2. Thanks for the email. I have been in contact with Tim S. in regards to the changes in front of the BJV property. (Church property) I would like to inform you that I am the Driver's Education instructor at Sun Prairie High School and have been in the business of "Traffic Safety" for over 30 years.

My previous conversations with Tim S. were very cordial and we discussed some items that seemed to work. However, it has come to my attention that other issues have come up that have caused me to suggest a few things that would allow for all parties to achieve some compromise while achieving the goals you have outlined.

Having grown up at the 511 South Ingersoll/church property, attended Marquette and East schools, I believe I have as much insight to the corner in question as anyone in the discussion. In addition to this, my brother was hit by a truck and killed in 1993 in Columbia County. Believe me when I say SAFETY is a mutual concern of ours.

If safety is your main goal then may I suggest that you address more than just the location of the bus stops. The REAL ISSUE is SPEED. Vehicles traveling down Jenifer Street gather speed as the downhill stretch reaches an end at the Ingersoll intersection. I have lived and worked at that corner for the better part of 60 years and I have always been concerned with the lack of speed control as vehicles pass by the church.

Again, having worked in the Traffic Safety area my whole career, it is my humble opinion that a 4 way stop at that intersection would accomplish the following:

1. Slow Traffic down and stop the speeding that occurs. There is a 4 way stop at Baldwin street. Why not here?
2. Save at least 10 parking spots on the street.
3. Not disrupt the lives of the residential properties with driveways etc.
4. Keep the church accessible to the elderly, handicapped and disabled by allowing them parking that will otherwise be lost. The church congregation will be devastated by the loss of parking which may cause me to ask the city to turn the green space lot into a parking lot.
5. Allow the stops to stay where they are, but accomplish the safety concerns you have for pedestrians and rights turns.

This proposal has been sent to other residents and has met with their approval. They are

especially pleased with the SPEED factor being addressed in addition to the possibility of reaching a compromise. As I mentioned before, in my profession as an instructor, these issues are a daily concern that I address with young drivers especially when discussing interaction with buses, bikes, and pedestrians. I hope you will consider a 4-way stop as a solution,(without changing the stops) that will accomplish everyone's goals!

Thank you,
John Olson BJV Properties.
East High grad (73)
Traffic Safety Instructor
Sun Prairie High School

3. January 24 2016

Re: Bus Stop Relocation at Ingersoll and Jenifer

To Whom it May Concern:

It has come to my attention that Metro has decided to flip flop the buses on Jenifer and Ingersoll Street. Living on this corner for the last 8 years, I don't think that "they" have thought this out carefully. My first concern is safety. Cars turning in from Jenifer Street and pulling out, many times in between buses that will be blocking people's views, will impact three driveways and many people's lives snarling traffic and creating concerns for bikers and pedestrians alike.

I believe there have been no recorded accidents between buses and cars as these bus stops sit today. For this and a myriad of other reasons, we should leave the bus stops as is.

Regards,

Jeff Waldman

1050 Jenifer Street

(608) 807-8982

4. City of Madison, Board of Public Works 24 January 2016

ATTN: Ms Christy Bachman

Subject: Jenifer Street Reconstruction Project

I am writing to express my concerns and offer recommendations for improving the Jenifer Reconstruction Project. This is a big investment for the City, the Neighborhood, the Residents, and through traffic. It is very important that we get it right. I own the property at 1050 Jenifer. I rent to long term occupants who enjoy the residential atmosphere of Jenifer Street. Their satisfaction of the conditions on the street is important to me, since it reflects their continued interest in renting my property and just as importantly, they reflect the future interest of subsequent occupants and the good of the neighborhood. Jenifer Street has challenges with heavy traffic, which is frequently traveling at faster speeds than are safe for a narrow, heavily occupied residential street. I sincerely appreciate everything the City plans to do as part of this sewer project to slow/calm traffic and make the street safer for all who use it. The project should not do anything that adds unsafe conditions and contributes to increased risk for everyone on Jenifer Street. I am concerned about several items in the plan and appreciate your consideration of my concerns. My concerns reflect those of my tenants, immediate neighbors, and other residents on the street.

· Increased risk to the safety of motor vehicles and pedestrians caused by locating a Bus Stop in front of 1050 Jenifer St, and less than 100 feet from the Jenifer – Ingersol intersection. Having a Bus Stop so close the intersection, when other vehicles will not be able to pass the stopped buses, creates a situation where traffic will back up into the intersection, and pedestrians will cross at risk between vehicles when traffic is temporarily stopped. There is no reason to put a Bus Stop this close to an intersection, creating a situation which adds to rather than reduces safety risk on the street. Request you move the Bus Stop further into the block to significantly improve neighborhood safety.

· Calming of traffic on Jenifer has been discussed at all the public meetings and local sensing sessions. Although adding Stop signs has been discussed, it appears to me that the decision is moving toward not adding Stop signs. This decision would be very short sighted and poorly founded. I encourage you to reconsider adding stop signs to some Jenifer Street intersections. Nothing adds to calming and improves safety more easily than a simple stop sign. Adding a couple along Jenifer Street would protect the residential neighborhood atmosphere, improve the safety of bikers, reduce speed, and improve safety for pedestrians, buses, and automobiles.

I appreciate your consideration of these concerns, which reflect my tenants, neighbors, and many residents of Jenifer Street, as well as me.

Sincerely,

Tim Sanford

Owner: 1050 Jenifer St

5. I own and live at the property of 1114 Jenifer Street. I am concerned about the proposed relocation of the bus stop on my corner to the opposite side of Ingersoll (1000 block of Jenifer) for several reasons. First, I think it creates an unsafe situation for the people who live on that block. It will be hard for them to safely use their driveways if buses are stopped there, especially when they are waiting to change driver shifts. In front of my house they sometimes sit idling for quite a while. I also think that people who own property there will experience a decrease in property values. They bought their properties based on values without the bus stop, and now fewer people will want to pay top dollar for those properties. People waiting for the bus often sit on the steps of the houses nearby. On my corner, there is often a group waiting, especially after the free meals at Luke House. I don't have a problem with that because I bought my house knowing that the bus stop was there. It seems economically unfair to make the change now. I hope that our concerns will be heard and considered carefully.

Thank you...

Joan Grosse

6. Message from Laurie Wermter re: detour:

Returning your call. Thanks for reaching out again. She thinks it would ameliorate some neighborhood concern if the buses going south and west on E. Washington would turn on Blount (by the Red Caboose) over to Wilson rather than on Blair. That would get them closer to that end of the neighborhood. Also, if the buses going east and north on Wilson could turn onto Blount to get to E. Washington.

Also, some of the concern is because of the horrendous attack that occurred on the bike path. She thinks that men are even being attacked in recent years on East Washington. Is there any thought or talk with the Mayor's office about how to help people stay safe in the area between Williamson and East Washington?

Her regular phone died, but she thinks you should still be able to leave a voice mail if she doesn't pick up.

She appreciates your comments about people of color and low income people needing to make their connections. That is very important too. She hopes this can go forward without too much trouble. Thank you very much for communicating with her about this.

(FROM
(2/3/16 BPW)

TPC 02.10.16
ITEM B.3.

Dennis Chandler, 1044 Jenifer St., said he cannot attend the Transit and Parking Commission meeting next week. This is his opportunity to express his concerns about the proposed bus stop locations. The way the bus stops are configured right now, there are no impacted driveways. The proposal would place bus stops in front of a two flat, three flat, two flat and another three flat. This would create a tunnel of corralled cars that would have to come out between buses. There would be 15 cars impacted. In his case, he would have to back out of his driveway. If he had to back out onto street while a bus was there, it would be impossible to see what was coming down the street at 30 miles per hour or back into a bicycle. This is setting up a possibility for multiple cars to pull out of driveways without sight lane. This is a safety concern for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

Date: 2/3/14

CITY OF MADISON

Registration Statement - (BPW)
COMMITTEE

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Agenda No. #5

Name DENNIS CHANDLER

Address 1044 JEMIFER

Please check the appropriate boxes:

- Support
- Oppose
- Neither Support Nor Oppose

- and
- Wish to speak
 - Do not wish to speak
 - Available to answer questions

At this meeting are you representing an organization or a person other than yourself: Yes No
(If you answered "no," STOP; you need not complete the rest of this form. If you answered "yes," provide the name of who you represent and go on to the next question.)

Name, address and telephone number of each person or organization you are representing:

Are you being paid for your representation? Yes No

Are you appearing as part of your other paid duties for this person or organization? Yes No
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Speaking Limits: Public Hearing (Common Council) 5 minutes
Information Hearing..... 3 minutes
Other Items..... 3 minutes

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Are you an elected official or employee who is appearing solely on behalf of your office or for your municipality or other governmental body? Yes No

(If you answered "yes" to the question, STOP. You need not complete the rest of this form, except that you must sign this form. If you answered "no" to the question, go on to the next question.)

If you are being paid for your representation, or if your appearance is part of other paid duties, please be advised that:

1. Before you engage in lobbying as a lobbyist, you or your principal must file an authorization with the City Clerk.
2. Your principal is not permitted to authorize you to lobby unless you are registered with the City Clerk.
3. If your principal spends or will owe more than \$1,000 for lobbying services in any reporting period (half year), the principal must file expense statements with the City Clerk for the remainder of the calendar year?

(Please go to the City Clerk's website www.cityofmadison.com/clerk/index.html or go to the Clerk's Office at Room 103 of the City-County Building, Madison, for more information.)

Date _____

Signature _____

Print Name _____