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Dear Transportation Commission:

I am writing in connection with the City meeting on March 9, 2022. The agenda item is #70385.

I am against the Lake Mendota Drive preliminary plan because I do not think it has been presented in a timely manner to the residents of the neighborhood. More time is needed to create a plan which honors the indigenous history of the area; fits the present and future land use; focuses on safety issues and traffic control in areas where needs are identified; and addresses present and future environmental issues related to drainage and the lake. This plan has been presented in a hasty manner and the residents have not been given rationales for the many specific changes that are in the plan. We do want repairs for our road surfaces which have not been repaired for decades. We have to examine whether traffic is a current or future problem. The school traffic is definitely a problem as there is not enough off-street parking for buses and staff/parent cars. A bottleneck of buses and cars at the school causes increased flow onto Lake Mendota Drive. But school traffic issues have not been considered on the plan. We need more time to develop a plan that we can support.

I am a longtime resident of Lake Mendota Drive. For the 70+ years I have lived here, the city of Madison has been cooperative, if somewhat benignly neglectful, of the needs of our street. Lake Mendota Drive is not a developing area; the number of properties and residents is pretty much fixed. There are no commercial properties on the street, and surely never will be. The only public areas are the school and the park, which take up a small part of the span of the street. In my block, there is about 1 car per hour going up or down the street, except for morning and afternoon departures and returns (5 cars). In all my years here, I have not known any traffic issues. This is a walking trail that turned into a walking street. People walk and ride to be on the road. Everyone is welcome here: to walk and view the lake, or to visit friends. But our values as custodians of the land are clear: honor the past, support the present, and prepare for the future. Give us time to develop a plan that will encompass these values.

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