

652 Sprague Street
Madison, WI 53711

December 30, 2016

Robert F. Phillips, P.E.
City Engineer
City of Madison
City County Building, Room 115
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Madison, WI 53703

Re: Project 10899, Planned Widening of Sprague Street

Dear Mr. Phillips:

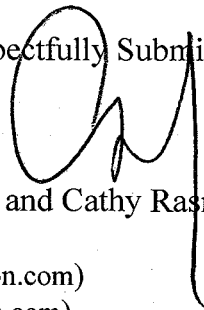
Thank you for your letter of December 23 regarding the proposed widening of Sprague Street. We are unfortunately out of town on January 4 and 17, on a trip that we have long planned. We are constrained to make this reply by letter.

There are clearly problems with parking on Sprague Street. Widening the street is a solution that favors the automobile over the interests of pedestrians, green space and responsible mixed use, values that ostensibly govern the Monroe Street Commercial District Plan. The proposal will remove trees. We are grateful that the tree in front of our house will be preserved, but other trees will be removed. We think that there are other less invasive solutions to the parking problem, including one-sided parking, reserved residential parking, and even enforcement of existing traffic laws. We are sure that creative planners can come up with others.

We appeal to the Common Council not to favor the automobile over the human and natural ecology of our neighborhood.

We ask that this letter be read into the record on the Common Council meeting of January 17, which we cannot attend.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carl and Cathy Rasmussen

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Ms. Sara Eskrich (district13@cityofmadison.com)