

From: [Wolfe, James](#)
To: [Hacker, Marsha](#)
Subject: FW: Wilson Street Bike Counter Flow
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Can this be attached to the file for the Wilson contra-flow test resolution? Thanks!

From: Skip Harless [mailto:skipharless@hiltonmadison.com]
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2017 1:34 PM
To: Wolfe, James
Subject: RE: Wilson Street Bike Counter Flow

Mr. Wolfe,

Thank you very kindly for your response. If you could please include this with the documents considered by the Board.

1. All users of Wilson Street must be considered in the plan for Wilson, including cyclist, but not to exclude or to the detriment of the necessary uses for businesses by removing metered parking or loading zone spaces
2. Data from a test on West Wilson may not produce results that will be applicable to East Wilson as the commerce is very different on these two sections of Wilson
3. Too many factors are still in a state of change to be testing this now, including construction on Doty which might otherwise be an alternative and the Judge Doyle Square development

We respectfully ask that the city delay this contra-flow bike lane test and examine this closer to consider alternatives that do not sacrifice metered and loading/unloading spaces as this would be a significant detriment to our businesses and the safety of our many guests and visitors to the city.

Thank you for your consideration,

SKIP HARLESS | General Manager

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From: Wolfe, James [mailto:JWolfe@cityofmadison.com]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 8:44 PM
To: Skip Harless

Cc: Verveer, Michael
Subject: RE: Wilson Street Bike Counter Flow

Mr. Harless,

Thank you for sending in your input regarding the W. Wilson St. project. City Engineering has received quite a bit of correspondence regarding this project, as well as a significant amount of input from the various public meetings. We have received quite a few comments in support of improved bike facilities on Wilson St., along with many opposed, mostly due to the fact that on street parking on Wilson St. would need to be sacrificed to install the bike lane. In general, the City looks to make improvements to the various modes of transportation when reconstructing a street, and Wilson St. is no different in that regard, but the tradeoffs with this project could be more impactful.

With the input on the project relatively split at this point in time, we plan to move forward with a test of the counter flow bike lane on W. Wilson St., and resolution to approve this test will be going before the Board of Public Works on April 19. Any bike improvements on W. Wilson St. would be in the interest of providing connections that would be extended in the future, so it's our understanding that this work would ultimately not be isolated to just W. Wilson St. Without improved connections on either end of the project limits, the test would mostly involve trying to realize the impacts of the loss of on-street parking on W. Wilson St. more so than just the amount of use the bike lane would receive.

Once the test is implemented, please feel free to send in any comments related to your experiences and observations with the test of the counter flow bike lane. The City has successfully installed counter-flow bike lanes on other streets, so, depending on the results of the test this year, we are confident that one could safely be installed on W. Wilson St.

Please feel free to contact me with any other questions or comments related to this project. Thanks.

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From: Skip Harless [<mailto:skipharless@hiltonmadison.com>]
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To: Wolfe, James
Subject: Wilson Street Bike Counter Flow

Good morning Mr. Wolfe,

I had a representative at the Hearing last evening regarding the construction on West Wilson. Late in the meeting the discussion came up regarding the test of the proposed counter flow bike lane.

We were not able to verbally express our opposition to this due to time constraints with the meeting time. Therefore I am writing to you this morning.

On behalf of Hilton Madison Monona Terrace we would like to express opposition to this proposed counter flow bike lane on the west side of Wilson Street. We have great concern with how this would impact the operation of our business and the neighboring businesses. Specifically the area in front of our property often becomes very busy with pedestrians, vehicles of visitors trying to navigate entry to our courtyard or parking ramp, busses that are picking up or dropping off visitors to our city and guests of the hotel, and many vendor deliveries to our business as well as the Madison Club next door. There are a significant number of group meeting planners and organizers of sports teams that bring business to our hotel, Monona Terrace and other city and UW facilities that regularly purchase the parking meters in front of our building on Wilson for these uses as well. In addition, parking in this area is often in full demand. We cannot afford to lose these metered parking spaces that serve our businesses. It is also my understanding that more parking spaces in this area will be lost with the Judge Doyle Square project, making these spaces on East Wilson even more important to retain.

We would like to express opposition to even testing this idea on West Wilson that does not have the same kind of traffic and use that we experience on East Wilson. Please consider other alternatives as this would be a significant detriment to our operations and safety of our many guests and visitors to the city.

Thank you,

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