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Hello -

When is the next meeting for the South Midvale Blvd parking removal plan?

We live at 37 S. Midvale Blvd and I'm writing to express our strong opposition to the plan to remove parking on both sides of Midvale for the stretch between Mineral Point Road and University Avenue. We heavily rely on our street parking any time we have visitors come to our house. Many of our neighbors have a single car garage and a small driveway that often barely holds 2 cars. Guests to our house, and many houses on this stretch of Midvale Blvd., utilize street parking. Street parking serves many functions: when we have a gathering of friends, yard sales, need to shuffle cars, or have a tradesperson do work or maintenance at the house. Apartments further up Midvale toward University Avenue also rely on street parking.

We live about midway between Bagley Parkway and Regent Street. So, if the parking in front of our house was removed, the closest possible parking spot would be on Bagley Parkway, which is about a tenth of a mile away. This would also assume that the very closest parking spot on Bagley Parkway is available, which many times it is not. This would be very difficult for any of our visitors, but particularly when our elderly parents come to visit. We also have small children, so getting them to and from a visitors' car (such as a babysitter or grandparents) that far away would be daunting.

We support adding bike accommodations on Midvale Blvd. However, at any given time, there are not nearly as many cyclists utilizing Midvale blvd. as there are parked cars. We would strongly advocate that any bike lane on Midvale be a shared bike lane and parking lane. A shared bike/parking lane is done successfully in many locations around Madison.

Please let me know the next time this project will be discussed at a Transportation Commission meeting. My husband and I, along with many of our neighbors, would like to attend and express our opposition to the current parking removal plan.

If you would like to discuss any of my thoughts further, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,
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Nothing will work unless you do. ~Maya Angelou