

Why we need a full service grocery store on South Park St. during the entire time SSM is building their new facility. Other smaller stores in area don't offer a variety of groceries.

Born and raised in Madison's south side, I have seen how the City's & developers decisions to revitalize a neighborhood without input from residents, have a negative impact and consequences.

In the 1960's, the plan of urban renewal (for many removal) tore apart neighbors, businesses, houses, families. Houses were condemned, under-valued, and demolished so people were move. Many were "pushed" further south to the poorer farmlands and unincorporated areas, of the edge of town.

We need to be informed and included ahead of time when meetings of plans are happening.

Concerns:

In South Madison there are many residents that don't have easy access to another full service grocery store outside of the area.

In South Madison we have:

*7-8 Large apartment compounds with low to moderate incomes,

*3 of which are Elderly housing with fixed incomes, and

*2-3 are for disabled and lower income residents,

*a Trailer Court holding many families,

*AND many apartments with a variety of incomes and families.

Most of our incomes are average to low, and some below poverty.

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There is talk that a new store may take year to build and be functional, and suggested residents can use the smaller stores, gas stations, pharmacy and bakery to obtain needed healthy survival items. Smaller stores don't offer a wide variety of items. SO why should a family or elders have to go to several stores to do

weekly shopping?? The bakery only has bake goods, sweets and coffee.
Gas stations have close to no healthy foods unless you can get to the one on Fish Hatchery Road. Which one of those “stores” can you make one trip to get diapers, foods, fresh fruit, veggies and meats and all that’s needed??

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Suggestions of :

Delivery of food: Delivered groceries from others stores outside of South Park St. might be a nice, but many residents:

- may not have or know how to use a computer/smartphone to be able to order food,

-or they may not get the foods/items they wanted, and maybe they cannot afford the delivery fees,

-or they may not have a debit/credit card,

-or the store don’t take food stamps.

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Travel to + from stores: Elders and others who walk, take bus or cab, or ask for rides will have a more difficult time getting to another store outside of South Madison. Where will they go?

Getting to Wal-Mart in South Towne, or Pick & Save in Fitchburg is NOT easy to travel to by bus (using bus transfers), nor walking or riding a bike to get there.

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Someone suggested **travel vouchers** of cabs, buses and Uber.

May be okay for some, IF these services are available.

If traveling out of the area is the only solution, I suggest using SSM’s small buses or mini Badger Coaches currently used to take Employees back and forth to work from the Park & Rides.

There could be regular scheduled pick-ups of residents in each compound, and designated spots, and take them to a full service grocery store.

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How many people on the Steering Committee/City departments will this affect?

To do your shopping, how many of you;

-walk to the store?

-take a cab, bus, bike or UBER to the store(s)?

I CAN GUESS or ASSUME.....NOT ANY OF YOU.

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PLEASE DELAY the destruction of the Pick & Save Grocery Store UNTIL the new grocery store is built on the Truman Olson site.

Show compassion when making major decisions, include all those affected. This will allow South Madison residents to survive in a better way, with a full service grocery store.

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