

My name is Doug Brown and I am the Assistant Executive Director of the Dane County Humane Society.

I am here tonight to speak on behalf of DCHS in relation to the modification of the recommended street network that is before the Commission. On February 9, 2021, DCHS and Newcomb Construction submitted a joint letter on this issue, which I understand has been appended to this evening's Agenda in relation to Item 4 on that Agenda.

We appreciate the City of Madison reexamining the portion of the existing reservation that, as currently mapped, cuts East through DCHS's property and proceeds North through a property owned by Newcomb Construction. DCHS supports the amendment to remove that portion of the existing reservation which would then allow Newcomb Construction to move forward with a new development on Tradewinds Parkway.

DCHS is also firmly opposed to **any** reservation which would run primarily through its property. In addition to disturbing low lying wetlands, the construction of a new through street following even the revised reservation proposed in the amendment would have a very negative impact on DCHS property and operations. We currently enjoy a wonderful campus environment where our staff and volunteers can safely walk dogs and the kids who come for our summer and day camps can safely play. The addition of a through street in this area would create a new and substantial safety risk to our staff, volunteers and visitors, not to mention our dogs and very active wildlife population.

In light of the new north-south road just west of the DCHS property that Carl Ruedebusch has already committed to building between Voges and Tradewinds as part of his contemplated development, Dane County Humane Society requests that the City reconsider the necessity of the any reservation for a future roadway that would run though the DCHS property. Neighborhood interests are not significantly improved by the second roadway proposed in the amendment, but as mentioned earlier it would significantly and negatively impact our property and operations while creating a new and unnecessary safety risk for humans and animals. DCHS therefore requests that you consider removing the reservation entirely so that our campus can avoid a later dispute over the propriety of that contemplated north-south road.

If the City eventually decides to install a road consistent with either of the reservations under consideration, we request that the City first provide a study that reviews the costs and benefits of the roadway for public review.

On behalf of Dane County Humane Society, I thank the Commission for considering our position and invite future conversation about any additional amendments to the Neighborhood Development Plan or proposed roadway.