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Mr McGuigan,

Renee Callaway suggested I contact you regarding my opinion on possible street closures due to Covid 19, in an effort to help social distancing. She suggested if I contacted you, my email could be shared with the committee who will be discussing this matter on Weds, Apr 15.

I contacted Ms Callaway to ask about the possibility of a temporary local street closure for Sherman Ave, not N Sherman Ave as listed on the committee's agenda. I live on Sherman Ave. Because of social distancing, it has become extremely difficult to do daily walks on Sherman Ave and maintain social distancing. With the warmer weather and people needing to exercise, our street is constantly filled with pedestrians, many with dogs, bicyclists, and skateboarders. Everyone has the same goals, exercise as well as fresh air and sun. Unfortunately, Sherman Ave has begun to feel like the beltline during rushhour.

Because of social distancing, I have had to walk on people's lawns or in the street to maintain the appropriate distance from others. I think it would help everyone if our street could be temporarily closed for only local traffic and emergency or delivery vehicles.

One point to consider is the Madison Metro #2 bus route which uses a part of Sherman Ave. Because of this, the committee's recommendation may be unfavorable toward a full closure of Sherman Ave. A full closure of Sherman Ave would be preferred. However, a partial closure of Sherman Ave is acceptable. A partial closure of Sherman Ave could be used to accommodate the bus route. Since the bus turns at Baldwin St on Sherman, a closure of Sherman Ave from Baldwin St to Brearly St could be a solution.

I hope you will consider the options of either a full or partial closure of Sherman Ave in response to the need for social distancing during these difficult times.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

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