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To Members of the Transportation Commission & to Staff:

I was unable to participate on last night's discussion regarding the Hammersley Project but was able to listen to the recording. I want to thank you all for the work and dedication this body demonstrates on every project that comes to your table. As for this project I also want to express my gratitude to staff for their efforts on collecting feedback from the community and for trying to incorporate changes that make sense and that are feasible.

I have received several e-mails of support for this project and only a few notes of concerns. I have heard the voices of those that are demanding that street parking is preserved for their own personal use. I received an email, where a constituent is explaining the meaning of equity. This individual's definition for equity is "dealing fairly and equally with all concerned"! Furthermore, I was asked to prioritize taxpayer property owners by not taken away from them to give to others. As if I am taking away a personal possession or as if the public street only belongs to those living on Hammersley.

I respectfully ask this commission to please look at this project as another opportunity to further give life to the mission of Vision Zero! ZERO deaths on our streets! To use this project to send a clear message that is centered on safety for all, not just for those living in Hammersley. A clear message that is centered on the values of Safe Streets and our commitment to share roads and public spaces in an inclusive way where pedestrian, bikes, children, the elderly, and the disable are welcomed. And a message that reinforces equitable solutions instead of fair or equal ones.

I am not opposed to staff putting additional efforts and resources on finding ways to accommodate parking. However, I would not support a project were parking is prioritized over safety. I am also looking forward to the pilot to study the Whitney Way intersection left turn. As someone who has lived in the west side of Madison for over 30 years, I know at first hand the dangers of that intersection. Please do not compromise safety for the convenience of others, if that street is not safe to park (which we all know it is not); we should not miss the opportunity to make it safer. That may mean, for example, killing the left turn for non-emergency personal.

This project will also have an impact on MPD's resources; by reducing the size of the street and adding clear signage as well as managing the speed limits we free MPD's time to apply to other areas. Vision Zero takes into consideration not only the safety of each individual but strengthens relationships between agencies such as police and street engineers. Creating a

more cohesive approach to develop solutions to increase awareness and street safety.

I appreciate you and your work! Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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