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To the Transportation Commission:

My name is Karen Faucette and I am in agreement with removing inequitable systems in Madison. I reside at 144 Whispering Pines Way in Fitchburg, WI and I believe that as many barriers as possible should be removed so that people may have access to the grocery store.

Neighbors from throughout South Madison worked with Traffic Engineering staff to come up with Alternative 2 after many South Siders expressed the need for more parking instead of buffered bike lanes on new Cedar Street. Alternative 2 is designed to be provisional. Should the added parking prove unnecessary, the lanes can be repainted to eliminate the 5 parking spots and install buffered bike lanes.

In 2020, the community spoke out at two Transportation Commission meetings to protest local lobbyists' push for buffered bikes lanes on new Cedar because South Siders can not rely on public transit or bicycles to make the round trip to shop for groceries on Park Street. Reasons for this are:

- 1) Luna's will be located between two major roads, Fish Hatchery and South Park, neither of which is safe for cycling.
- 2) Cycling and public transit are unfeasible modes of transport for the many community members who may shop with children in tow, who are seniors, or disabled, or who must shop during their limited spare time.

The 5 additional on-street parking stalls are an important part of maximizing the on-site parking needed to make the new supermarket a success. Nation-wide studies show that successful 24,000-square-foot supermarkets most often rely on 80 to 100 on-site parking stalls; yet Luna's has only 60 on-ramp parking stalls that shoppers may share with building residents. (Luna's parking plan, as presented during community meetings, presumes that residents will vacate their rented stalls during business hours. There is no firm back-up plan should this plan prove inadequate.)

We appeal to you to make the best decision to ensure the success of the only full-service supermarket to stand between food access and a food desert in South Madison. This store must succeed to redress the food access inequities that plague the South Madison community. Please support Alternative 2.

Sincerely,