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Commissioners,

I am writing to comment on item 94143 on tonight's agenda, the Perry St. connection.

I live north of the Beltline in South Madison, and twice a week, I drive my middle-schooler to an athletic activity on Kingsley Way, south of the Beltline. It's only 2 miles away, but this is one of the only destinations my family travels to exclusively by car, because there is no safe and efficient way to access that area by bicycle or bus. The question I ask myself in viewing the Perry St. options is, "would I ride a bicycle on this route with my child?" The bike/ped bridge is the only proposal to which I can answer yes. I am particularly alarmed by the rotary interchange suggestion, which would endanger bikers and walkers by making them TWICE cross on- and off-ramp traffic at-grade . This is a recipe for traffic related deaths, and is tantamount to making sure the area south of the Beltline continues to be welcoming only to people driving cars.

Please say "NO" to the rotary interchange.

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