

City of Madison, Board of Public Works  
ATTN: Ms Christy Bachman

24 January 2016

**Subject: Jenifer Street Reconstruction Project**

I am writing to express my concerns and offer recommendations for improving the Jenifer Reconstruction Project. This is a big investment for the City, the Neighborhood, the Residents, and through traffic. It is very important that we get it right.

I own the property at 1050 Jenifer. I rent to long term occupants who enjoy the residential atmosphere of Jenifer Street. Their satisfaction of the conditions on the street is important to me, since it reflects their continued interest in renting my property and just as importantly, they reflect the future interest of subsequent occupants and the good of the neighborhood.

Jenifer Street has challenges with heavy traffic, which is frequently traveling at faster speeds than are safe for a narrow, heavily occupied residential street. I sincerely appreciate everything the City plans to do as part of this sewer project to slow/calm traffic and make the street safer for all who use it. The project should not do anything that adds unsafe conditions and contributes to increased risk for everyone on Jenifer Street.

I am concerned about several items in the plan and appreciate your consideration of my concerns. My concerns reflect those of my tenants, immediate neighbors, and other residents on the street.

- Increased risk to the safety of motor vehicles and pedestrians caused by locating a Bus Stop in front of 1050 Jenifer St, and less than 100 feet from the Jenifer - Ingersol intersection. Having a Bus Stop so close the intersection, when other vehicles will not be able to pass the stopped buses, creates a situation where traffic will back up into the intersection, and pedestrians will cross at risk between vehicles when traffic is temporarily stopped. There is no reason to put a Bus Stop this close to an intersection, creating a situation which adds to rather than reduces safety risk on the street. Request you move the Bus Stop further into the block to significantly improve neighborhood safety.
- Calming of traffic on Jenifer has been discussed at all the public meetings and local sensing sessions. Although adding Stop signs has been discussed, it appears to me that the decision is moving toward not adding Stop signs. This decision would be very short sighted and poorly founded. I encourage you to reconsider adding stop signs to some Jenifer Street intersections. Nothing adds to calming and improves safety more easily than a simple stop sign. Adding a couple along Jenifer Street would protect the residential neighborhood atmosphere, improve the safety of bikers, reduce speed, and improve safety for pedestrians, buses, and automobiles.

I appreciate your consideration of these concerns, which reflect my tenants, neighbors, and many residents of Jenifer Street, as well as me.

Sincerely,

Tim Sanford  
Owner: 1050 Jenifer St