



# Metro Transit System

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TO: City of Madison Transit and Parking Commission  
FROM: Timothy Sobota, Transit Planner, Metro Transit  
SUBJECT: **Metro Transit staff comments on the University Avenue Corridor Plan**

Please find below staff observations on the University Avenue Corridor Plan submitted to the City for approval. If the Commission is in agreement with these staff observations, please make a motion to approve the University Avenue Corridor Plan pursuant to the items below, and forward these comments to the Plan Commission for incorporation into the document ultimately adopted by the City.

Page 52 (Area 2: Walnut Node)

- ▶ [...] Transportation conflicts include ~~a bus stop at Allen Street~~, entrances for residential and commercial properties, bicycle lanes, and pedestrian crosswalks.

No detail, or recommendation, is presented regarding the stated conflict with a bus stop at Allen Street.  
**Staff recommends the elimination of the text above, absent this information.**

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- ▶ Install street-level lighting on existing power poles and add amenities such as benches, bicycle racks, trash cans, and bus shelters where appropriate and space permits.

On page 65, in the Transportation Improvements section IX, under Bus Service – a recommendation to install bus shelters references a limitation to bus stops "where space permits". Due to the limited street right of way currently available for pedestrian infrastructure, space may not permit shelter installation anywhere along the length of the corridor.

**Staff recommends the addition of the text above, given current space limitations.**

Page 87 Table 2. Plan Recommendations and Implementation Strategy (Alternative Transit Modes)

- ▶ Work with ~~Madison Metro~~ UW-Madison to get campus bus service on the Corridor, e.g. a west campus circulator.
- ▶ ~~Madison Metro~~ UW-Madison with ~~UW-Madison~~ Madison Metro
- ▶ Request that ~~Madison Metro~~ UW-Madison work with Madison Metro to determine the operational cost and that UW-Madison secure budget to establish a circulator route.

The UW-Madison directly funds all campus bus services operated by Metro Transit, and directs these resources to the route alignments and schedule frequencies that meet UW operational goals. Any changes to how Metro Transit operates the campus bus service would need the direct support of the UW-Madison, both planning and financial.

**Staff recommends modification of the text above, given this planning and funding process.**