

**From:** [heidi](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** LMD  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 24, 2022 10:58:48 AM

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Please take the time to use Green Streets in your planning of the LMD parkway. We cherish Lake Mendota, the Spring, clean drinking water, the people of Madison, Native American Mounds that are sacred and safety within our community & environment.

Thank you,  
Heidi Sonnenburg  
Tim Piatt

**From:** [Mark Shults](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Cc:** [Home](#)  
**Subject:** Mendota Drive Rebuild  
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Alders,

Please vote to delay the Mendota Drive project. Mendota Drive is close to several miles of Lake Mendota shoreline and should therefore be a focus of environmental concern for the health of our lakes. The current rebuild plan is far from optimal with regard to lake protection. Our mayor has just signed on to the [Renew the Blue Compact](#) with many others in all levels of government. How can council members reconcile the goals of this compact with building infrastructure which does not optimize its impact on Lake Mendota.

Thank you,

Mark Shults  
Nancy Vedder-Shults

5110 Spring Court, 53705

**From:** [Susan Roberts](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** 71282  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 24, 2022 11:16:03 AM

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Please include me in opposition to the current plan for LMD. I live in Spring Harbor but not on LMD. I am concerned that current plan that does not adequately protect the lake and trees.

People walk and bike especially on the cross streets down to Lake Mendota. Please protect our environment and that of the entire city of Madison. It should be the primary concern in renovation of LMD and any future plans for the city- a new road with a bicycle/ walk lane should be adequate. LMD is not heavily travelled - and if made wider/ larger- it could become an alternative to University Ave. which would be unfortunate.

That the people of this community are most concerned about environmental issues should cause you to take your time to plan appropriately. The environment will be greatest issue, worldwide, in the next years. It is imperative, to start now, taking action on those issues now!

I am a retired UW RN and know preventative medicine is the smartest and most cost effective way to go.

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Roberts. 5141 Spring Court

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**From:** [james mankopf](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** Lake Mendota Drive project  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 24, 2022 4:54:00 PM

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Please be advised that I am opposed to the Lake Mendota drive plan in it's current form. I do not believe that the plan makes enough progress around concerns with Lake Quality, well water quality and runoff. There is a history of severe flooding and runoff in this neighborhood . The new plan should include a more significant decrease in permeable surfaces. A vast majority of residents are opposed to the current plan and have signed a petition to slow down this process and provide better formats for two- way communication between residents and the city. Zoom is not a format that allows for active listening and problem solving.

Given the long term lifespan of a project such as this , the continuing opposition of residents, the many thousands of dollars that will be spent, and the significant concerns with water quality , why is the city of Madison unwilling to do an environmental impact study and work actively to include community members in the decision making process?

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**From:** [James Mankopf](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: flood damage  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 24, 2022 4:59:01 PM

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An example of some of the flooding damage that has occurred in the past . Everyone of my immediate neighbors had basement flooding .

Creating more permeable surfaces is critical to deal with future climate change

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**From:** James Mankopf  
**Date:** May 15, 2022 at 9:24:39 PM CDT  
**To:** llnelsonrp@gmail.com  
**Subject:** flood damage





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**From:** [Faith Fitzpatrick](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** Written comments for May 24 Common Council Meeting Item 71282  
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LMD Reconstruction Phase 1 — Madison's and Mayor Satya's commitment to Renew the Blue  
From: Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association, Ad Hoc Committee on Lake Mendota Drive, Environmental Subcommittee

5/24/22

#### Introduction

There is a major disconnect between the environmentally friendly rhetoric of City officials like Renew the Blue and how projects are actually executed. This is a classic problem of talk not matching actions.

#### Problem

- \* The current design for the west zone fails to take advantage of maximum possible benefits of rain gardens and expanded canopy tree plantings. In addition, homeowners are faced with a choice of rain gardens and trees versus parking spaces.
- \* The addition of curb and gutter means an extensive storm sewer network of pipes (with 50 storm drains). That is overkill for the west segment of roadway when that section currently has no curb and gutter and few storm drains. Curb and gutter lead to more and more unneeded rapid runoff with unfiltered pollutants going directly into Lake Mendota.
- \* There is no way to connect and integrate home-owner sited and maintained rain gardens with other possible runoff controls like vegetated swales (not ditches) to maximize the benefits from cleaning and infiltrating street runoff.
- \* Sidewalks will increase salt runoff. Even recommended Salt-wise rates will cause higher rates of salinity in our lakes — about 100,000 gallons of salty water headed to the lake per year from the west zone alone. Is this for the sidewalk stretch from Baker to Epworth? What's the calculation for just Capital to Epworth where they placed sidewalks on both sides? This is for baker to capital one side and capital to Epworth 2 sides.
- \* Polluted stormwater is already causing beach closures at Spring Harbor Beach. Our beach was closed 25 times last year, 5 times more than the Marshall Park beach.
- \* The additional 5-foot pipe to be installed on Capital Avenue represents the approach that got us to poor water quality and beach closures at Spring Harbor Beach. That is, channeling storm runoff straight into Lake Mendota. There is room for more innovative solutions along Capital Ave and the intersection with Lake Mendota Drive including a vegetative outfall retrofit that would be environmentally friendly and would help reduce the pollution that is being funneled into Lake Mendota.

#### Solution

- \* Make the 2022 section of LMD reconstruction a showcase for Madison and Mayor Satya's commitment to Renew the Blue. Its easy because of the limited traffic and 200-ft proximity to the lake. No other road in such close proximity to the lakeshore is being reconstructed. Provide Mayor Satya with a timely and strong example of the

City's commitment to Renew the Blue that she can showcase at future summits and workshops on how Madison is addressing climate change and flood mitigation using the most effective truly integrated green infrastructure techniques.

\* Slow down the project during this rapid inflationary cycle to avoid current cost increases and shortages in construction supplies to take a closer look at the stormwater design and how the proposed expensive traditional curb/drain/pipe-based stormwater design can be integrated with less costly techniques for natural flood control and vegetation-based filtration.

\* The City needs to step up and take ownership of the design and maintenance of rain gardens and other similar green infrastructure that can be seriously integrated with traditional stormwater design. The lakeshore courts are city owned public lands in this zone and are not being considered for green infrastructure and how they can be connected to rain gardens and swales in the ROWs.

\* Take advantage of grants and funds for climate-change related infrastructure improvements and an increase in the number of trees along the entire project.

\* Integrate design with other street plans next to the lakes, such as John Nolen Drive as examples of how Madison is addressing climate change and clean lakes for both small and large streets.



**From:** [rona finman](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** LMD reconstruction project  
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I am writing to voice my opposition to the reconstruction of Lake Mendota Drive as the project stands now. It is unethical to go ahead with such a project without a complete and thoughtful environmental impact study. This study should be the priority in a city that takes pride in its lakes and its environment.

Thank you.

Rona Finman

Rona Finman, PHD  
1121 Risser Road, Madison. Wi

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**From:** [Jeff Bauer](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** Common Council document; May 24 meeting; Agenda Item #7; Legistar #71282  
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Please add this document to the Legistar file for the Common Council meeting of May 24, 2022. This is my testimony on Agenda Item #7, Legistar #71282.

Testimony to City of Madison Common Council by Jeffrey C. Bauer, Ph.D.  
Member, Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association Ad Hoc Committee  
May 24, 2022; Agenda Item #7; Legistar #71282

What we have here is a problem of taxation without representation. You are voting tonight on a proposal forcing residents to pay for a project strongly opposed throughout the neighborhood for many good reasons. Alder Furman ramrodded the plan in flagrant disregard for the collaboration he promised when he ran for office. He pushed it at an unrelenting pace that did not allow time for meaningful public input, and he actively suppressed dissent all along the way. As a result, his proposal incorporates none of the alternatives developed and presented by the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association's Ad Hoc Committee.

The problems that really matter to Spring Harbor's residents go far beyond strict compliance with City policies that Mr. Furman says cannot be changed—even though exceptions are regularly made for similar projects in other Council districts. Mr. Furman has focused on pedestrian safety, a non-problem because LMD already has a perfect safety record as a shared thoroughfare. He seems not to understand the policy-relevant differences between a historic roadway in a residential neighborhood (without any stores or bus routes!) and a major commercial corridor like East Washington.

Residents' top priorities include reducing pollution that flows into Lake Mendota, managing stormwater with natural interventions (e.g., bio-retention swales, catch basins, rain gardens), eliminating the life-threatening level of chemicals in Well 14, increasing the number of trees along the 1.2 mile roadway, and enhancing LMD as a recreational resource for the entire City. The proposal before you tonight accomplishes none of these goals. For you Alders who represent the other 19 districts, think twice before you vote because Mr. Furman's plan will desecrate a top destination that your constituents visit for walking, cycling, swimming, fishing, boating, and relaxing. Hence, preserving LMD as a natural community resource is a major equity issue for all Madisonians.

As an economist, I remind you that Madison does not have unlimited resources. If the Furman plan is implemented now, there won't be any remaining space in the ROW for environmental enhancements later. And when Madison gets serious about prioritizing environment and climate—as Mayor Satya now agrees it must—then much of the Furman hardscape will be demolished to make way for environmental solutions. The resulting waste, plus rampant inflation in construction costs, are more than ample reasons to send the project back to the drawing boards for redesign.

Don't forget the history lesson of taxation without representation: Americans ultimately rebel against government officials who suppress meaningful constituent participation in decision-making. Please take action now to require a new plan that prioritizes environment and public health for all Madison's citizens. How you vote tonight will determine how we vote in the upcoming municipal election. And vote we will! We are organized and energized.

**From:** [Ted Balistreri](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
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I oppose going forward at this time with the LMD project until a environmental study can be conducted

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