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Hello,

I have been a homeowner in the Williamson Street neighborhood for 45 years. I urge you to pass the plan to implement a trial period of the closure of rush hour lanes on Williamson Street.

I have witnessed the increase of commuter traffic throughout the decades. I believe that Williamson Street is not designed to safely handle the current level of car traffic, especially with the increased density of housing and thus more pedestrian and bike traffic.

I believe that East Washington Ave is a more appropriate eastbound route for high numbers of commuters, as it has more lanes, and wide, well marked pedestrian crosswalks and buildings are set back from the street.

I also believe that the new BRT system offers such a clearly improved way to cross the isthmus, and it is not being fully recognized by commuters. It is my opinion that if rush hour traffic slows down in the East corridor during a trial period, that is not necessarily a sign of failure. This could be an opportunity for commuters to consider bus and or bike options.

The bottom line is that Madison can not continue to create enough car lanes to meet the growing population and still keep our neighborhoods safe. The number of accidents on Williamson Street is a clear indication of that fact. Please vote to implement this trial plan of lane closures.

Thank you,  
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