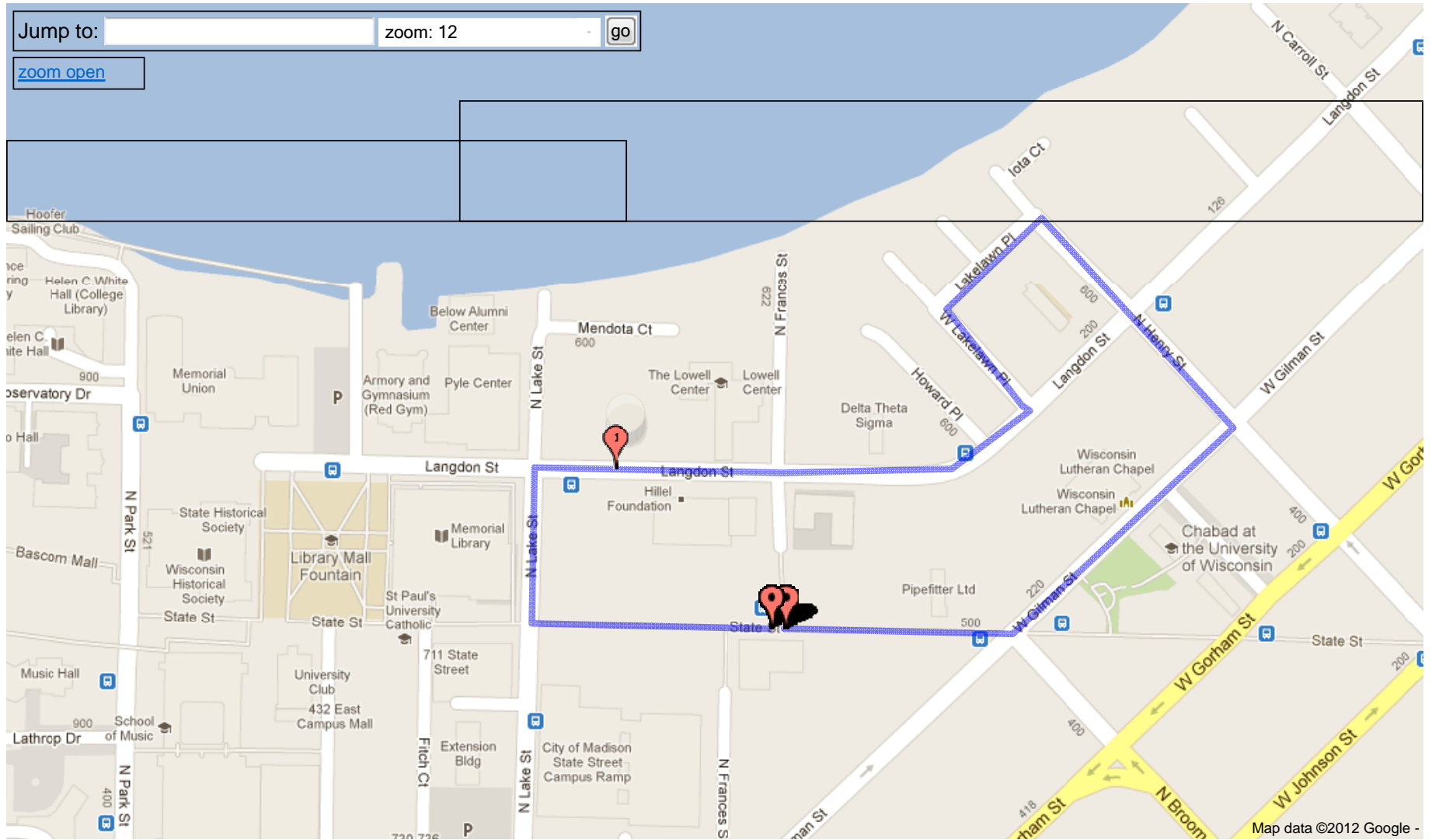


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I worked on the bike races in downtown Madison in May 2010, May 2012, and June 2012. We're looking at hosting another race in Spring 2013. I know that the fees have since increased for hosting an event on Capitol Square, so we've been looking at alternative courses.

Because this isn't a course we've used before, I wanted to touch base with you before beginning the permit process. We would include State St, W Gilman, N Henry St, Lakelawn Pl, Langdon St, and Lake St. It's a 0.8 mile circuit and we would need roads closed from roughly 7am-9pm.

Is this a feasible course? If so, do you know roughly what we're looking at for fees?

Based on the responses from the street use commission (see below), this course would not be feasible, particularly next Spring. The City's Business Resource Manager also has concerns regarding the impact this course would have on businesses on the route.

The next two street use meeting dates are October 31 and November 14 – would you be available to attend either of these? A couple things to consider – the City is completing a construction project on the outer loop of the Square over the next two years. It runs from early April to the end of June. During that time it is not possible to close the entire Square for events, busses can not be on the outer loop during the construction. You should consider UW Research Park as a possible alternative – as you know, there are bike races and practices there throughout the spring and summer.

At a street use meeting we can discuss all of these items and look at/make suggestions for other possible routes. Let me know what works for you. Thanks, Kelli

From Tom Mohr, Traffic Engineering:

Langdon traffic is one-way west bound between Lake St and Park St through summer 2013. Closing Lake St would close access to everything along the route and to Memorial Union, Red Gym, Pyle Center. I don't think this route is feasible, especially if it's during the school year.

Bill Putnam, Parking Utility:

Langdon, Lakelawn, and Henry between Langdon and Lakelawn would be very difficult to do. Lakelawn is very narrow and serves a lot of residents. Parking is at a premium on the streets where parking is allowed. It is very difficult to keep everyone off Langdon Street as so many people have to use it to access their residences. The 700-800 blocks of Langdon can only be accessed via Lake or Langdon to the east at least through August 2013, and buses use Lake frequently to access the 700 and 800 block of Langdon.

I would recommend they look for another course.

Katie Sellner, Metro Transit:

The late night Route 81 & 82 (which begins approximately at 6pm) uses both Langdon & Lake, so unless it was done after the UW was out in mid-May, we'd be detouring those routes since they want it closed from 7am-9pm. Also, would have to detour routes 4 & 6 from lower State Street, using Johnson & Gorham to bypass the route. So, a total of four routes (\$300).

State Street is a fixed guideway and we get money based on the fact that buses use it. The increasing practice of detouring buses off State St could potentially become an issue if this trend continues to become commonplace that we are detouring buses off State St for more and more events.