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Dear Members of the Transportation Commission,

I am writing to express my opposition to the recommendation to discontinue the Adult School Crossing Guard at Milwaukee Street and Meadowlark Street serving Kennedy Elementary School.

As the Assistant Director of Transportation and Logistics for Madison Metropolitan School District, I have received feedback from community members and school stakeholders expressing concerns about the potential removal of this crossing guard. I believe there are important factors that may not be fully reflected in the data. One significant consideration is the presence of The Salvation Army Family Shelter on the north side of Milwaukee Street. Families residing at the shelter often have unique and changing needs and we are required to ensure they get to school safely.

Over the years, families have expressed concerns about children crossing Milwaukee Street independently. So it is possible that some families have chosen to drive their students resulting in lower pedestrian counts. There are close to 20 students living north of Milwaukee St needing to cross to get to Kennedy Elementary.

Additionally, Madison Metropolitan School District is currently engaged in a boundary study that may result in attendance area adjustments and changes to student enrollment and walking patterns. Waiting until that process is complete would provide a more accurate understanding of future crossing needs before permanently removing this resource.

The transportation support available to shelter families can change over time, and student enrollment patterns remain fluid. Retaining the crossing guard preserves a safe and reliable option for students and families should transportation circumstances shift in the future. The presence of an adult crossing guard also provides an important sense of safety and reassurance for families navigating a busy roadway.

I respectfully request that the Transportation Commission defer consideration of this discontinuance until the district's boundary study process has concluded and future student transportation patterns can be more fully evaluated.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued commitment to student safety.

Kindly,

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