

**Benishek-Clark, Anne**

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Please add this recommendation:

1. The city should recognize the environmental costs of continuing to rely of automobiles long term and seek the in cooperation and support of our County, State and Federal partners for a long range strategy that envisions a downtown Madison where motorized vehicles are significantly deemphasized as the primary means of getting to and circulating around the downtown. This vision must include multi-year efforts to educate the public and policy makers about the types of infrastructural changes needed to make this vision possible. While the Transit and Parking Commission recognizes the current and likely continuing role of individually owned motor vehicles for use in reaching and circulating between downtown destinations for years to come, this recommendation is intended to begin a strategy that, at minimum, moves motor vehicles to the edge of the downtown or even the edge of the city to remote parking facilities. This must be coupled with the creation of high(er) frequency, high capacity transit service options for movement of people to and around the downtown.