

## **Benishek-Clark, Anne**

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**To:** Benishek-Clark, Anne  
**Cc:** Verveer, Mike  
**Subject:** Taxis on State Street

Hello Ms. Benishek-Clark,

I understand that there is a meeting to discuss taxis on State Street at your Sept 12 meeting. Unfortunately I cannot attend the meeting and so ask that you forward my comments to the members of the TPC.

As a downtown resident, I frequent State Street on a regular basis and see many people make use of hailed cabs to get to and from shopping, bars, and restaurants. I believe it is important to ensure easy and convenient taxi service to downtown patrons. This helps everyone. I don't understand why taxis are being banned from State Street and being relegated to hard-to-find taxi stands. And asking customers to call for a taxi is inconvenient and unnecessary. I have not seen taxis be a hazard on State Street as some people have claimed. Rather, I see them offering an important urban service. If Madison wants to be perceived as a thriving downtown, it needs to offer the services that one expects from a thriving downtown. Please recommend allowing taxis on State Street for patrons to hail as needed.

Thank you for your attention. Please feel free to contact me if you need more information or input.

Best regards,  
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