

Dear Transportation Commission,

I am writing to ask you to please keep Vilas Park Drive closed to commuter traffic. My family and I continue to use and enjoy it regularly for walking, running, and biking. In fact, I am about to head out for a run on the drive. The road's closure to commuter traffic is an important contributor to our quality of life here--it makes it so much easier, more pleasant, and, perhaps most importantly, safer.

Thank you for your efforts and your attention to this matter of importance to our community.

Andrew Shapiro

Dear Transportation Commission,

I am writing to ask you to please keep Vilas Park Drive closed to commuter traffic. My family and I continue to use and enjoy it regularly for walking, running, and biking. In fact, I am about to head out for a run on the drive. The road's closure to commuter traffic is an important contributor to our quality of life here--it makes it so much easier, more pleasant, and, perhaps most importantly, safer.

Thank you for your efforts and your attention to this matter of importance to our community.

Pat Setji

In regards to Agenda Item 7 - 62755

Position:

I strongly support the Shared Streets Program and request it not be suspended during the winter months. If it must be suspended due to winter maintenance; I request a date be set for it to resume in the spring.

Narrative:

I live on West Shore Drive and this morning as I walked my dog this morning I saw 22 runners including four high school rowers doing a team building run holding oars. I saw seven other dog walkers and a couple watching the sun rise - 0 cars!

Since West and South Shore were closed to local traffic only these streets have become a magnet for bikers, runners, skaters, walkers and lake lovers. There has been an increase in positive use. As a resident on the street I can attest that the closure has made an impact on our ability to connect with our neighbors.

It is clear this improves the quality of life for the residents of West and South Shore as well as all that live near or travel through. These two streets are not critical to the transportation of cars - but they are critical to alternative modes of transportation and those just looking to enjoy time on the Bay. This restriction has improved the quality of life for all madisonians and it should be made permanent.

With Gratitude,

Tyler & Kate Leeper  
822 W Shore Drive.

Hello,

I am opposed to opening up Vilas Park Drive to cars.

I love bicycling through here without cars. It's so much more enjoyable!

Thanks

Alexander Harding  
3602 Wyota Ave  
Madison, WI 53711

Dear Commission,

Please keep Vilas Drive closed for the duration of the winter. Having this road closed has been an asset to the neighborhood, offering space for everyone to bike, walk, run, play, etc. safely during this pandemic. I personally walk or run through this park daily, and paddle and bike in the warmer months.

Anxiety and stress are high for everyone these days and the ability to go outside in a beautiful setting without the extra stress of looking over your shoulder for vehicles has been a rare positive outcome of this situation. Having to dodge and weave runners and bikers with the car traffic is just added stress and unnecessary at this time.

Please keep Vilas Drive closed while social distancing continues into the winter.

Sincerely,  
Emily Brock  
Eberhardt Ct., Greenbush neighborhood