

Greetings:

I have looked through your planning documents for the redesign of all Metro bus routes in Madison. A lot of thought and study is reflected there, but I have concerns.

Primarily, I am concerned about the lack of thought and attention and the lack of priority given to transportation needs and bus routes on the Northside of Madison. All too often City Hall ignores the Northside in this kind of planning and that is a problem. How are people in this area supposed to get to jobs and school and shopping and other locations if there is no bus service to speak of or if the bus service is difficult to access? Do you not realize that many Northside residents have lower incomes? Are families of color with various national origins and cultures? Are Older Adults? I submit to you that failing to address our transportation needs here is inequitable and discriminatory.

As you reconsider and revise your draft, please give more consideration to your omissions in this area. For many reasons you need to address the transportation needs of the Northside which you have not yet fully considered.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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