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Hello,

I wish to register my support of Complete Green Streets, and therefore my absolute opposition to the latest Regent Street redesign proposal (Item 92491 on the April 15th agenda) before you. I speak as a pedestrian, cyclist, transit user, and driver, with a background in emergency management and transportation safety. The latest iteration of this design is barely more than a resubmission of the design rejected on March 4th under significant public comment and opposition. This is not simply a matter of a single street, or neighbourhood, or alder district, this is representative of a complete disregard for the will of the people who demand safe streets. And left unchecked this will spoil every reconstruction project across the city for years to come.

The justifications given for many of the design decisions, such as the unnecessarily wide lanes – wider than those of an interstate highway – don't stand up to scrutiny. In fact city communications made public have revealed that we were blatantly lied to about these justifications, and that the real justification for these dimensions is nothing more than the Madison Fire Department's fascination with unnecessarily large trucks.

This plan prioritizes motor vehicle convenience over all other users of this public space, despite this being one of the most heavily pedestrian and cycle traveled spaces in the city. This design makes no meaningful accommodation for bikes, let alone adhering to the principles of our All Ages And Abilities network plan. In fact, this plan appears to have run rough shod over all of Madison's safe streets initiatives including Complete Green Streets, Vision Zero, and All Ages and Abilities transportation plan.

I urge the members of the Transportation Commission to summarily reject this proposal and not revisit it till a proposal is submitted that adheres to the values of our citizens and the policies those values have implemented: Complete Green Streets, Vision Zero, and an All Ages and Abilities transportation network.

– Kaleb Haugen