

Hacker, Marsha

From: Jim Lorman [lorman@edgewood.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:29 PM
To: Building and construction Trades Council of South Central WI; DeMarb, Denise; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; jclausius@charter.net; debkenjohnson@charter.net; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Clear, Mark; szwalling@charter.net
Cc: Phillips, Robert; Tao, Yang; Hacker, Marsha; Petykowski, Christopher; Verveer, Michael; Eskrich, Sara
Subject: Bike safety on Wilson Street

Members of Board of Public Works,

I oppose moving forward with the current proposal for the reconstruction of Wilson Street, and I encourage you to reject the recommendation of City Engineering Staff that essentially maintains the status quo. I ask that you please approve a design that recognizes the goals of a myriad of plans (Madison Sustainability Plan, Sustainable Master Transportation Plan, Madison Area Transportation Planning Board Bicycle Transportation Plan, etc.) for promoting biking and walking.

I have biked year-round in Madison for over 40 years, and have very much appreciated the infrastructure changes that have made this safer and easier. However, I strongly believe in the goal of "8 to 80" where all individuals within that age range feel can feel comfortable riding anywhere they want to go within the City. Now that I'm getting closer to the upper end of that range, I'm beginning to feel less comfortable in many areas of the City, and that includes Wilson Street. Please design the street so I can be comfortable riding it until I reach 80!

Thanks,

Jim Lorman
516 Wingra Street

Hacker, Marsha

From: Amy O'Shea [amyoshea1975@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:02 PM
To: Carter, Sheri; Building and construction Trades Council of South Central WI; DeMarb, Denise; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; jclausius@charter.net; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Clear, Mark; szwalling@charter.net; Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang
Subject: Please Reconsider Planned Reconstruction of West Wilson

Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, Rob Phillips and Alder Carter:

Regarding the planned reconstruction of West Wilson street, I strongly oppose moving forward with the current proposal. That proposal would leave the street as it currently is and therefore fails to take into account the needs of people biking and walking on this important connection to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west. This is not creating a "flexible design;" this is preserving the status quo that only works well for people driving. I strongly oppose any option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk, as that is neither safe nor convenient for anyone. I am also deeply disappointed with the process through which we have arrived at this point. "Public meetings" that were nowhere to be found on the city's website; a "public input" process that ignored, well, public input; and a decision-making process that ignores the priorities of many of the city's long-term transportation and sustainability plans and bypasses the bodies that are supposed to be in charge of making informed decision about our transportation network.

I urge you to not approve the Wilson Street cross section and to instead refer item #46640 to the Pedestrian, Bicycle, Motor Vehicle Commission for a comprehensive and serious evaluation of all alternatives that include safe and comfortable bike travel on Wilson Street.

Let this move be the first of many pro bike moves the city makes!

Thank you for your consideration,

Amy O'Shea

Hacker, Marsha

From: Harald Kliems [kliems@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 2:34 PM
To: Building and construction Trades Council of South Central WI; DeMarb, Denise; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; jclausius@charter.net; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Clear, Mark; szwalling@charter.net; Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael; Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva
Subject: Public comment BPW: West Wilson Street reconstructions (item #46640)

Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, dear Rob Phillips; dear Alders Verveer and Bidar-Sielaff:

Regarding the planned reconstruction of West Wilson street, I strongly oppose moving forward with the current proposal. That proposal would leave the street as it currently is and therefore fails to take into account the needs of people biking and walking on this important connection to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west. This is not creating a "flexible design;" this is preserving the status quo that only works well for people driving. I strongly oppose any option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk, as that is neither safe nor convenient for anyone. I am also deeply disappointed with the process through which we have arrived at this point. "Public meetings" that were nowhere to be found on the city's website; a "public input" process that ignored, well, public input; and a decision-making process that ignores the priorities of many of the city's long-term transportation and sustainability plans and bypasses the bodies that are supposed to be in charge of making informed decision about our transportation network.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Harald Kliems
6 N Allen St
Madison, WI 53726

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From: Emily Hutcheson [esmhutcheson@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 2:13 PM
To: Building and construction Trades Council of South Central WI; DeMarb, Denise; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; jclausius@charter.net; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Clear, Mark; szwalling@charter.net; Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael
Subject: please add bike infrastructure to Wilson st

Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, dear Rob Phillips; dear Alder Verveer:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Emily

Biking should be accessible for everyone and more bike infrastructure will be the way to allow more people to feel comfortable on bikes.

Emily Hutcheson

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Program in the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology
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Hacker, Marsha

From: Kierstin Kloeckner [kierstin@harborathletic.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 1:11 PM
To: Building and construction Trades Council of South Central WI; DeMarb, Denise; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; jclausius@charter.net; debkenjohnson@charter.net; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Clear, Mark; szwalling@charter.net; Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael
Subject: Wilson Street

As a former bike fed board member, a bike commuter, a personal trainer, and a tax paying citizen, I urge you make Wilson Street more bike/ped friendly when it is redone. When I bike through this area with kids or people who are not comfortable riding in heavy traffic, I see the fear in their eyes. We should be making this city safer for ALL abilities and modes of transportation.

Kierstin Kloeckner
Personal Trainer, Pilates and yoga instructor, cycling coach, Parkinson's Director
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*Please note I have a 24 hour cancellation policy for all appointments

Hacker, Marsha

From: Kevin Leigeb [kevin.leigeb@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 12:59 PM
To: Building and construction Trades Council of South Central WI; DeMarb, Denise; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; jclausius@charter.net; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Clear, Mark; szwalling@charter.net; Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael; Eskrich, Sara
Subject: Wilson Street Resconstruction

Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, dear Rob Phillips; dear Alders Verveer, Eskrich:

Regarding the planned reconstruction of West Wilson street, I strongly oppose moving forward with the current proposal. That proposal would leave the street as it currently is and therefore fails to take into account the needs of people biking and walking on this important connection to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west. This is not creating a "flexible design;" this is preserving the status quo that only works well for people driving. I strongly oppose any option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk, as that is neither safe nor convenient for anyone. I am also deeply disappointed with the process through which we have arrived at this point. "Public meetings" that were nowhere to be found on the city's website; a "public input" process that ignored public input; and a decision-making process that ignores the priorities of many of the city's long-term transportation and sustainability plans and bypasses the bodies that are supposed to be in charge of making informed decision about our transportation network.

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Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to email me with any follow-up questions/concerns.

Kevin Leigeb
3202 Gregory St

Hacker, Marsha

From: Lexy Spry [lexy.spry@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 12:44 PM
Subject: Reconstruction of west Wilson

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, Rob Phillips, Alder Verveer, and Alder Ahrens:

Regarding the planned reconstruction of West Wilson street, I strongly oppose moving forward with the current proposal. That proposal would leave the street as it currently is and therefore fails to take into account the needs of people biking and walking on this important connection to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west. This is not creating a "flexible design;" this is preserving the status quo that only works well for people driving. I strongly oppose any option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk, as that is neither safe nor convenient for anyone.

I urge you to not approve the Wilson Street cross section and to instead refer item #46640 to the Pedestrian, Bicycle, Motor Vehicle Commission for a comprehensive and serious evaluation of all alternatives that include safe and comfortable bike travel on Wilson Street.

Sincerely,
Lexy Spry
205 Schenk Street

Hacker, Marsha

From: Tracy Peterson [tracyannpeterson@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 1:32 PM
To: Building and construction Trades Council of South Central WI; DeMarb, Denise; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; jclausius@charter.net; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Clear, Mark; szwalling@charter.net; Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael; Palm, Lawrence
Subject: Concerned citizen for smart improvements at Wilson Street!

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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To All involved in the planning of the reconstruction of the Wilson street intersection:

As we all know, street reconstruction is the moment we have to correct past mistakes, improve a street, improve livability, and improve economic development along a corridor. As we move past a "car as primary transport" paradigm, cities are re-imagining what a street can be. We need to do this on West Wilson street.

The Wilson street intersection is UNSAFE AS IS and needs to be redesigned. Regarding the planned reconstruction of West Wilson street, I strongly oppose moving forward with the current design. That proposal would leave the street as it currently is and therefore fails to take into account the needs of a large percentage of travelers - people biking and walking. West Wilson is an important connection to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west. The proposed design does not create a "flexible design;" it is preserving the status quo that doesn't work well for non-drivers.

As a citizen I would like to see West Wilson become a vibrant street that welcomes all modes of travel. This is what we publicly proclaim we are striving to do. I am not seeing much of this actually happening with recent reconstructions and I certainly do not see it in the current proposal for West Wilson.

I think it is appropriate to remind committee members, alders, and city staff that streets are public spaces, not solely car spaces. If we look towards that as the first step in a street reconstruction, we will end with a facility that works better for everyone needing to use it. There are numerous examples across the nation and world that prove the success of multimodal streets. We all know that, what we seems to be lacking here is the political courage or will to make that change. This disappoints me as a resident who bikes, walks, or buses for transportation. It disappoints me that Madison seems fearful of making a decision that will benefit everyone but might lead to some short term anger, anger primarily from car drivers. I don't want to be disappointed by my city. I know we can do better.

I am also deeply disappointed with the process that got us to this sub-optimal decision point. "Public meetings" that were poorly advertised; a "public input" process that ignored public input; and a decision-making process that ignores the priorities of many of the city's long-term transportation plans and goals. This is not the quality of public involvement we should be able to expect.

Additionally, our sustainability plans, recently adopted design guides (NACTO) are gathering dust on a shelf rather than being utilized. The process has bypassed the bodies that are supposed to be in charge of making informed decision about our transportation network.

I urge you to not approve the Wilson Street cross section and to instead refer item #46640 to the Pedestrian, Bicycle, Motor Vehicle Commission for a comprehensive and serious evaluation of all alternatives that include safe and comfortable bike travel on Wilson Street..

I look forward to hearing from you.

Tracy Peterson
2535 Coolidge St.

Hacker, Marsha

From: Grant Foster [grantxyz@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Building and construction Trades Council of South Central WI; DeMarb, Denise; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; jclausius@charter.net; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Clear, Mark; szwalling@charter.net
Cc: Petykowski, Christopher; Phillips, Robert; Hacker, Marsha; Verveer, Michael; Tao, Yang; Ahrens, David; Dryer, David; Michael Rewey; Aaron Crandall; Eric Lewandowski; Zellers, Ledell; Mark Bennett; Skidmore, Paul; Kemble, Rebecca; Sally Lehner; Susan De Vos
Subject: Please move to refer Wilson Street cross section to PBMVC

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Please move to refer legistar item #46640 to PBMVC. This item has not come in front of PBMVC to date and no discussion or deliberation on cross section alternatives has occurred. Any action of the Board of Public Works to recommend approval of the street geometry should come following deliberation and a recommendation from PBMVC as per their charge in Madison General Ordinance 3.14(6)(g)(2):

The Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motor Vehicle Commission shall consider all traffic policy matters, including but not limited to, traffic safety programs and projects, speed zones, one-way streets, traffic signals, stop and yield signs, railroad-street crossing protection, street markings, street lighting, commercial parking lot and driveway design, street access control, median breaks, traffic channelizing devices, heavy traffic routes, mass transit ways and preferential lane use, turning restrictions and limitations, parking restrictions, **geometric design and redesign of streets, transportation and traffic planning and plans, transportation impact studies, vehicle use permits and any other policy matters pertaining to the physical and operational aspects of traffic **and may in accordance with adopted criteria and standards receive and approve or deny requests for changes in these items.****

Grant Foster
3930 Anchor Dr

Hacker, Marsha

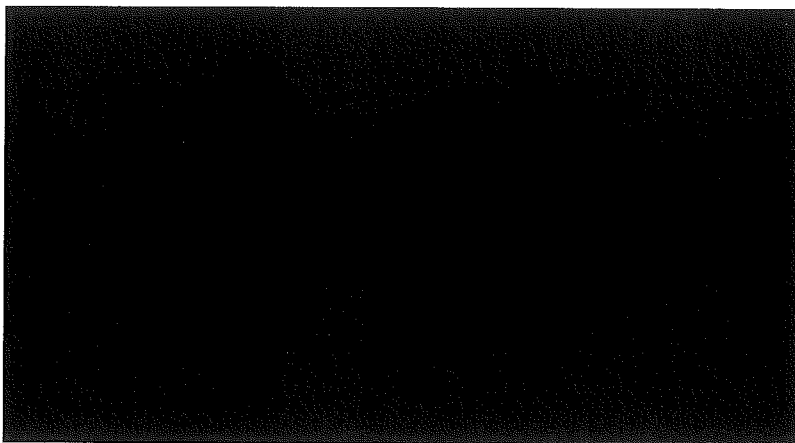
From: Jessica Becker [bikerbecker@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 10:35 AM
To: Building and construction Trades Council of South Central WI; DeMarb, Denise; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; jclausius@charter.net; debkenjohnson@charter.net; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Clear, Mark; szwalling@charter.net; Hacker, Marsha; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael; Phillips, Robert
Cc: Zellers, Ledell
Subject: Wilson Street and bike/pedestrian needs.

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, Engineering Staff and Alder Verveer,

I am an active member of the community. I bike with my kids and I bike almost everywhere I go in the city. I live downtown in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood and recently wrote an article I'd like to share:

Healthy and Happy Urban Living



Healthy and Happy Urban Living

The Cap East District is like a new city by design. We need visionary transportation solutions.

I write you now specifically about the reconstruction of West Wilson street. The current proposal misses an important opportunity and is a mistake. Do not go forward without improvements that support many modes of transportation. I urge you not to waste city money in this way.

That proposal that leaves the street as-is, without improvements to safely accommodate bikers, and people who are not using cars. This does not meet our city's goals for "flexible design." This strategy fails to look to the future of the city, nor does it build on the strengths that Madison offers. We must be visionary and not be afraid to make improvements. Now. We should be a city that does better.

I strongly oppose any option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk, as that is neither safe nor convenient for anyone. This is an old model and it doesn't work well. For anyone. We all deserve happy, healthy streets. Especially downtown, where people are coming and going from shopping, work, entertainment, restaurants, the farmers market, and spending time enjoying our lovely city.

Thank you for not wasting city money and for doing the right thing now. Take public input, look for solutions, and do not be afraid to make the move toward the future. Now.

Thank you,
Jessica Becker

Hacker, Marsha

From: Mary Ebeling [mrebeling@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Building and construction Trades Council of South Central WI; DeMarb, Denise; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; jclausius@charter.net; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Clear, Mark; szwalling@charter.net; Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael; Palm, Lawrence
Subject: West Wilson Street reconstruction

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I am also deeply disappointed with the process that got us to this sub-optimal decision point. "Public meetings" that were poorly advertised; a "public input" process that ignored public input; and a decision-making process that ignores the priorities of many of the city's long-term transportation plans and goals. This is not the quality of public involvement we should be able to expect.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Ebeling

Hacker, Marsha

From: Nathaniel Detra [ndetra@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 9:16 PM
To: Building and construction Trades Council of South Central WI; DeMarb, Denise; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; jclausius@charter.net; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Clear, Mark; szwalling@charter.net; Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael
Subject: Please Make Wilson St. Bike-Friendly
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Members of the Board of Public Works, Rob Phillips & Alder Verveer,

Please do not approve the current plan for Wilson St reconstruction. It does not provide safe transit for bicyclists. Biking on the road as it is (and is planned to be kept) is dangerous. The sidewalk is far too narrow for mixing pedestrians and bicyclists - biking there is obtrusive to pedestrians and passing is very difficult.

Please consider options that will provide a safe and unobtrusive way for bicyclists to use Wilson St.

Thank you,

Nate Detra

Hacker, Marsha

From: Brian Lavendel [blavendel@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 8:04 PM
To: Building and construction Trades Council of South Central WI; DeMarb, Denise; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; jclausius@charter.net; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Clear, Mark; szwalling@charter.net; Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael; Marsha Rummel
Subject: In favor of bike thoroughfare on Wilson Street
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I am writing in support of providing a thoroughfare for bicyclists to be included in the Wilson Street reconstruction. I can't tell you how many times I would have liked to bike down Wilson Street after shopping at the Wednesday Farmer's Market, or going to the post office or City-County Building. It's definitely a lack in our community's bike infrastructure and one that would be relatively simple to correct. (I should also mention that I often am squeezed to the right side parked cars by auto and truck traffic when I am biking west-bound on Wilson Street.)

I urge you to refer this matter to the Pedestrian/ Bicycle/ Motor Vehicle Commission for alternatives that include *real and safe* accommodations for bicycle travel on Wilson Street.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours in community,
Brian Lavendel

To free human minds to be themselves must be the most satisfying activity one can do.
--Harvey Jackins

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Hacker, Marsha

From: Elly Hall [pruntyer@gmail.com]
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Subject: West Wilson St. Reconstruction

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Good evening.

I am writing in regards to the reconstruction of West Wilson street. I am very disappointed to hear about your current proposal and strongly disagree with leaving the street as it is today. As someone who bikes and walks out of necessity because I do not own a car, I feel this proposal ignores my needs and leaves me unable to use the street. The current design is not safe; I feel like I'm putting myself at risk by using the street and have to take long detours just to avoid this roadway. Mixing walking and biking is not safe for either the pedestrian or the cyclist, and I strongly oppose this option. Furthermore, I am very concerned with the lack of transparency and sudden change of plan.

Please, I urge you to not approve the Wilson Street cross section and to instead refer item #46640 to the Pedestrian, Bicycle, Motor Vehicle Commission for a comprehensive and serious evaluation of all alternatives that include safe and comfortable bike travel on Wilson Street.

Thank you,

Elly Hall

Hoard St.

Hacker, Marsha

From: Linda Kietzer [lrkietzer@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 3:51 PM
To: Building and construction Trades Council of South Central WI; DeMarb, Denise; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; jclausius@charter.net; debkenjohnson@charter.net; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Clear, Mark; szwalling@charter.net; Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael; Rummel, Marsha
Subject: Wilson Street Plan

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Hello!

As a daily bicyclist, I would really love for the city to not rebuild Wilson street as is. Neither pedestrians nor cyclists want to share the "sidewalk." Furthermore, people moving to Madison often cite biking accessibility as a reason. It's so much better for the city to accommodate bicyclists going forward. Please do not approve the Wilson Street cross section and refer item #46640 to the Pedestrian, Bicycle, Motor Vehicle Commission for a comprehensive and serious evaluation of all alternatives that include safe and comfortable bike travel on Wilson Street.

Also, where was the public input on this thing?

Thank You.

Linda Kietzer
3202 James Street

Hacker, Marsha

From: Kate Hewson [k8hewson@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 3:32 PM
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Subject: Re West Wilson Street reconstruction plan
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Members of the Board of Public Works; dear Rob Phillips; dear Alders Verveer and Ahrens

As a regular bike commuter between Eastmorland and campus, I'm writing to let you know that I strongly oppose plans to move forward with the current proposal to reconstruct West Wilson St. That proposal would leave the street as it currently is and therefore fails to take into account the needs of people biking and walking on this important connector to downtown, both going west to east, and east to west. This is not creating a "flexible design;" this is preserving the status quo that only works well for drivers. I strongly oppose any option that mixes people walking and cycling on the sidewalk, as that is neither safe nor convenient for anyone. I am also disappointed with the decision-making process through which we have arrived at this point, and that ignores the priorities of many of the city's long-term transportation and sustainability plans and bypasses the bodies that are supposed to be in charge of making informed decision about our transportation network.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kate Hewson

3837 Dennett Drive

Hacker, Marsha

From: Rebecca Lin [lin.rebecca.k@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 10:34 AM
To: Building and construction Trades Council of South Central WI; DeMarb, Denise; jaclyn.lawton@charter.net; jclausius@charter.net; debkenjohnson@charter.net; Clear, Mark; szwalling@charter.net; Hacker, Marsha; Phillips, Robert; Petykowski, Christopher; Tao, Yang; Verveer, Michael; Ahrens, David
Subject: Wilson Street Reconstruction proposal

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Rebecca Lin