

**From:** [Paul Reith](#)  
**To:** [Finance Committee](#); [Furman, Keith](#)  
**Subject:** Median changes  
**Date:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 4:06:56 PM  
**Attachments:** [image.png](#)

---

Caution: This email was sent from an external source. Avoid unknown links and attachments.

Hi,

I'm opposed to the reduction in funding of a key aesthetic available to all as they travel through our fair city.

The E. Wash median example is a great point where just by eliminating the sliver or turf, the maintenance would be reduced in frequency - instead of removing all the perennials and adding more turf to mow.

Regardless, of this questionable choice of ceasing investment, which i think you should absolutely reconsider,

I'd be able to find time to help or captain/lead a team for adoption of a median if there's one near district 19, since these medians are aligned to Madison's image, even if the implementation of some was notably inefficient.

For the attached image, example given. the narrow strip is the turf. Of course the decorative brick border provides a notable cost to moving the boundary, which likely is a lack of foresight, but certainly, eliminating this improvement is a detraction from E Wash. Eliminate the turf and the regular mowing.

This is the implementation part that lacked fiscal consideration. simply utilizing the whole width at improvement would have eliminated mowing entirely and minimized the number of maintenance events for this median to spring and fall.

We make a monumental amount of wood mulch in Madison, which I purchase and consume yards of each year. Fall/winter/spring maintenance event for the perennial and an annual mulch isn't more expensive than mowing 2x/month - but when both are necessary, absolutely it is too expensive.

I get your point, make median management more efficient. Just go in the right direction for the city!

Stamped/colored concrete heaves, fails, and is impervious, increasing run-off and emissions. let's not do that either.

Thanks!

Paul Reith  
209 N Yellowstone DR  
Madison WI 53705  
608.616.0808

