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To: Transportation Commission of City of Madison

Re.: Agenda item #5, 70626: Final approval of roadway geometry of LMD

I am writing to express my views, feelings, and opinions regarding the LMD reconstruction project. I speak both as a member of the Friends of Lake Mendota Drive organization and as a long-time resident - since 1985 - of the Spring Harbor neighborhood.

As a member of the Friends of Lake Mendota Drive organization I support our mission statement: The Friends of Lake Mendota Drive support the development and maintenance of this precious parkway and the surrounding area in the Spring Harbor neighborhood. Our mission is to promote cross-cultural understanding of our human relationship to water across time, to provide stewardship of the land and water, and to foster community engagement in recreational and educational activities.

I raised my son in this neighborhood, he played with his friends and rode his bicycle around all its streets.

It was and continues to be my favorite area for recreational walks to enjoy its beauty. I want to do my part to ensure that the people of the future will enjoy it as well.

I was only made aware of the city's plans to reconstruct LMD a few short months ago. Reading the plan for the first time I was struck by the many omissions. Since then I have been in contact with several neighbors who are experts in the areas of Water Management, Urban Planning, and Native American history, all areas that need to be considered and then included in any plans of such magnitude.

We need a slowing down of this whole process to allow for further research and involvement of the local residents and local organizations. This will allow the neighborhood to be involved and add their skills to the city's experts. It will also produce a plan that will meet all the standards and requirements of the city, while also satisfying the mission statement of our organization to protect the environment and honor the historical significance of the area.

Respectfully submitted,

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