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RE: Russell St Reconstruction

Thank you for the presentation regarding the Russell St reconstruction project on February 17. I was very pleased to hear that the City of Madison is moving rapidly for developing policies and guidelines for the Neighborhood Shared Use (Woonerf) streets option. <https://madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=9893145&GUID=C33E1270-82A0-4DAF-B078-27546A57C50E>

I believe Russell St fits this option incredibly well including for these reasons:

- This is a dead-end street
- It's only two blocks in length
- It's a walk through for many pedestrians, bikers, lots of dog walkers
- The Schenks Corners' restaurants, bars, and other businesses are a high-destination location for many residential neighbors between this street and Lake Monona. In the other direction is the Jennifer St. Market, which draws people in that direction.
- A primary bus stop is at the end of Russell (directly on Winnebago)
- There is a sidewalk flower garden that is beautiful and well-maintained that appears to be lost in the current redesign.

It was stated this street was last resurfaced in 1966. Having this street being designed much more positively as a Woonerf-type street would actually enhance the neighborhood. The more you connect a space and a mode of transportation, the easier it is to use, and the more people will use it. If the city wants to connect its pedestrian population, building woonerfs will promote walking.

I ask that the development of policies and guidelines for Neighborhood Shared Use be quickly developed for potential application on the Russell St. reconstruction project. If this is not possible, I ask that this project (which had a resurface last occur over 50 years ago) be delayed a single year, or as needed, for the City to finish its policies and guidelines so the street can be designed to incorporate these Neighborhood Shared Use practices.

The current M&M construction project on Winnebago/Russell has *significantly* damaged the Russell St surface in front construction site and it is requested that M&M or the City temporarily fill/even out that damaged area as soon as the heavy vehicles from the M&M construction company have finished.

Sincerely,

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