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Dear Transportation Commission members: Here are my thoughts on repair/improvement of LMD and associated infrastructure. Thanks for reading my comments.

- 1. The project should result in increased greenspace and decreased road and hard surface area compared to now if at all possible.
- 2. Existing large trees should be preserved including protection of the root zones.
- 3. A narrower road should be a goal while conserving existing off- and on-street area parking need to be conserved to decrease congestion on the road. Existing driveways need to be preserved especially those less than 25' long. I wonder if the parking survey conducted by the city did not count the vehicles currently parking in areas that may be lost due to road construction (e.g. on short driveways in R.O.W. and terraces).
- 4. Sidewalks do not help runners and bikers. Walkers will still use the road crossing many times to stay distant (e.g with dogs) or move to cross streets. From the Jan 11 mtg, the survey conducted by the neighborhood showed major lack of support for sidewalks and I view them as problematic for the eastern-most stretch of the project.
- 5. Lower speed limits on major roads like University Ave push traffic to other roads like Lake Mendota Drive.

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