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To: Alder Martin & City of Madison Transportation Commission

I participated in the virtual neighborhood meeting on Feb. 17, 2022 where city staff presented options for changing parking, bike lanes and vehicle traffic on the 4700 - 4900 block of Sheboygan Ave.

I do not support any of the proposed options presented at the meeting and ask that the Commission consider a 4th option which is to make no changes to the parking and traffic patterns.

All presented proposal (Options 1, 2, 3) call for the removal of parking on the north side of Sheboygan Ave. Options 2 would remove all parking on this reach of road.

Street parking is very important for this area. There are approximately 1000 apartments on this block. Street parking is critical for the apartment businesses, residents, and visitors. Street parking is critical for delivery vehicles (Post Office, FedEx, UPS,...) and contractors. City Staff presented a parking study for 2 days last year and noted that half of the cars present were not owned by residents; to me this shows the importance of the spaces to support visitors, care givers, and contractors. The resident of Sheboygan Ave. do not have alternatives to on-street parking for many users.

The proposals offered by city staff seemed to have been developed in isolation from area wide planning for vehicle and bike traffic. To me it make little sense to make drastic changes to one single street that will set up an isolated accommodation for bikes without consideration of alternative routes and how this street fits into the larger picture. Adjacent parallel streets such as Old Middleton Road and University Ave. have dedicated bike lanes to accommodate east west traffic. South of Sheboygan Ave. is Rennebohm Park, a few hundred yards to the south, which has a dedicated multi-use path that connect Segoe Rd. to Eau Claire which are the proposed boundaries of the staff proposal.

Eliminating parking on this street will set up conflicts between bike riders use of the street and delivery vehicles, moving trucks, emergency responders, Uber & taxi, and other users. I ask the Commission to retain street parking and reject the 3 options for Sheboygan Ave presented by city staff.

Regards

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