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Greetings Chuck, Yang and Transportation Commission Members,

Thank you for your civil service and work in our community. I am a resident of the north side of Madison along with my family of 6. I work as Program Coordinator at a Community Center (Packer CLC). We have lived at Troy Gardens Co-housing on Troy Drive since it was built in September 2006.

We live two blocks from the railroad bridge that goes over Troy Drive (the Troy Tunnel) and see the daily use of this location for over a decade.

I want to express strong support and the important safety priority of re-developing this tunnel as soon as possible for this part of our city. There are many resident and organization groups giving this area attention and voicing concern and need for change of the current set up. The topic is an ongoing agenda item on the Mayor's Northside NRT even.

Here are a few observations and concerns I have as a resident:

- Just yesterday (again) I saw several youth bypassing the dark/narrow/tunnel and opting instead to pass under the railroad tunnel in the (too narrow street) in this location. This happens all the time.
- I bike to work and biking through this narrow part of Troy Drive under the tunnel always feels iffy when there is traffic (which there usually is).
- Whenever any two vehicles pass under this tunnel it is pretty tight, (and this happens often) and when city buses or other larger vehicles go through it effectively stops the oncoming traffic because of the narrowness of this passing.
- I have recorded myself going through pedestrian walking tunnel and it is often dark, dirty and feels dangerous.
- This is a fairly busy pedestrian walk-way as School and Community Center groups regularly go back and forth between Troy Gardens Programming and the Schools and Centers in the area (as well as families/kids walking too and from school each day).
- I have witnessed a number of moving/delivery trucks lose their top under the low clearance at this tunnel (I am not sure if this issue would be changed/resolved with re-development but I am just giving it attention).

I could say more, but you have already heard a lot and I appreciate your time and attention to this resident feedback.

Thanks again for your work and considering the significant safety (and secondarily aesthetic) benefit redeveloping this spot would bring.

It really could use this soon!

Respectfully,
~Justin Markofski :)