

From: [Bachmann, Christy](#)
To: [Hacker, Marsha](#)
Cc: [Rummel, Marsha](#); [Sean Cullen](#); ["Joyce Liao"](#); [Coleman, Lisa](#)
Subject: RE: Proposed relocation of bus stop and Jenifer/Ingersoll
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Marsha Hacker, please include this in the packet for the Board of Public Works members. Thanks, Christy

-----Original Message-----

From: Joyce Liao [<mailto:liao.joyce@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 10:12 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Cc: Rummel, Marsha; Sean Cullen
Subject: Proposed relocation of bus stop and Jenifer/Ingersoll

Dear Christy,

I am writing on behalf of myself and my fiancé Sean Cullen regarding the proposed relocation of the westbound bus stop at Jenifer/Ingersoll Streets. We reside at and are the homeowners of 1054 Jenifer St, directly in front of the proposed Westbound relocation site. I would like to express our profound opposition to the relocation for a number of reasons:

We purchased our home just over a year ago knowing full well that we would be on the bus route. However, had it been known that a bus stop would soon be relocated directly in front of our house we might not have moved forward with the purchase. Additionally, the price at which we purchased our home could have ended up being dramatically different. In the same vein, the presence of a new bus stop in front of our home would be detrimental on the resale value of our home should we ever choose to sell.

An additional financial implication for us would be the added expense of constructing a fence in our front yard to prevent people from lounging on our front steps while waiting for the bus. Both 1104 Jenifer St and 1051 Jenifer St (where the existing bus stops are currently located) both already have existing fences for that reason. This presents a significant financial hardship on us in addition to the looming costs associated with the upcoming Jenifer St construction/upgrades. Of note, we support the proposed upgrades to the infrastructure of Jenifer St as we view them as both necessary and appropriate. However, we do not feel the same way about the relocation of the bus stop.

Sean and I are professionals who have decided to settle down in the near East Side of Madison after spending the better part of the last decade moving all over the country. This is now our home, and in the very near future we intend to start our family here. The constant presence of busses stopping and going at our front doorstep would be highly disruptive to the immediate living environment of our children and will pose a significant safety concern to us once they become mobile and active. We also have two dogs who would be agitated by the frequent foot traffic of unfamiliar people in front of our house. Our concern is not only the stress this will cause them, but the disturbance of our neighbors resulting from the barking/agitation of our dogs. Given that our neighbors would already be dealing with the new obstruction of their driveways caused by the busses, we do not wish to add to their concerns associated with this proposed relocation.

We have been to several neighborhood meetings at which these relocations have been discussed by city officials and from what I gather, your primary concerns are the flow of traffic and the safety of bus riders when they are disembarking. I ride the bus regularly and I can say with certainty that I have never witnessed an incident in which a bus rider attempted to cross the street in front of a bus after exiting or engaged in behavior that threatens their safety, the bus's safety, or that of oncoming traffic.

In the time that we have resided here I have come to believe that Madison is a city that cares about the people who call it home. I truly hope that the city does not impose a change that no resident has supported and many residents have strongly and vocally opposed due to the blatant hardship it will

cause them. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have, or if there is anything in addition we can do to make our voices heard on this matter.

Respectfully,
Joyce Liao and Sean Cullen