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Subject: RE: Partial closure of Sherman Avenue
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Dear Commissioners:

My wife, Lynn, and I strongly support the reinstatement of the closing of Sherman Avenue between Brearly Street and Baldwin Street as it had been closed last summer. The closure was a godsend to those of us who frequently availed ourselves of the opportunity to walk in near complete freedom from Giddings Park to Tenney Park and back.

On our walks we saw many other Madisonians enjoying the freedom from traffic along the route. There have been other attempts to limit auto traffic, such as closing the entire street to auto traffic during rush hours some years ago (traffic was closed to only people living on Sherman Avenue during rush [especially, morning rush]). Sadly, this experiment failed after about a year after coming into effect.

But, a few years ago five speed bumps were installed. This has definitely reduced traffic volume and slowed traffic speeds down, but a few cars still try to “speed” their way through.

Having met with considerable success last summer, we think that reinstating the auto limitations on Sherman Avenue for that stretch this spring/summer is well warranted.

Sincerely,

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(Adjacent to Giddings Park)

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