

Fernandez, Anthony

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Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2010 2:02 PM
To: Fernandez, Anthony
Cc: Clear, Mark; Tim-Tinney Heath
Subject: Old Middleton Road Project

Dear Mr. Fernandez,

We continue to oppose the extensive reconstruction of Old Middleton Road. The removal of over 200 trees will significantly effect the property values and ambience of the neighborhood. There are precious few large overhanging street trees left in Madison. Trees, such as the large oaks, will be adversely affected by the proposed project. It is well documented in the arboricultural literature that any disturbance to the root zone of these trees kills them. While the road does need repair, we strongly propose you explore alternatives, such as:

1. Remaining within the current road bed by removing the bike lanes from the project. (There are bike lanes a block away along University Avenue). We oppose any increase in the surface area of Old Middleton Road.
2. Replacing the two proposed siltation ponds with sediment basins.
3. Consult the city arborist about construction specification that need to be included in the bids and followed in order to best protect the largest trees near or adjacent to the construction areas.

We ask that you respond to these concerns. Thank you.

Respectfully,

John and Nancy Diekelmann