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Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway, Leadership of the City of Madison Engineering Division, and Members of the Transportation Commission, Board of Public Works, and the Common Council:

As a resident of the Spring Harbor neighborhood in Madison, I respectfully submit a petition signed by 188 Spring Harbor residents who are requesting that the Lake Mendota Drive reconstruction project timetable be extended by 8-12 weeks to afford sufficient time to engage with neighborhood residents around serious environmental and cultural-historical concerns that have not been sufficiently addressed by the City of Madison.

# Petition to Mayor Rhodes-Conway and City of Madison Engineering Division, Transportation Commission, Board of Public Works, and Common Council: Slow Down LMD Reconstruction Project and Work Together with Spring Harbor Residents

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The City of Madison has decided to reconstruct 1.2 miles of Lake Mendota Drive over a 3-year period (2022-24). The project is proceeding quickly to design approval in early March by the Transportation Commission and the Board of Public Works. As of mid-February, affected residents had not had a chance to see or respond to any street designs, and the City had not yet provided any detail on whether or how they will address significant impacts on environmental, cultural, economic, and historical features of the neighborhood. Many of these concerns have still not been addressed.

As residents of the Spring Harbor Neighborhood, we ask the City of Madison to slow down its planning and approval process by eight to twelve weeks. During this time, we request that the City provide timely disclosure of the technical information and data collected by the City and work collaboratively with residents to help them understand the details of the project and address their questions and concerns before proceeding. As part of this collaboration, we request discussion on the following items:

- Direct piping of stormwater will produce more stormwater runoff and flooding to the environmentally sensitive lakeshore, which will destroy rich flora and fauna, disrupt natural ecosystems, and increase nutrients, road salt, and other contaminants to Lake Mendota;
- Loss of mature canopy trees along Lake Mendota Drive, cut down for road construction and potentially sidewalks, contribute to global warming through a heat island effect, water warming, and increased energy consumption;
- Installation of additional hardscape will inevitably lead to more road salt contamination of drinking water in Well 14, the neighborhood springs, and Lake Mendota—all of which are struggling with salinity problems due to salt being spread on hard surfaces;
- Numerous Native American effigy mounds and sacred Ho Chunk heritage may be desecrated by additional encroachment;

- Loss of aesthetics associated with the lake views and historical canopied feel of the drive -- which led to its designation as a destination of the Madison Parks and Pleasure Drive – will permanently alter the look and feel of the neighborhood;
- Loss of 3+ blocks of off-street parking, loss of driveway use in narrower sections of the road, and destruction of critical roadside home infrastructure that predates the annexation of Spring Harbor into the City will negatively affect home functionality and value;
- Establishment of a precedent for street reconstruction in Spring Harbor that, if not done thoughtfully, could result in a substantial increase in impermeable surface throughout the neighborhood and significant financial and physical hardship for many residents;
- Options for green infrastructure and their relative effectiveness for reducing stormwater runoff directly into the lake.

Given the complexity and environmental and cultural significance of Lake Mendota Drive, and the insufficient time allotted between informing residents of the scope of the project (on January 11, 2022) and the chain of project approval dates by the City that commence quickly in March 2022, we petition the City of Madison to extend the project timetable by eight to twelve weeks to allow residents time to understand the details of the project and build public input into the design and planning process. This delay will allow the City and residents of the Spring Harbor neighborhood to work together in a thoughtful and innovative planning process commensurate with the project's scope and complexity.

Please complete the form below if you support this petition, are a resident or homeowner in the Spring Harbor neighborhood, and are at least 18 years of age.

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Spring Harbor Residents who have signed this petition as of March 7, 2022:

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Amy Nickles	5458 Lake Mendota Dr
Amy Weeks	5118 Lake Mendota Dr., Madison, WI 53705
Angela Young	5532 Lake Mendota Drive
Anna Jalensky	5457 Lake Mendota Drive, Madison, WI 53705
Anna Strand	5117 Lake Mendota Drive, Madison, WI 53705

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Candy Schrank	5042ake Mendota Dr Madison Wi
Catherine Fox	5010 Risser Road Madison WI 53705
Catherine Martin	5511 LAKE MENDOTA DR
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COLLEEN MORTELL	1714 Capital Ave
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Dennis Simonson	5417 Greening Ln
Diana Lynne Hollenback	5709 Lake Mendota Drive, Madison WI 53705
Diane L Seder	5628 Lake Mendota Dr
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Janet Loewi	5642 LAKE MENDOTA DR
Jason Loewi	5505 lake mendota dr madison wi 53705
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Sara Ensign	5619 Lake Mendota Dr.
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Comments from petition signatories:

Residents have not been provided a project design to consider. Timelines have been rushed, residents have been treated as unimportant and the City acts and thinks like a monolith. The experience couldn't be worse.
We who live along Lake Mendota Drive are appalled by the way our Alder and the City have managed the project so far. Having our first chance to comment on the plan in final stages of the approval process is an unacceptable substitute for direct neighborhood involvement in the planning process. Our neighborhood has an incredible number of experts who want to help improve LMD in meaningful collaboration with the City, but we will vigorously fight further developments if we are not invited to sit at the table as the project is planned.
Instead of sidewalks, why not have a pedestrian and bike lane. I think that is needed because walking on LMD would be safer. I see no reason to install sidewalks and destroy trees
I'm down for a sidewalk-- without total reconstruction. I want to be able to swim in the lake one day, like i did as a child, and this project won't help our already polluted lake.
Plz get more input from knowledgeable Spring Harbor Residents!!!!🙏🙏🙏
Please provide this additional time requested and attempt to address residents concerns. Thank you for your consideration.
I feel it would be ok to see the city's initial plan but allow more time to obtain input from residents on a draft and incorporate that input into a final design.
We do not want to lose our car parking and sidewalk steps to our home. At 80 years old this would be a hardship let alone a safety hazard to park on the street and cross traffic with groceries in hand. We love our Park and Pleasure Dr. (Lake Mendota Dr.) please don't take this away from us.



I truly hope the city will work with the neighbors of Spring Harbor to give us adequate time to participate in this road reconstruction project that affects us all.
The entire process has been very disappointing. Things like the following have been discouraging: a) the alderperson clearly misrepresenting the views of his constituents, b) how far along plans were before even the first meeting to inform those impacted, c) the lambasting of the community members expressing their concerns by a city employee on social media, d) the city's stance that the proposal is the only option as this is what is done for every similar project when there are numerous examples of past and planned projects done differently. More clear communication as proposed in this petition as well as faithfully entertaining alternative proposals is something I think definitely needs to occur.
This project should NOT be rushed through, as it will affect so many people in the Spring Harbor Neighborhood. Our biggest concern is that adding sidewalks will destroy trees and lead to less water absorption and thus, more salt and other contaminants being dumped into an already struggling ecosystem of Lake Mendota.
The residents who pay city taxes have a right to more transparency about a major construction project like this that could affect many critical things, including property values.
100%agreement with petition. Also very concerned that LMD not become an alternate route to Univ Ave for commuters since it will be quite inviting to that if widened, sidewalked, etc.
Please slow down and listen to the Spring Harbor residents
I absolutely agree that this process has been opaque and much too fast. Slow down and listen to us and then take our input to heart. If it doesn't get done this year, so be it. No steamrolling!
This is scenic neighborhood that will be greatly altered and the historic aesthetic destroyed. Resident input needs to be considered and incorporated into city planning. I am greatly disappointed in how the planning had progressed with zero input from the residents who will be most affected.
I fully agree with the petition.
Please listen to the concerns of the residents
I attended the public meeting with the city engineers and input from the residents has been discounted entirely. This project will change the aesthetic of our historic neighborhood. It will change drastically from country lane feel to stark urban landscape. This goes directly against the original parks and pleasure drive plan for this neighborhood. We are an original legacy family in this neighborhood with my family moving here in 1937. It saddens me that this same conversation has been had with the City many times before to keep our neighborhood intact. This time however, zero input was considered from the residents. We were presented with the city's plan in draconian fashion - no listening from the engineers-only discounting every resident's comment. Even our alder will not listen to the wishes of the vast majority of the residents over his own personal agenda. Please listen to us Ms. Mayor.
We are very concerned about the possibility of losing from a third to a half of our front yard and our entire driveway if sidewalks and terraces were to be put in on our side of the 5100 block of LMD.
I definitely appreciate the city putting work into our neighborhood, but no plans have been provided to the neighborhood. It's a complex stretch that needs more time to plan.
LMD reconstruction will not provide benefit to LMR-facing properties. It will be harmful.
In addition to the above points, consideration must be made for the effigy mounds that are in the area.
The city is steamrolling this project through without any input from the families affected.
Do not cut down trees to make roads wider. Think about global warming!
I would definitely be interested in signing the petition. I am against big changes to LMD!
I heartily endorse the points addressed in this petition and trust that the city will open up the planning process to citizen input.

<p>I have lived in the Spring Harbor neighborhood for approximately 34 years on both Lake Mendota Drive and Flambeau Rd and strongly agree with every concern listed in the petition. The changes are environmentally appalling and make City of Madison so called environmental claims a joke. Our mayor's actions are the least environmental of any mayor that we have had in my 42 years of living in the city. I stand with the environment and not with its wasteful destruction.</p>
<p>We believe a more timely and transparent process is critical for this project to succeed and work for the residents.</p>
<p>Having a transparent and engaged process is critical to ensure the success of this project for both the city and importantly the residents who have to live with the results.</p>
<p>This project thus far has been very disrespectful to those who live here and pay high taxes!</p>
<p>I fully support this petition.</p>
<p>Please slow down the process so that we can be involved in this planning</p>
<p>I would much rather put up with the current road conditions (even if for years) than have the road refurbishment go through on the proposed City schedule</p>
<p>Who would benefit from this proposed project and how?</p>
<p>Better process. no sidewalks.</p>
<p>All concerns above are serious and need to be addressed. No sidewalks.</p>
<p>I would like the city to consider bike/ walk lanes painted on existing street footprint. The same way the city of Monona has treated the lake loop bike path. It has been proven that bikes, cars and pedestrians can coexist without sidewalks in the city of Monona.</p>
<p>At the very least Lake Mendota Drive reconstruction should be viewed as two separate projects. The west end where the topography is flat and the East End where it is hilly and a deep history of woodland and Ho chunk Indians had lived. Some properties east of the boat launch are on the National Historic Registry.</p>
<p>I completely support this petition and want this project slowed down and to honor the majority desires of the residents along Lake Mendota Drive.</p>
<p>The city has encroached into our property (Risser and LMD) well past the easement they are legally allowed. We want the design to consider how best to utilize our property for the beautification of LMD. (Perhaps a rain-garden triangle?)</p>
<p>This rebuild is something that will affect the neighborhood for the next 50-100 years. It doesn't matter that much of it's delayed by a year.</p>
<p>No new sidewalks! I walk here every day; we really don't need them.</p>
<p>I am in favor this petition.</p>
<p>This project is going make changes to the LMD that will last for decades, so more time should be spent making sure it is done right.</p>
<p>I support this petition</p>
<p>I would support further discussion and clarification as to what is planned for Lake Mendota Dr. It has many unique characteristics but at the same time with renovation needs to be thoroughly planned for safety, traffic, and esthetics. Thank You</p>
<p>I strongly support this petition, as the City Engineering dept. has ignored our SHNA Plan.</p>
<p>Let's take some time to talk things through so we can have a better neighborhood. Thanks.</p>
<p>I am supporting this petition.</p>

I support this petition

I am very concerned that the city is attempting to execute this plan without engaging properly with the people most immediately impacted by it. We did not ask for this project; the LEAST that the city can do is to work with us to find a tolerable solution. We must be involved in the planning, with transparency in the costs to residence, the impacts to property, the environmental impacts, and projections on how this will affect the traffic flow in our quiet community. We are a very engaged neighborhood, full of people who want Spring Harbor to be the best place to live that it can be. We have a unique perspective on how that is best achieved.

we respectfully request additional time for consideration of the complex issues raised by the reconstruction of Lake Mendota Drive. This grand old road deserves the best possible reconstruction plans in order to maintain the natural beauty, environmental considerations, and City of Madison responsibility to provide safe roadways. Thank you.

Thank you

I agree that more neighborhood involvement is needed before this project is finalized.

Please do not add sidewalks.

I agree with the statements above. Many unanswered concerns require delaying/altering this project.

I petition the City of Madison to extend the project timetable by eight to twelve weeks to allow residents time to understand the details of the project and build public input into the design and planning process. I too have questioned what all the flags and markers were up and down the street, and this should not have been a surprise to the residents, but we should have been informed up front as to what was being planned and why and what actions we would see up and down the street. Nothing has ever been communicated upfront by the City to the LMD residents until the one Zoom meeting back in January. The flags were all put in long before that w/ no info. to residents as to what was being marked on our properties and why.

Please delay the planning for a neighborhood accepted and good result

I'm 64 years old and grew up in this neighborhood and currently reside in Indian Hills. I walked to Spring Harbor School for grades K thru 6 and never once worried about the traffic as we commuted in the street day after day.

Yes, LMD has needed to be redone for years but not with sidewalks or stop signs . Peoples property along LMD do not need to be ravaged and torn apart with more retaining walls, asphalt, concrete and run-off and finally the loss of the natural beauty that IS LMD.

I feel a great opportunity for Spring Harbor and Madison is being missed.

Please allow for proper planning for this project that I personally oppose

I've lived at my present address since 1984 (almost 38 yrs.) and expect to continue living here another 10, 15 or more, god willing. I feel heavily invested and, as yet, unconsidered in the process undertaken by your Engineering Dept., apparently as do many others. I'm sorry about the timing Engineering has chosen to move forward, but invested taxpayers deserve a real voice, not a superficial one. Please slow this enough to have a meaningful, open dialogue with stakeholders.

yes, I support this petition for more time to look at potential plans

Please count me among the many residents in my neighborhood that are vehemently opposed to the road reconstruction project as currently envisioned for Lake Mendota Drive (LMD) and be advised of the hardships it will cause me with respect to safety, accessibility, and equity since I'm a blind elderly widow on a very fixed income.

Strongly support this petition, and really hope that the City of Madison will slow down the project in order for more further discussions with the Spring Harbor residents.

We have major concerns, and to keep this brief, fully support this petition. The petition is very well sourced and inclusive of everyone we know on LMD. If this section was intended for more personal comments unique to our situation please e-mail me for further dialogue.

I agreed completely with the above petition and urge the city planners to slow down and listen to us!

I live in Alderman Furman's district and have the same concerns about Crestwood as I do with the curb/sidewalk proposal concerning Indian Hills & Shorewood.

As a homeowner, I feel we need to understand how we will be affected and that the city will listen to our concerns. As a neighborhood many homeowners have similar concerns and ideas for the reconstruction of LMD and we hope the city listens.

Please extend the project timetable by eight to twelve weeks to allow residents time to understand the details of the project and build public input into the design and planning process.

I am requesting more time to consider all the options available before starting work on the Lake Mendota Drive project. There are many major impacts to the neighborhood if this project proceeds as presented and the residents have only been informed about the project a few weeks ago. We need time to understand all that is involved and we need the opportunity to give our input on what we feel is the best for our neighborhood. The environmental and aesthetic impacts are irreversible if this project goes forward as planned and more time is needed to make the best decision possible for the good of the entire neighborhood.

The project should slow down; I am opposed to sidewalks and any additional hardscape, as they will negatively effect the environment and the beauty of the area.

I'm opposed to sidewalks...they would seriously effect the nature of drive.

I support this petition.

We need to be even more forward thinking in terms of environmental protection. In addition, we need to be aware of potential redevelopment of the western UW Campus properties (soccer field, Eagle Heights) which may impact traffic on Lake Mendota Drive.

I am against the proposed changes to Lake Mendota Drive because I feel the possible benefits to very few of Madison residents do not outweigh the significant environmental, natural beauty, water run-off and Native American historical negative impacts that this project will produce.

Please allow for community input.

It is long past time for the City's blind engineering department to come to understand the need to yield its concrete bias to the importance of retaining neighborhood character, especially as more important than moving commuter traffic faster, which is self-defeating hopeless task inasmuch as such efforts only lead to encouraging more suburbanization.

Environmental considerations have not been completed; the flow of water and salt into Lake Mendota have not been addressed; the unique topography, trees, Indian mounds, and slope of properties are being ignored in discussions. We need to have more planning especially in the area east of Spring Harbor. Our alderman is not addressing the concerns of his constituents.

We are concerned about the sensitive water quality issues in this watershed which already has Well 14 with the highest salinity level in the city. Water will flow even more quickly with the proposed city plan into Lake Mendota. Topography along this unique street makes sidewalks undesirable. This is a mature neighborhood area with water concerns, Native American history and varying topography. I have lived on this street since 1994 and walk it twice daily with no safety concerns aside from a few drivers who drive too fast. We support the city in traffic calming, tree protection and sidewalks on the school and park block which already have some incomplete sidewalks. I also support the shallow curb and gutter that the city has included in the plan which will match up to Lake Mendota Drive in Shorewood Hills. Please slow this process down and respect the neighborhood concerns. We do want to work with you but not in a rushed manner.

More time to review plan is necessary.

We do NOT want sidewalks along Lake Mendota Dr.
Please listen to the residents of this area. It is imperative to work towards a more collaborative solution to the reconstruction of our street.
I support the issues outlined in this petition
No to sidewalks on Lake Mendota Dr! Save the environment and the history of the area!
The project should slow down, and the city should work with Spring Harbor residents.
No sidewalks
No sidewalks. Please slow down the process
Resident of Spring Harbor, on Lake Mendota Drive. Petition to extend project timetable and an opportunity for City of Madison to collaborate with residents. Please respect the integrity of this historic neighborhood.
I strongly support the petition
I am in strong support of the points made in this petition.
This project has the potential to totally change the ambiance and feel of the Spring Harbor neighborhood which is why many of us chose to live here. Narrowing the Drive without adequate traffic slowing could result in more accidents among autos and with bicycles. The city should focus on what needs to be fixed which is the improvement of the storm sewers, the waste sewers, and the resurfacing of the roadway.
I support the petition
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Please extend the timeframe of the project.
I am in support of this petition regarding LMD.
<p>Most of our neighborhood supports the idea of resurfacing/repairing Lake Mendota Drive and improving/replacing the storm and sanitary sewer systems. However, most of the neighborhood chose to live in this neighborhood rather than Maple Bluff, the Tenney Park neighborhood and other areas having Lake Mendota access because of the "country feel of the neighborhood. Unfortunately, the current plan, with its sidewalks and the narrowing of the road, will have the following negative impacts:</p> <p>a. It will destroy the country like atmosphere of the road and surrounding area and make it seem more like being on a boulevard.</p> <p>b. It will make walking a dog much more difficult. Right now a great number of people walk their dogs along Lake Mendota Drive. Many more than did so in the two other Madison neighborhoods in which I have lived. By walking in the street, people are able to easily keep their dogs away from people who would prefer to avoid them and to keep them away from other dog with whom they may act aggressively. If dog walkers stay on the sidewalks, there will be more instances of unwanted confrontations. If they instead use the street, they will defeat the purpose of the sidewalks and further endanger themselves and slow traffic because they will be walking in narrowed streets.</p> <p>c. It will make maneuvering boats much more difficult. Many people living on or near Lake Mendota Drive own boats and store them, from time to time, in their driveways or elsewhere on their property. Thus, at certain times of the year, there is significant boat traffic. Unfortunately, the narrowing of the street will make it substantially more difficult to back boats into driveways or pull them out. It will also make it more difficult to maneuver a boat down the road or to make turns onto connecting streets.</p> <p>d. People with disabilities may find it more difficult to get around on the proposed sidewalks than they would on the road. Straight and level sidewalks may be better for persons with certain disabilities, but it</p>

would destroy the uniqueness of the neighborhood, destroy existing plants, and make it just another cookie cutter neighborhood on the far west side of Madison. However, while the proposed sidewalk would better maintain the feel of the neighborhood and better preserve local vegetation, for people who are blind, have arthritis, or have certain other disabilities, a sidewalk which curves around vegetation and changes elevation to follow the contour of the land would be far more dangerous than walking in a level pedestrian lane on the street itself or on the street without a marked pedestrian lane. (On a personal note, I have newly developing arthritis and would have to walk in the street rather than on the sidewalk to avoid pain. ) The street, as it is proposed to be narrowed, would be more dangerous than it presently is.

e. Wildlife would be interfered with. Presently, there are rabbits, fox, raccoons, ducks, river otters, mink and other animals which routinely traverse Lake Mendota Drive. Any changes which alter the country-like setting, will disrupt their natural habitat and alter the paths they ordinarily travel.

Essentially, the proposed plan will disrupt the entire feel of the neighborhood, is generally not wanted by the people actually living in the neighborhood, and will be far more costly for both the City and the people living along Lake Mendota Drive than is necessary. Resurfacing, repairing, and grading the road, as well as improving/replacing the storm and sanitary sewer systems are all desirable. The rest of the plan is unnecessary and a waste of taxpayer dollars. The funds would be better spent improving other roads and adding more bicycle paths, as that would benefit more people and make some of Madison's unsafe streets, safer for people on bikes.

Leave mendota drive as it is

I support the above petition

Request that you, the city of Madison does not damage the environment and character of Lake Mendota Drive. I have lived on Lake Mendota Drive and in Indian Hills for over 35 years and desire to see its current neighborhood environment saved from unnecessary destruction. It already is a most walkable of neighborhoods as it. All of us neighbors are out walking and enjoying the additional nature, flora and fauna that not having sidewalks provides. Our walking neighbors include virtually all of us including those in their 80's and down to young families with children.

As a Resident of Indian Hills and a daily of walker of Lake Mendota Drive I request a delay until further neighborhood involvement.

I ask that the City of Madison to slow down its planning and approval process by eight to twelve weeks.