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We feel very strongly that the mayor, the plan commission, and the city council are taking Madison in the wrong direction. We wish to register our opposition as homeowners and taxpayers in this city for over 45 years.

1. The Rapid Bus System is all wrong for Madison, and putting the new bus stop stations in the middle of roads is a recipe for disaster. Someone, or maybe many someones, are going to be hit, maimed, and/or killed. And, with bus ridership waning, the tax- payers are going to foot the bill for this poorly conceived system.
2. Rezoning our city neighborhoods makes absolutely no sense. It will effectively destroy neighborhood charms and decrease property values. There is empty land within the city boundaries where apartment complexes can be built without disruption to our neighborhoods with unsightly buildings, more traffic, and more noise.
3. Increasing the rates for downtown parking is absurd. The downtown is already struggling to survive. If parking rates increase, patronage of downtown businesses will decrease and Madison will be among the many cities in the U.S. with abandoned, insightly city centers.

Please listen to the people of Madison and think very carefully about what you are doing.

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