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PBMV Commission and others;

I write to alert you to the scarcity of designated motorcycle parking in Madison, and worse, the rapid disappearance of at least 6 metered spaces in downtown Madison since the beginning of the year.

N Pinckney, one small triangular space, eliminated at the request of the Childrens' Museum, another in the same block eliminated by construction vehicles.

Langdon Street, four metered spaces eliminated in order to create one non metered bus parking space in front of the Old Red Gym. Done at the request of the UW? If the city does not need meter money, I'll stop plugging meters when I park.

In addition, the UW has eliminated over twenty spaces (Science Hall, Eliz Waters, Home Ec).

The trend seems to be to block these parking spaces during construction, then when the construction barriers come down, the motorcycle spaces are gone.

There is also no enforcement of car parking in motorcycle places; for example, on Langdon at Park and East Wash at the Square. There are frequently delivery trucks, autos and even US Post Office vehicles in these spaces, without paying at the meters, but there is no parking enforcement.

I know, because I call Parking Enforcement (sic) weekly to report these violators.

I hope at some future meeting, the PBMV Commission could at least announce its interest in preserving designated motorcycle parking, if not including it in all future traffic construction projects.

Yours,
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