

# Public Hearing Feedback Summary

## Monona Service & Service Equity Analysis

**Wednesday, July 31, 2024**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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I'm very excited about the new Monona route. This will absolutely help me get to work and around town. Thank you!

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I am writing in strong support of adding Monona to Madison Metro. I live on the border of Madison and Monona, and it is so frustrating that I can't take Madison metro to places so close to home, but technically in Monona. I think that this will open up a lot of opportunities for people who travel between Monona and Madison to live and work.

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I would LOVE it if I could take the bus to the Monona Senior Center, shops around Broadway, and all along Monona Drive. I live in the East Morland neighborhood.

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I fully support extending the 38 route and Metro paratransit into Monona. I also fully support increased stops for the G and L lines along Monona Drive. I am a Madison resident and was a Monona resident raising my daughter in Monona. I rode the Madison Metro "Monona" bus long ago and the Monona Express more recently. Although I thoroughly enjoyed the Monona Express when riding, the Madison Metro "Monona" (I want to say it was the "6") bus provided superior service because it ran more often. It is also unfortunate that Madison paratransit riders cannot get into Monona.

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I'm a resident of Monona. I support the partnership between Monona and Madison. Monona

residents because I see just how underserved people of modest means are when it comes public transportation on Femrite Dr. I hope Monona and Madison follow through by March 2025.

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I am writing to you to express my concerns about the placement of the bus stops for my residents at Monona Meadows. As you know, Monona Meadows is an independent living facility for seniors and those individuals with disabilities. The apartment building is home to approximately 75 residents. Knowing this transition will be difficult for many residents and seeing the location of the bus stops that my residents are to access, is far from ideal. You are expecting the Monona Meadows residents to either walk up the hill to the Monona Drive bus stop or walk several blocks down to the Edna Taylor bus stop. It seems the other senior living facilities (Heritage and Monona Hills) have bus stops more conducive to their population. How about accessing a bus stop on the corner of Roselawn Ave and Femrite Dr for easier access? While the hill may not seem that big to some, it is to seniors and those with disabilities. Have you thought about the winter months when it's slippery and covered in snow? While I do know many of my residents will probably be approved for Paratransit, many of them will not. I urge you to rethink the accessibility of the bus stops for my seniors. We need to remember to take care of our seniors and Monona has always done that. We just ask that you remember our seniors at Monona Meadows.

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I am new to this proposal, but I don't really understand how this is a good idea. The bus taking a detour from Monona drive down Owen and up pheasant hill to Nichols and then on to Winnequah feels absurd.

Except the apartments that are already adjacent to Monona dr (which I live right next to), this bus route goes exclusively through residential single-family homes, and extends into what I consider to be the "Gold Coast" of Monona. I'm sure there is some economic diversity there, but this is a class that is well endowed with car transportation and, in my imagination, would almost never use the bus.

More problematic, none of our streets have sidewalks. I bike with my young kids and walk my dogs all the time on the street, and it's scary enough with cars and trucks. Adding a huge loud bus every hour would only decrease childhood safety and access to intra-neighborhood mobility.

A bus down Broadway or Monona drive is all good and would serve the lowest income areas that more rely on public transportation, and I'd fully support that. Even a bus that connects as non-invasively as possible to the pool and dream park on Nichols - sure, as Nichols has sidewalks. We just spent a bunch of money to make Winnequah rd near Frost Woods Rd more pedestrian/kids friendly last year. That's a worthy investment. Make our streets more bike and pedestrian friendly, give bus access along high density corridors and to low-income neighborhoods. I don't really see this plan accomplishing either.