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Mike, please find attached Bike Fitchburg's positions on the south BRT route and design. These were adopted unanimously by the board of directors at Bike Fitchburg's regular monthly meeting on 11/27/2023.

As you can see, Bike Fitchburg is concerned that BRT coming to Fish Hatchery Rd south of Greenway Cross could make conditions less safe and more stressful for people on bikes if a center-running design is used and the roadway is not widened to provide conventional (30 mph north of Post Rd) and buffered (40 mph south of Post Rd) bike lanes on the street.

If the curbs are not to be moved, we see the only feasible solution is a side-running design with a lane shared by buses, bikes, and right turns.

To the extent that the same conditions exist on S Park St (35' curb-to-curb and no widening), we have the same recommendations for S Park St.

I have sent a hard copy with a comment form to Metro Transit, but thought that having the soft-copy PDF might also be convenient. The Fitchburg Transportation and Transit Commission will review this input at its meeting on 12/14. With a copy of this message, I am sharing our positions with Madison Bikes, members of Madison's Transportation Commission, a representative of the Greater Madison MPO, and a representative of the Wisconsin Bike Fed.

Do not hesitate to contact me if there are questions on our positions or you would like to float additional ideas. Bike Fitchburg looks forward to engaging with Metro throughout the design and construction process!

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