



Robert F. Phillips
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Room 115
Madison, WI 53703

October 12, 2010

Dear Mr. Phillips,

The East Isthmus Neighborhoods Planning Council (EINPC), a coalition of 11 neighborhood association along the East Isthmus, supports delaying the Williamson Street reconstruction project currently scheduled to begin in the spring of 2011 until 2012.

EINPC recognizes and supports the need for reconstruction of Williamson Street, however given the announcement of High Speed Rail (HSR) coming into this area and with many unknowns about how High Speed Rail will impact Williamson Street, neighbors, and the surrounding area we strongly encourage the City of Madison to hold off reconstruction until 2012.

High Speed Rail will bring fences, possible street closures and the reconstruction of the Williamson and Blair intersection. Without knowing how HSR will impact the Williamson Street neighborhood more time is needed to develop a comprehensive plan that addresses the impact of HSR (possible road closures) before starting reconstruction on Williamson St in 2011.

If reconstruction is to take place in 2011 and WisDOT announcing reconstruction of Williamson and Blair intersection possibly in 2012, businesses and residents will have to endure two years of road construction. By delaying the project local businesses and residents would endure only one year of road construction. On an economic level much of the cost associated with the Williamson and Blair intersection reconstruction will be paid for by WisDOT.

The EINPC hope that with additional time for consideration of options will allow for a reconstruction of Williamson Street that meets the growing needs of Madison and this neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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EINPC, Executive Director

cc: Mayor Dave Cieslewicz, Alder Rummel, Marquette Neighborhood Association,

Greater Williamson Area Business Association, David Dryer, Traffic Engineering Dept.

EAST ISTHMUS NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COUNCIL
Uniting and Strengthening East Isthmus Neighborhoods

A coalition of Carpenter-Ridgeway, Eastmorland, Eken Park, Emerson East, Hawthorne, Marquette, Schenk-Atwood-Starkweather-Yahara, Mayfair Park, Tenney-Lapham, Truax, and Worthington Park Neighborhood Associations; At-Large Community Members; and East Isthmus Business Members.

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