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Subject: Fwd: Repairing your broken campaign promise

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I have sent this message to each Alder individually. I have also been advised to send it to this EM address in order to have it entered into the record for the March 29 meeting that will be considering a motion addressed in my letter. Thank you.

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Mr. Furman,

I voted for you in the last municipal election because you said during the campaign (<https://www.wortfm.org/join-us-district-19-debate-friday-at-5pm/>), “I work hard every day to connect people with resources and learn as much as I can about the options before Council so that I can best represent my neighbors...the issues that I emphasize are the priorities that I hear directly from District 19 residents.” The way you are handling the upgrade to Lake Mendota Drive completely contradicts this promise you made as a candidate. You are not representing hundreds of Spring Harbor residents who have spoken out against your pet project, and you are actively working against neighbors' efforts to publicize options to it.

You did not even inform us about the project until a few days before the first public information presentation on January 11. Your excuse was that nothing had really been done on the project, but subsequent comments from the Mayor, City engineers, and surveyors prove that work had been underway for months. When called to task for this deception, you urged us to wait until we saw the proposal in hopes that we would like it. Well, hundreds of us did not like what we saw on January 11. We immediately asked for a delay so that we could become meaningfully involved in the planning process, but you have done absolutely nothing to delay and revise the plan based on what you heard from your constituents.

In spite of your efforts to suppress our input, dozens of Spring Harbor residents—including top-flight experts in key project areas—worked with the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association to develop a proposal in accord with City policy. Hundreds of volunteer hours went into preparing this report over a period of two weeks—but you have consistently thwarted official consideration of its well-documented alternatives on the grounds that the City cannot modify existing policies to reflect unique attributes of Lake Mendota Drive. Your one-size-fits-all, my-way-or-the-highway approach is offensive because exceptions have been made on similar projects in other districts where Alders actually work with their constituents.

Perhaps most offensively, however, you personally had a City employee remove front-yard signs that promoted taking the time to do this project comprehensively and collaboratively. Your petty action was clearly designed to silence dissent. Elected officials may do this in Hoboken (the city where you got involved in politics, you said on WORT), but it is conduct unbecoming an elected official in Madison. Given the promise you made as a candidate, you have an ethical obligation to inform the Common Council on March 29 that your motion, "Approving roadway geometry for the reconstruction of Lake Mendota Drive from Baker Ave. to the City of Madison Limits," is strenuously opposed by a large number of constituents who are eager to help the City develop a plan that improves the environment, climate, and public health—goals not adequately addressed in the current plan. Please practice what you preached when you ran for the privilege of representing us, or resign.

Jeff Bauer

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Subject: Lake Mendota Drive

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Dear Council Members,

On Tuesday you will be introduced to the roadway geometry for reconstruction of Lake Mendota Drive.

I am only one out of almost 200 residents who have indicated their concern regarding the Lake Mendota Drive project, about the speed of this project and the lack of bringing a long and established neighborhood into the discussion before plans were pretty much put in

concrete. There are tremendous concerns about Well#14 (already in bad shape from the growth of the city and salting out in this region). This well affects not only Spring Harbor but quite a few other neighborhoods draw from it. We are very concerned about pumping more debris and salt into Lake Mendota which is already suffering. It is one of the main treasures of the city of Madison. We are very concerned about the environment. We have an incredible talent of people who live in this neighborhood who have taken hundreds of hours to study this and put forth ideas – once we were finally told of this project – but it seems to fall on deaf ears. I feel our Alder had not represented our feelings at all (I thought it was his job to stick up for his constituents, maybe I'm wrong). Madison was once a very progressive city. It's why I've lived here for the last 50 years, but I'm starting to wonder. I wish the council would truly look at what progressive ideas our neighborhood has drawn up with regard to this area – worrying about clean water and also the historical nature of this area. LMD goes right through the heart of Ho-Chunk history with the many mounds and the natural springs. We, the residents, love this neighborhood and understand how it works. We would love to have the council talk to us and slow this project down and make it something truly representative of our City. I will leave with a final example of how the planners do not know our neighborhood referencing the latest change below. At the last meeting, a suggestion came up to just move a whole stretch of sidewalk from the south side of the street to the north. Did anyone consult with the residents along that stretch. To begin with, none of us believe sidewalk is necessary, but if the city is forcing the issue – at least talk to those most affected. Do you realize how close the houses on the north are to the street (we have odd lots as we were formally the Town of Madison). Do you realize how many driveways (always a danger) this sidewalk is going to cross flipping it across the street. At one of the meetings, it was mentioned that this was building for the future – I guess no one really cares about the people who have been the heart and soul of this neighborhood for decades, spending hours of volunteer time caring for its greenspaces.

Thank you for listening,

Alice Erickson
5109 Spring Ct

From the city web site:

How does the updated plan differ from what was presented on 2/24

Was able to fit sidewalk along north side from Spring Ct. to Risser – sidewalk stays within existing pavement edge on that side

- *Now have continuous sidewalk along the north side*

-----Original Message-----

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Subject: Lake Mendota Drive

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am one of many neighbors who is concerned about the Lake Mendota Drive resurfacing project. While I believe that all of us in this neighborhood agree that Lake Mendota Drive needs to be resurfaced, over 200 of us in Spring Harbor do not agree with the plan that the city is proposing.

This is a lake neighborhood. We're not all rich people grabbing up land and putting up mega homes on the lake so we can have easy access to the lake with our boats. Most of us are living in moderately priced homes and many are on fixed incomes.

Many of us are walking Lake Mendota Drive on a daily basis. My husband and I have been walking our rescue dog for over two years twice a day on LMD. We have never felt unsafe. If a car approaches us, the driver usually moves over toward the middle of the road to give us space. If one car is approaching from one direction and another car from the opposite direction, the driver of one car will usually stop to let the other car pass so neither comes too close to us walkers. There has never been a fatality on LMD. We have never felt compromised by the lack of sidewalks.

Lake Mendota Drive is not a route you would take to get to the grocery store. There are no commercial businesses along LMD. Residences line both sides of the LMD and many of them have been there for years. Our house was built in 1957, but many homes along the drive are much older.

Huge old trees line LMD on both sides. Current plans call for cutting down many of these trees and those that aren't cut down will probably have serious root damage that will kill the tree within a few years. We have a 100 foot pine tree in our front yard that the city has said they will not cut down, but digging out a space to put a sidewalk around it will definitely damage the roots.

The mounds and spring that are part of our neighborhood are taken care of and respected by those of us who live in this neighborhood. They are an important part of Madison's history.

Lake Mendota itself is in bad shape caused in part because of the water runoff going directly into the lake from this neighborhood and other streets and neighborhoods in this area. What the city is proposing now will only add to the crud going into the lake

Our water comes from Well 14 which is compromised with salt. All of us who have that water coming into our homes are at risk for health problems. Adding more salt because you've added sidewalks to Lake Mendota Drive is a huge step backward in your obligation to citizens to provide them safe drinking water.

Our alderman, who was elected to represent us, has only been dismissive in addressing our concerns. He talks about "equity" and "accessibility" as if they are the only things to be considered in this resurfacing project. They are not!

Please vote against this project so that those of us directly involved can help the city come up with a solution.

Thank you.
Elizabeth Bauer

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Subject: Re: Repairing your broken campaign promise

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I read your recent blog post with great interest, Keith, and feel compelled to speak up. A few reactions:

1. Your approach to gathering input from your constituents about this project has been passive at best and lazy at worst. An initial blog post about the project, put up after contracted surveyors were already in the neighborhood and residents were having to ask them questions about the project, is not the way good communication starts. It has only gotten worse from there.
2. There are many residents in the neighborhood who will not communicate directly with you because they feel bullied and intimidated. I find that infuriating and heartbreaking, given that

you are our representative to the City and hold a position of power and influence. Trying to intimidate residents by reporting their yard signs to the City is another example of this kind of behavior. And if Council members would like examples of the tenor of our alder's communications with residents, please do let me know.

3. Keith, you have deliberately tried to paint a negative picture of residents who express legitimate concerns about the environmental impacts of this project and about the need for specific infrastructure elements. Your behavior at the 1/12/22 Transportation Commission meeting was underhanded and deceptive. You certainly broke my trust in that meeting, and I know that wasn't the case for many others.

4. The only entity that has bothered to systematically gather information from neighborhood residents about the LMD project is the Planning and Development Committee of the SHNA. Importantly, that effort included questions that were specific to those with mobility limitations, those age 70 and over, and those with younger children. Neither you nor anyone from the City attempted to systematically gather information from these groups or the residents in general, instead presuming what these groups wanted and needed. The clear majority of people in the first two groups do not want sidewalks at all, and among those with young children, half don't want them but another 16% aren't sure. Among those with mobility limitations, 2/3 do not want sidewalks at all, and the rest, excepting one individual, want them on just one side. Fewer than 10% of now 211 survey respondents report wanting sidewalks on both sides. It should be a no-brainer to drop sidewalks on both sides given this level of opposition. Residents have repeatedly stressed that they want to minimize sidewalk installation and there is more room to do this, but the City, and you, are not listening.

5. The City has prioritized, instead, input collected from residents City-wide, using questions that were unrelated to any particular context, and framed without any reference to environmental impact. It turns out, the very people you (and the City) claim to care about with respect to access, equity and safety, hold multiple values at once and the environment definitely rises to the top. To presume that you and the City know what's best for them is the worst kind of paternalism and it marginalizes their voices. We have heard justifications from the City for ignoring these voices—one in particular is especially problematic: the City is building for future residents. This is a nifty way to disenfranchise today's voters, and ostensibly an argument that could be used to justify any decision the City wants to make, regardless of what current residents think.

6. Less than a few weeks ago, City staff admitted that no one had yet reached out to the Ho Chunk Nation to gather input about the LMD Project. In your blog post you state that this has now occurred, no doubt because concerned residents strenuously urged for the City to do just that, and not wait until the 11th hour to do a perfunctory ask. (Which is now the case).

7. You state that 15 trees will be removed. At the first public hearing in January, when asked how many trees would be removed, City staff could only say that they didn't know but it would be "a lot". Then it was 40 trees, according to the initial geometric plan. Now it is apparently 15—again, no doubt precisely because of the intense pushback on tree removal that the City has received. Yet you claim that residents have spread "disinformation" about the large number of trees being removed. How disingenuous. Residents have always used answers and numbers provided directly from City staff. This also illustrates one of the reasons

residents have found this whole process to be opaque and confusing. You have done next to nothing to counteract this and in fact have made things so much worse by being dismissive of residents. The fact that you felt compelled to write a treatise addressing “misinformation” on your blog demonstrates how poor your communication has been with the neighborhood. Had we had good communication from you all along and a collaborative alder doing his best to represent his constituents, this would likely have been unnecessary.

8. Lake Mendota is experiencing a death by 1,000 cuts, as is Well 14. You dismiss concerns about the increase in salt use that will inevitably result from the installation of sidewalks—there is no way around this, as residents can’t be forced to forgo salt use and they will worry about liability, just as the City does when it refuses to reduce salt on so many of its roads. You claim that LMD “is not a large contributing factor to salt in Well 14”. This is just one example of what we are talking about. The cumulative decisions the City is making that are contributing to increased contamination in the lake and the well will continue the degradation of these important resources. Residents of Spring Harbor heard from City staff in a recent meeting that the contamination is getting worse. Yet, the City is not going to address these environmental concerns because they “are not required to for this project,” and because they are “short-staffed”. Neither are good reasons to ignore the problems we face with the lake and the well.

9. Residents who feel unsafe on LMD have also completed the survey by the neighborhood and what concerns the vast majority of them is the speed of traffic, not the lack of sidewalks. Almost everyone is in agreement that speed calming mechanisms would be good to have, especially after replacing the rough road which currently functions as a speed calming mechanism.

10. Residents have put forward progressive strategies for dealing with the LMD project that incorporate not only access, equity and safety but also the reversal of adverse environmental impacts. These are legitimate, research-based strategies that other progressive cities in the U.S. are adopting. The City would rather stick to a timeline than consider such proposals. What a lost opportunity to do something amazing that works for everyone.

11. Finally, I would just say that 200 residents is not a trivial number. When 200 residents sign a petition (separate from the neighborhood survey, which had over 200 respondents) and are telling you and the City that the process guiding this project has been awful and that they do not feel heard, that is due to poor leadership. 200 people don’t just coincidentally feel unheard. You take no responsibility for this. If it were me in your position, I would be humbled by the amount of dissatisfaction and mistrust toward me held by my constituents, and I would own my part and work to fix it. I have to imagine that this is what most of the other Common Council members would do, as well. That you have not done this speaks volumes about you as a leader. I have attended a number of TC meetings at this point and I have witnessed how other alders have worked collaboratively with their constituents to come up with a final plan that works for as many people as possible. Their leadership stood out because it is the complete opposite of what we have in District 19.

You are on the Board of Public Works and the Common Council. With everything you have done to neglect your duty as the City’s representative to Spring Harbor, you should recuse yourself from voting on this project in all future decision points.

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Subject: Re: Response to Keith Furman's 3/28 blog post

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Kristen thanks for your great letter. I agree with all you say except to say your characterization is far to kind. Thank for your efforts.

King Aymond

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Two quick points:

- I don't believe Alder Furman is representing us as **he targeted our efforts to get the word out** to the others in the neighborhood. We put up quite a few yard signs (Save Lake Mendota Drive) with a QR code to lead neighbors to information. These signs were targeted by Ald Furman and they were tagged and moved. I know they were targeted (PLEASE see the attached which one of our neighbors was able to get thru open records). My neighbor directly across the street (NO -F35) sign was not touched. Neither were many "Clean Lakes", etc. Signs of all kinds have been in the neighborhood for years and never an issue. This is a VERY PETTY action by a public official.

- Ald Furman’s blog states: “I’ve been discussing this project with neighbors and the neighborhood **for many years**”. In reality it took most of us by surprise, which is part of why we’re so upset, having the first public meeting only this past Jan.

Alice Erickson
Spring Ct

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SIGN INFORMATION

Type of Problem: Sign in Right of Way
Location Type: Address
House No. or Hundred Block: 5442
On Street Location: Lake Mendota Drive
Description of violation: Lawn sign in right of way
Should we contact you with questions? Yes
Image: [View Image](#)

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Type of Problem: Sign in Right of Way

Location Type: Address

House No. or Hundred Block: 5601

On Street Location: Capital Ave

Description of violation: Lawn Sides on Lake Mendota Drive in Right of Way

Should we contact you with questions? Yes

From: [Furman, Keith](#)
To: [Birat](#)
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Location Type: Address
House No. or Hundred Block: 5620
On Street Location: Lake Mendota Drive
Nearest Cross Street: Near Capital
Description of violation: Sign in Right of Way
Should we contact you with questions? Yes
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From: [Furman, Keith](#)
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Location Type: Address
House No. or Hundred Block: 5646
On Street Location: Lake Mendota Drive
Description of violation: Sign in Right of Way
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Location Type: Address
House No. or Hundred Block: 5517
On Street Location: Lake Mendota Drive
Description of violation: Sign in Right of Way
Should we contact you with questions? Yes
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Location Type: Address
House No. or Hundred Block: 5516
On Street Location: Lake Mendota Drive
Description of violation: Sign in Right of Way
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SIGN INFORMATION

Type of Problem: Sign in Right of Way
Location Type: Address
House No. or Hundred Block: 5457
On Street Location: Lake Mendota Drive
Description of violation: Sign in Right of Way
Should we contact you with questions? Yes
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SIGN INFORMATION

Type of Problem: Sign in Right of Way
Location Type: Address
House No. or Hundred Block: 5127
On Street Location: Lake Mendota Drive
Description of violation: Sign in Right of Way
Should we contact you with questions? Yes
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From: [Furman, Keith](#)
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SIGN INFORMATION

Type of Problem: Sign in Right of Way
Location Type: Address
House No. or Hundred Block: 5101
On Street Location: Lake Mendota Drive
Nearest Cross Street: Risser Rd
Description of violation: Sign in Right of Way
Should we contact you with questions? Yes
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Location Type: Address

House No. or Hundred Block: 5013

On Street Location: Lake Mendota Drive

Nearest Cross Street: Risser Rd

Description of violation: Sign in Right of Way

Should we contact you with questions? Yes

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Location Type: Address

House No. or Hundred Block: 5156 On

Street Location: Spring Ct

Description of violation: Sign in Right of Way

Should we contact you with questions? Yes

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Subject: RE: Response to Keith Furman's 3/28 blog post

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Dear Mayor, Alder Furman and City officials and City staff:

Thank you to my neighbors for skillfully pointing out these issues.

I'd like to highlight some very important (and disturbing) points they already mentioned because they should be noted by all.

In addition to the very real and imminent concerns about the proposed plan, Alder Furman has repeatedly lied about informing the neighborhood, and has attempted to shut down active

discussion and other input into the project, and it should be widely known that he went out of his way to use City staffers to remove or relocate the signs that neighbors had placed in their yards. That is pretty unbelievable. We'd like Alder Furman to comment on the sign-removal/relocation issue.

We are asking that you slow this project down at least a year so that neighbors can provide real input, compromise, and incorporate up-to-date, progressive strategies for managing the environmental concerns and the character of the neighborhood.

Please listen to us. Together we can make this plan better.

Peggy Scallon

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Subject: Re: Repairing your broken campaign promise

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Alder Keith,

I just read your blog post and did not find any evidence of "emphasizing priorities you hear directly from District 19 residents," as you promised when running for office. To the contrary, your message below states that clarifications on the blog summarize *your position*—a direct admission you are doing what *you* want. You do not respect public input from hundreds of constituents who have other views, which raises serious questions about your ability to serve as an Alder.

[https://www.cityofmadison.com/council/documents/Alder%20Role%20Brochure%202012\(4\).pdf](https://www.cityofmadison.com/council/documents/Alder%20Role%20Brochure%202012(4).pdf)

To make matters worse, you imply that constituents with opposing views do not care about equity, accessibility, and safety. This is totally wrong and unfair, even insulting. If you would carefully read the voluminous public comments we have sent to you and the City over the past two months, you will find an intense focus on protecting the environment and combatting climate change for the entire Madison area. You seem hellbent on preventing hypothetical pedestrian accidents and providing sidewalks to local stores that don't exist. We want the LMD project to promote equal access to safe drinking water, a healthy lake, surroundings of natural beauty, and honored sites of Native heritage.

There are no historical data suggesting that pedestrians are likely to be killed while walking on LMD, but there are lots of scientific data predicting that hundreds of people will die from drinking Well 14 water. Really, Keith, how should the City spend its limited resources on this project for the benefit of all? How about using the money for modern traffic management and resource conservation practices, all engineered into a shared-use street? Do a benefit-cost analysis from social and economic perspectives; the answer is a no-brainer.

I have lived 75 years in seven states, a dozen cities, and four countries. I have never found a more socially and environmentally concerned citizenry than residents of Spring Harbor. If you are looking for equity, access and safety, you will find them abundantly in every proposal we have submitted. We truly believe that LMD renovation offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the City of Madison to join other local organizations in recognizing that environment and climate are critical foundations of social justice for the future.

<https://earthday.nelson.wisc.edu>

<https://www.instagram.com/onewatermadison/>

<https://www.wisconsinacademy.org/climate-fast-forward-2022>

Your focus on sidewalks is so 20th century. Our difference of perspectives on LMD's future brings to mind a ubiquitous banner from protests back in the sixties: Lead, or get out of the way.

Voter Jeff

On Mar 28, 2022, at 11:14 AM, Furman, Keith <district19@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Thank you for your feedback. Please take a look at my blog post. I believe it clarifies the facts on the some of the issues you raise and it summarizes my position, which prioritizes equity, accessibility, and safety. I am extremely grateful for the ways that City staff work to customize plans to preserve existing character in neighborhoods when they undergo these projects. I am confident that the plan, especially as it evolves, will preserve character, but most importantly, will make this neighborhood more accessible to all.

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district19/blog/?id=25136>

-Keith F.

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Subject: Repairing your broken campaign promise

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Mr. Furman,

I voted for you in the last municipal election because you said during the campaign (<https://www.wortfm.org/join-us-district-19-debate-friday-at-5pm/>), "I work hard every day to connect people with resources and learn as much as I can about the options before Council so that I can best represent my neighbors...the issues that I emphasize are the priorities that I hear directly from District 19 residents." The way you are handling the upgrade to Lake Mendota Drive completely contradicts this promise you made as a candidate. You are not representing hundreds of Spring Harbor residents who have spoken out against your pet project, and you are actively working against neighbors' efforts to publicize options to it.

You did not even inform us about the project until a few days before the first public information presentation on January 11. Your excuse was that nothing had really been done on the project, but subsequent comments from the Mayor, City engineers, and surveyors prove that work had been underway for months. When called to task for this deception, you urged us to wait until we saw the proposal in hopes that we would like it. Well, hundreds of us did not like what we saw on January 11. We immediately asked for a delay so that we could become meaningfully involved in the planning process, but you have done absolutely nothing to delay and revise the plan based on what you heard from your constituents.

In spite of your efforts to suppress our input, dozens of Spring Harbor residents—including top-flight experts in key project areas—worked with the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association to develop a proposal in accord with City policy. Hundreds of volunteer hours went into preparing this report over a period of two weeks—but you have consistently thwarted official consideration of its well-documented alternatives on the grounds that the City cannot modify existing policies to reflect unique attributes of Lake Mendota Drive. Your one-size-fits-all, my-way-or-the-highway approach is offensive because exceptions have been made on similar projects in other districts where Alders actually work with their constituents.

Perhaps most offensively, however, you personally had a City employee remove front-yard signs that promoted taking the time to do this project comprehensively and collaboratively. Your petty action was clearly designed to silence dissent. Elected officials may do this in Hoboken (the city where you got involved in politics, you said on WORT), but it is conduct unbecoming an elected official in Madison. Given the promise you made as a candidate, you have an ethical obligation to inform the Common Council on March 29 that your motion, "Approving roadway geometry for the reconstruction of Lake Mendota Drive from Baker Ave. to the City of Madison Limits," is strenuously opposed by a large number of constituents who are eager to help the City develop a plan that improves the environment, climate, and public health—goals not adequately addressed in the current plan. Please practice what you preached when you ran for the privilege of representing us, or resign.

Jeff Bauer

From: Tom Kneubuehl <tkneubuehl@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 4:29 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Lake Mendota Drive Project Comment

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Hello Alders

Attached is a comment on the LMD project from the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association Ad Hoc Committee.

Thank you,

Tom Kneubuehl
Chair, Ad Hoc Committee

March 29, 2022

Greetings Common Council Members:

On 2/28 an Ad Hoc Committee (AHC) was created at a Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association meeting to represent the neighborhood in our dealings with the City of Madison with respect to the Lake Mendota Drive (LMD) reconstruction project.

In our most recent meeting with City Engineering and other departments, we discussed a number of concerns that the neighbors have about the LMD project. Most of the concerns are related to environmental issues including Lake Mendota, Well 14, the springs, stormwater runoff, trees and so on. Other issues are Native American history recognition, street design, green solutions, ROW impacts on east LMD and underneath a number of these issues is sidewalks and correlated salt usage that is contributing to the polluting of Lake Mendota, Well 14 and the springs. See the table below that lists issues and approach to resolve/understand. While the Common Council is considering approving a resolution to approve the geometrics for the LMD project all of these issues that have been raised by the Ad Hoc Committee are still outstanding. We would like to see them addressed rather than “kicking the can down the road” on them which will be the first instinct.

With respect to the environment, if our street was to be redone using federal funding, we gathered from a side conversation about John Nolen Drive that an Environmental Impact Study would have been required, which we requested should be done. Since it is not using federal funds the City does not have to do an EIS and does not have any appetite to do one because in their words they are “short staffed.” Obviously since the federal government requires an EIS when building next to a body of water it makes sense we should be doing one as well

At this point it appears the City is on a course to continue polluting Lake Mendota, Well 14 and the springs unless something really changes. It must be a core value to protect the environment over and above development projects. It’s unfortunate but that’s where we are at. With respect

to Well 14, one of the City employees who works with Well 14 was at our Wednesday meeting and said he expected the pollution to get worse and the City’s own data supports this statement.

Previously, a petition was submitted to the City of nearly 200 people who wanted the design process slowed down to address the above issues. The calendar of events that have been scheduled for the LMD project in March and April does not suggest that the City has listened or seems concerned about the issues that have been raised.

We ask that they Common Council push any approval process off into the future until City staff addresses all these outstanding issues. If action is not taken by the Common Council to slow the LMD project, then the resulting environmental impacts can be attributed to the Common Council members who did not take these environmental issues seriously or felt it was not their responsibility. Madison is blessed with great water resources, but it will take hard work to protect them.

Thank you,

Tom Kneubuehl
 Chair, Ad Hoc Committee
 Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association

Plan Element	Approach
1. Stormwater management to decrease loading of pollutants to Lake Mendota and Spring Harbor	Estimate pollutant loadings for alternative street geometrics and stormwater designs.
2. Lakeshore impact – specifically the quality of the shoreline with respect to stormwater outfall discharges, invasive mussels, and harmful algal mats	Estimate TSS and nutrient loadings for alternative street geometrics, outfalls, and nature-based conveyance/living shoreline systems.
3. Green Infrastructure Plans – rain gardens, natural conveyance, how we manage for floods & the addition of natural green spaces	Estimate volume, speed, and size of sewer system under different scenarios of green infrastructure techniques.
4. Well 14 impact – the rapidly increasing pollution of Well 14 with deicer salt that thousands of west side Madison residents drink	Make Spring Harbor Neighborhood a source water protection zone free of salt use. Run alternatives of salt use under different street geometrics.
5. Tree/canopy impact & resulting heat/rainfall problems – the trees that make LMD a destination and the removal of which creates heat effect and reduces rainfall absorption	Consider tree canopy affects in construction phase and stormwater designs. Include trees and stormwater tradeoffs in street

	geometrics. Keep room for more canopy tree planting.
6. Natural habitat impact along with the beauty and scenic feel of area – the area is park-like with many living creatures, and we need wildlife corridor connections	Include zones of heavy wildlife use in all designs and alternatives. Improve safe wildlife crossings from lake to greenspaces.
7. Street design that maintains or reduces footprint, reduces speed, provides calming features appropriate for segment traffic, and prevents thoroughfare	Involve community in final decisions with adequate data on tradeoffs for informed decision-making that fits the local setting.
8. Innovative and green solutions for pedestrian, biking, and recreational usage	Consider all aspects of pedestrian and biking use of LMD, with special consideration of recreational destinations and context of foot traffic in all seasons.
9. Native American history / cultural details that honor and respect the history and people of the area	Involve community and Ho Chunk at the table with street geometrics that reflect the historical and cultural importance of the area.
10. Significant legacy ROW structures of homeowners need to have plans finalized and agreed upon especially east end of LMD	Work with homeowners, with assistance from ad hoc community in considering individual and community best interests.

From: Lesa Reisdorf <lesa4711@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 6:20 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Lake Mendota Drive-item 141 3/29/22

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Members of the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association were advised that this CC meeting discussion of item 141 (Lake Mendota Drive 3 year construction project) was not for commenting tonight. After reviewing the documents for the item, they seem somewhat incomplete and do not accurately represent the concern and interest the majority of the neighborhood has in this possibly very detrimental project, and the affects it could have on our lakes, neighborhood and well 14 water. We have made numerous emails, calls, in person meetings to voice our concerns, that seem to fall on deaf ears, and there is little mention of the numbers of people and hours of work put into this project by us. It's been downplayed from the beginning. There was even a newspaper article about it which has not been included here or the 200 person survey our neighborhood did to collect information and input from those in the neighborhood regarding the project. That is also missing from documents submitted. I truly hope this not a move to exclude us from this process and that there will be transparency and opportunities to voice our concerns to come up with a viable solution to our very legitimate concerns. Everyone on the Common Council needs to hear what we've done and produced for your review so a fair, progressive and innovative outcome can be reached. Our wish is to delay the project until a better solution can be reached. We are watching tonight because we were told we need not comment during this phase of introducing the project. The neighborhood association has submitted a petition which is included in the documents but it's only a drop in the bucket of what we have prepared for your review. Looking forward to you all getting to see it when it's our turn to speak.

Thank you,
Lesla Reisdorf
1814 Camus Lane
Sent from my iPhone

From: Mike Jensen <jmkcps@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 8:26 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Sustainable Lake Mendota Dr Project

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All,

Attached is a brief 2 page assessment of how we can create a successful and sustainable Lake Mendota Dr project that all residents and the city can support. Potentially a path to success that may also provide re-application for other city projects.

Regards,
Mike Jensen
5706 Lake Mendota Dr.

A brief summary of the outcomes of our stewardship:

From Madison's Sustainability Plan...

"Stated vision & goal: Madison will create a state of balance between the natural and built environments wherein human, plant and animal communities live in harmony. City residents breathe clean air, drink clean water, swim and boat in clean water and enjoy those waters from the shore."

This project has the potential to do this and more! Yet the current proposed design (cement sidewalks, narrower asphalt streets with cement curbs) **will significantly and negatively impact the environment**, hurting water quality, adding pollutants to the lakes and streams, increase tree loss, and make storm water management more difficult. However there are viable solutions with a modified design.

How is this possible:

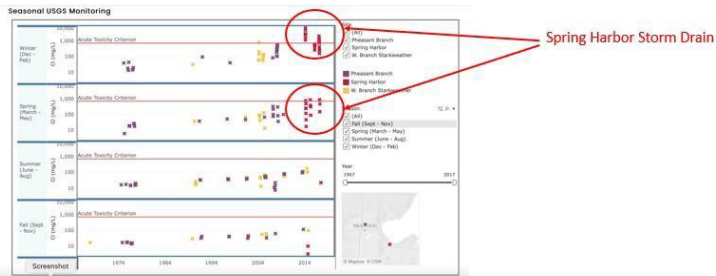
The current design is a standard time tested approach that Madison has used in numerous areas. Yet Lake Mendota Dr. has several critical differences that make this design not viable for the environment. Unfortunately this project is exempted from needing an environmental impact study as it is being funded by state and local resources. If it were being funded federally one would be required and this current design would fail.

There are several critical issues already along Lake Mendota Dr. This is why the standard design approaches won't work well.

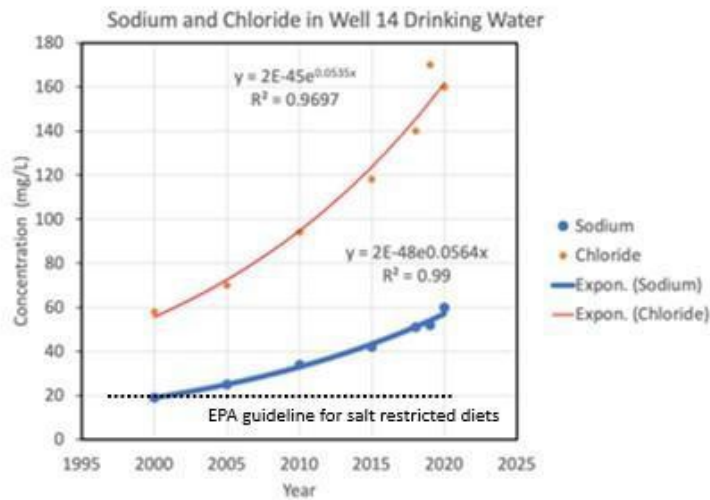
First, salt use will increase coming from the non-permeable cement sidewalks. This will end up in the water supply, streams and lake. Salt is easily solubilized by water. One the primary concerns for the neighborhood is the growing salinity in the water of well #14. Madison's own reports show the significant increase of this issue. It actually is above the aquatic acute toxicity criterion for Spring Harbor storm drain. This project also is right in the middle of well 14's drainage basin along Lake Mendota Dr. Here are the relevant charts from Madison's water quality report.

Spring Harbor Storm Drain (red x's) chloride concentrations are above the aquatic acute toxicity criterion in winter and spring

- Water sitting in Spring Harbor Storm Drain (buried under Spring Harbor Park) in the winter and spring reaches **10,000 mg/L** with high-saline discharges to Spring Harbor likely during diurnal melt events, risking contamination of surrounding soils, shallow groundwater, nearby springs, and Spring Harbor



<https://www.carpcwaterqualityplan.org/surface-water/monitoring/chloride/>



Second, cement sidewalks can cause tree damage if they are installed over existing tree roots, which is the current base plan. This design already requires the loss of over 50 trees with the addition of cement sidewalks, the increased salt damage, and the root damage will further thin the existing canopy. This will result in higher pavement temperatures, and less absorptive capacity for rain and runoff.

Third, the city engineering acknowledges that the narrower design will generate faster storm runoff. This will make the salt and pollutant management much harder, not to mention leaf wash, an annual problem for the lakes with the increased phosphates.

So what's a viable solution:

Fortunately there are ADA certified permeable pavers available and in-use today, (Eco-Priora pavers).

A more compelling aspect of permeable pavers is the impact they have on the everyday use. Included below is a link to one of their many projects using these pavers. It was a massive project at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, one of the largest military bases on the west coast. Besides the aesthetics, storm water functionality, they also keep the roads and walkways cooler. One of their chief reasons for getting the contract was their ADA compliance. This project was intended to create an inviting environment that accommodates the needs of disabled veterans.

The company said they would be glad to work with City of Madison, or connect you to licensees in the midwest area, where these pavers could be seen first hand.

These permeable pavers have other significant advantages over cement sidewalks and asphalt streets;

- a) Permeable pavers do not change the water flow to trees' existing root system.
- b) Pavers make repair and maintenance easier, e.g. accessing an underground water or gas line doesn't require a patch on the road, just simply re-install the pavers.
- c) Permeable pavers drain faster than the surrounding soil and ground so salt and storm water management is straightforward. So longer term more functional,

Here's the link to the project I mentioned:

<https://www.mutualmaterials.com/projects/eco-priora-jblm/>

I'm asking you to be great stewards for the environment, We have a choice, a current design that will create faster storm water runoffs, destroy more trees, and add more salinity to this already at risk area. If this current design is installed it will be very difficult and expensive to remedy. Or go with a proven design using permeable pavers for street and walkways that has worked great for other cities, As that old doctor saying goes when treating patients: " first do no harm".

Lastly as residents we would be gladly volunteer in any way we can to get a great outcome that we can all support.

Thank you.

Mike Jensen

This picture below is from Kirkland, Wa. They did street, sidewalk and parking all in permeable pavers.



From: wiegand@cs.wisc.edu <wiegand@cs.wisc.edu>
Sent: Saturday, April 2, 2022 3:04 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] Lake Mendota Drive

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Nancy Wiegand
Address: 5754 Forsythia Place, Madison, WI 53705
Email: wiegand@cs.wisc.edu

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Do not alter Lake Mendota Drive. Do not put in sidewalks. This would destroy the character of the area. Sidewalks are not needed. Also, do not let water from the street drain into the lakes!

From: Jana Stewart <jana.stewart@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 1:22 PM

To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Phillips, Robert <RPhillips@cityofmadison.com>; Fries, Gregory <GFries@cityofmadison.com>; Petykowski, Christopher <CPetykowski@cityofmadison.com>; Schmidt, Janet <jschmidt@cityofmadison.com>; Wolfe, James <JWolfe@cityofmadison.com>; Transportation Commission <TransportationCommission@cityofmadison.com>; Board of Public Works <boardofpublicworks@cityofmadison.com>; council <council@cityofmadison.com>

Cc: Jana Stewart <jana.stewart@gmail.com>

Subject: Lake Mendota Drive (LMD) Proposed Sidewalk Design Input and Request for Response

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Subject: LMD Proposed Sidewalk Design Input and Request for Response

Date: April 4, 2022

Legistar Item # 70626 - Board of Public Works Meeting Agenda - April 6th, 2022

Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway, Leadership and staff of the City of Madison Engineering Division, and Members of the Transportation Commission, Board of Public Works, and the Common Council,

I oppose the draft plan for Lake Mendota Drive (LMD) in its current form and request that you review and respond to my citizen input and feedback. I prefer no sidewalks along LMD with the exception of the section between Norman Way and Spring Harbor Drive to provide safe school, boat ramp, park, and beach access. However, if sidewalks are going to be required throughout LMD reconstruction project I request that you 1) first provide rationale for including sidewalks on both sides of Lake Mendota Drive from Capital Avenue to Norman Way 2) second, consider having sidewalk on only one side of LMD rather than both, and 3) third, consider installing permeable pavers for sidewalks and in street to help improve the permeable footprint. The section from Capital Ave to Norman Way is no busier and in fact less busy with pedestrians than other sections of LMD where sidewalks are proposed on a single side of LMD and there are many environmental benefits to having sidewalks on only one side.

Safety:

- There are no safety issues on this section (Capital Ave to Norman Way) that would support the need for sidewalks on both sides based on Wisconsin Crash Maps data

- The busiest places on LMD for pedestrians are 1) crossing from the school to the park (9 months of the year) 2) from the school to the boat ramp (summer) and 3) from beach parking lot on Norman Way to Beach (summer)

Pros to having sidewalks on one side versus two sides

There are many pros to having sidewalks on one side versus both sides of LMD from a safety, cost-savings, and environmental standpoint.

- Less overall cost for construction due to less concrete
- Less stormwater runoff from impervious surface due to less concrete
- Less salt use due to less concrete benefits Lake Mendota and Well #14
- Fewer trees impacted by concrete from sidewalks surrounding their root zone. Trees need adequate soil surface area and root volume to remain healthy and benefit stormwater infiltration and reduce heat effect resulting from canopy loss
- More greenspace available to provide stormwater infiltration and place green infrastructure
- Fewer sidewalks needing repair over time due to impacts by tree roots (less cost to City) resulting in fewer safety issues for pedestrians navigating damaged sidewalks

Which side of LMD to place sidewalk on one side? Pros to having sidewalk on South side (non-Lake side)

- Placing sidewalk on south side (non-lake side) would provide direct connection to proposed future sidewalks on intersecting streets (e.g. Capital Avenue, Norman Way and others)
- There are fewer driveway crossings on south (non-Lake side) side of LMD and whence
- Safer for pedestrians on south side with fewer driveways and Right of Way (ROW) courts to cross
- Lower construction cost for constructing sidewalks on south side due to fewer driveway/ROW crossings
- Stormwater runoff on south side would occur further distance from Lake Mendota and have potential to infiltrate sooner and over a greater time/distance
- Provide more greenspace and opportunities to incorporate rain gardens and green infrastructure into the plan on north side (Lake Side) of LMD
- Fewer trees would be impacted by construction on the south side. Bump-outs could be placed in locations where larger trees would be impacted similar to other locations on the draft LMD plan.

Consider installing permeable pavers rather than concrete for sidewalks and sections of street

- Reduces runoff and increases water infiltration

- Reduces need for salt usage due to increased infiltration
- Reduces the heat burden on the surrounding environment
- Provides a more natural look much more in keeping with the neighborhood
- ADA compliant permeable paver systems have been used and demonstrated in other communities

Thank you for your review and response.

Jana Stewart

5516 Lake Mendota Drive

From: Jana Stewart <jana.stewart@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 9:01 AM

To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Phillips, Robert <RPhillips@cityofmadison.com>; Fries, Gregory <GFries@cityofmadison.com>; Petykowski, Christopher <CPetykowski@cityofmadison.com>; Schmidt, Janet <jschmidt@cityofmadison.com>; Wolfe, James <JWolfe@cityofmadison.com>; Transportation Commission <TransportationCommission@cityofmadison.com>; Board of Public Works <boardofpublicworks@cityofmadison.com>; council <council@cityofmadison.com>

Cc: Jana Stewart <jana.stewart@gmail.com>

Subject: Lake Mendota Drive (LMD) Sidewalk Safety and Environmental Considerations

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Subject: LMD Sidewalk Design Safety and Environmental Considerations

Item # Agenda #70626 - Board of Public Works Meeting April 6th, 2022

Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway, Leadership and staff of the City of Madison Engineering Division, and Members of the Transportation Commission, Board of Public Works, and the Common Council

I oppose the Lake Mendota Drive plan in its current form. I request that the City revise their plan to help balance safety, accessibility, and environmental concerns for this project regarding sidewalks. The city's proposed plan includes sidewalks on both sides of Lake Mendota Drive from Capital Avenue to Spring Harbor Drive while the other sections have sidewalks on only one side. I DO support having sidewalks on both sides from Norman Way to Spring Harbor Drive to provide safe access between the beach, school, boat landing, and park. However, I request modifying the current plan to install sidewalks on only one side from Capital Avenue to Norman Way. A single sidewalk from Capital Ave to Norman Way would still support the desired and adequate connectivity, accessibility, and safety for pedestrians from the intersections of Capital Ave and Norman Way to and along LMD. And this section is not any busier than other sections of LMD where a sidewalk on one side is proposed. Eliminating the second sidewalk from this section would provide additional benefits and help address some of the environmental concerns for Lake Mendota and Well #14 by reducing stormwater runoff and salt use due to reduced impervious surface, provide more space for green infrastructure, reduce impacts to tree health from adjacent concrete, reduce tree removal, and reduce heat island effects from reduced canopy. There would also be reduced costs to the city and homeowners for construction and continued maintenance. I request that the City place the single sidewalk for all sections of LMD on the south side or the non-Lake side of the street. There are fewer driveways and right of way courts on the south side making it less congested and a safer side for pedestrians using the sidewalk and there are no blind corners on the south side as there are on the north side or Lake side at Epworth Court and by Spring Court making it safer and a better outcome for

everyone. Placing a single sidewalk (thereby less concrete) on the south side would also provide more opportunities to place green infrastructure along the north or Lake side to help mitigate runoff of water, nutrients, and other contaminants and help protect our drinking water, the natural and scenic beauty of Lake Mendota Drive, and the future health of Lake Mendota and the Yahara Lakes chain. Thank you for your review and consideration.

Jana Stewart

5516 Lake Mendota Drive

From: Peggy.scallon@rogersbh.org <Peggy.scallon@rogersbh.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 11:16 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] Lake Mendota Drive project

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Peggy Scallon
Address: 5536 Lake Mendota Dr, Madison, WI 53705
Phone: 608-219-6260
Email: Peggy.scallon@rogersbh.org

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Dear Alderman Halverson:

Thank you so very much for hearing and acknowledging the many neighborhood voices speaking in opposition to the LMD project as it currently stands.

We have been ignored and discredited by both the City and by our Alder, Keith Furman.

We live here. We care about this special neighborhood, the lake and the environment. It has been so disheartening to be ignored on this issue, particularly with respect to changing the character of the neighborhood, and the environmental concerns.

We want no sidewalks. The City wants sidewalks on both sides. Can't we at least compromise and just have sidewalks on one side of the street but not both? There are no safety concerns here. The City has acknowledged this.

Thank you again.

Peggy Scallon

From: lesaboat@charter.net <lesaboat@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 4:46 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Transportation Commission <TransportationCommission@cityofmadison.com>; Wolfe, James <JWolfe@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: FW: Lake Mendota Drive ideas

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Please include this email in item # 70626 legistar. I forgot to request it when originally sent.
thank you

From: lesaboat@charter.net
To: "Transportationcommission@cityofmadison.com"
Cc:
Sent: Tuesday April 12 2022 4:39:31PM
Subject: Lake Mendota Drive ideas

Please look at attached photos of what we are envisioning for Lake Mendota Drive. A multi use in street permeable pathway 8' wide on one side with narrow roadway for cars. The only lines would be denoting the walkway. It's a shared street with cars. We could walk beside wheelchairs, service dogs and our children instead of behind. Parking could be limited in particularly narrow areas that require it. Trees would be saved with permeable pavement and more green space could be added, as well.

Please see this as a great opportunity to do something very different instead of the traditional sidewalk. Every neighborhood doesn't have the same needs or wants. Lake Mendota Drive was once considered a rural development. That's why we moved here. We'd like it to remain that way. We are just like Arboretum Drive, Highland Drive and all along Lake Mendota Drive into Shorewood and University of Wisconsin...Rural, natural environment with a road running through. We share the love of nature and we share the road.

If cost is the issue, let us work on finding extra funding. We are motivated and capable. We are trying to help.

Remember...

- * 70% of 200+ surveyed are NOT in support of the current project design (perhaps even more in our neighborhood now, as more are finding out about this project).
- * 81% of those are over age 50, with 35% of those over 70, and 18 listed as disabled
- * 40% have lived in their homes over 20 years
- * no pedestrian accidents ever recorded on LMD
- * average speed of cars is 17-19 mph

As we all age, the more we all require the “familiar” in our lives. Our homes, our neighborhoods, our routines. It’s a fact of aging. The non existent “safety” and “accessibility” issue you speak of providing when this project is completed as it stands, is actually making our older neighbors, ourselves, feel less familiar and less safe in our own neighborhood.

You’re taking away vital parking for visitors and services to these older folks who have lived here almost all their lives and now rely on it for their own health and mental well being

You’re isolating them even further than they already are

You’re forcing them to maintain a sidewalk that they can’t physically maintain or financially pay to have it maintained AND

You’re forcing them to pay the additional assessment plus additional yearly property taxes it requires to stay in their homes.

This is not equity. This is not accessibility or safety. This is faux equity, disguised and labled as accessibility at the expense of the older population in this neighborhood. It’s not right or fair.

Please read Elma Metzloff’s email from 5122 Lake Mendota Drive in the public comments. It made me tear up when I read it. This is what I’m taking about. She’s 88! and there are others like her that want to remain here as long as they can. As long as WE all can...where we already feel safe and at home where we grew up and walked the drive daily. (And btw, there were many similar comments like hers about Tokay Blvd and Hammersley Road in the last Public Works meeting. Is this what the city wants for our future? This can’t be part of Madison’s vision.

You’re forcing older citizens out of the homes they’ve known almost all their adult lives. If this were your own parents or grandparents would you be so willing to approve these projects that take away their independence? ☐) Very sad. ☹

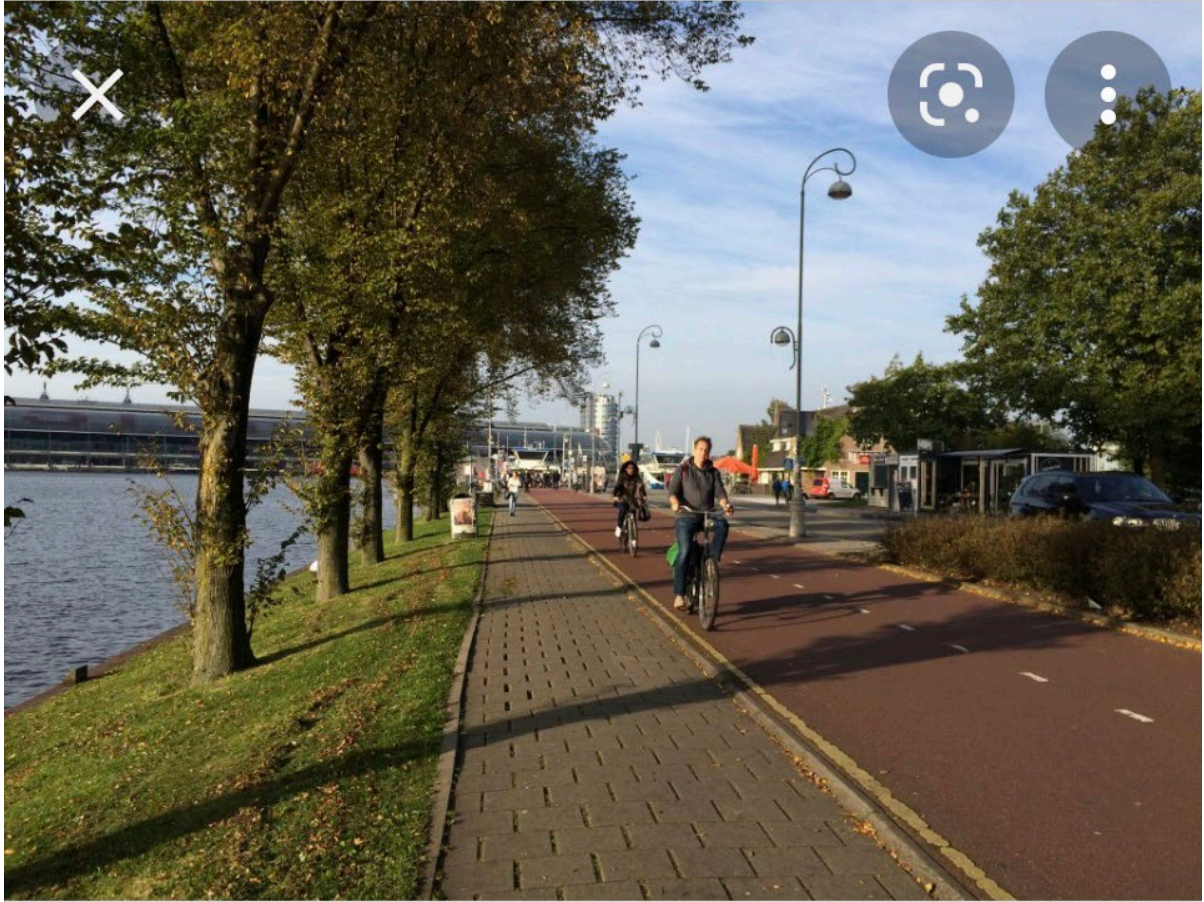
Please delay this project to allow new designs to be presented that we’d all feel better about. A Street level wider, shared walkway accessible to everyone... kids, wheelchairs, bikes, large groups and cars...everyone all walking and riding together!

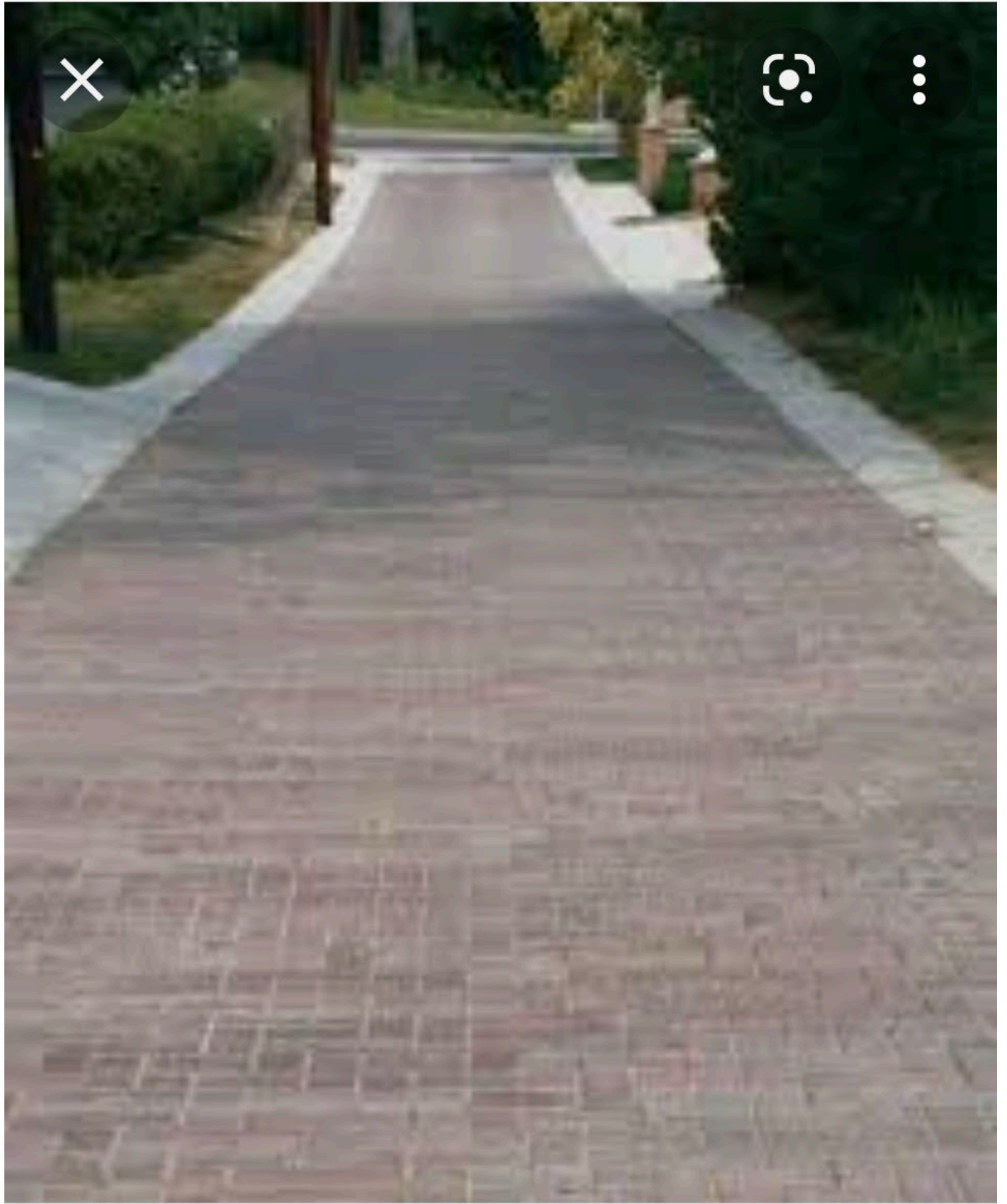
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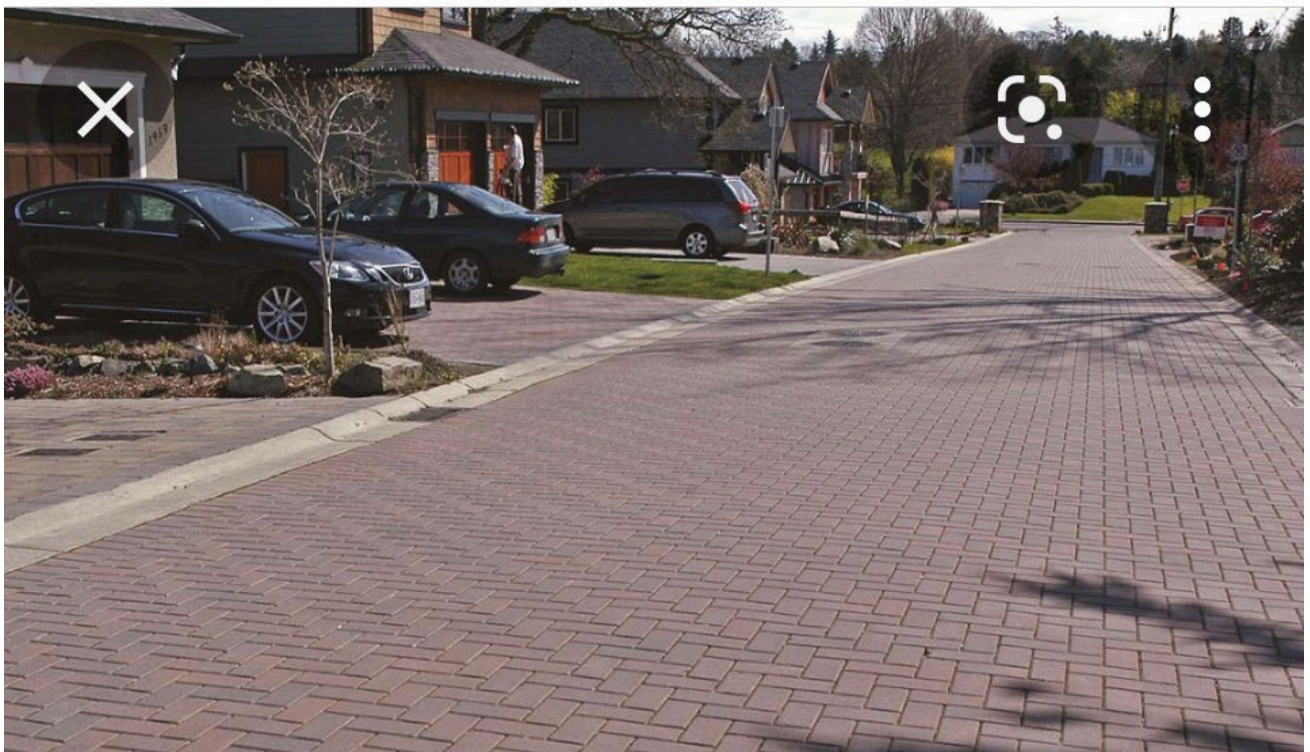
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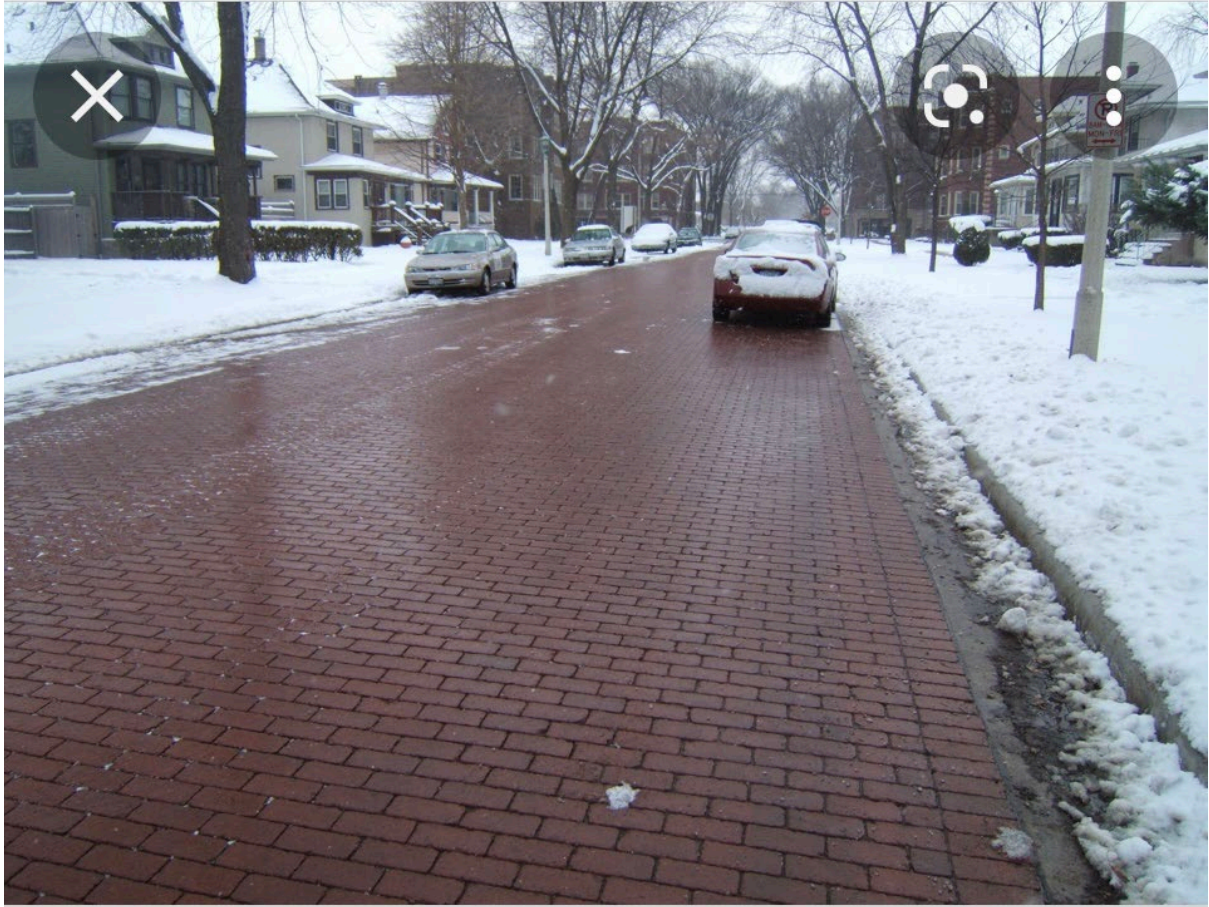












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Subject: Articles on shared street designs

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Please take a moment to read these articles about shared street designs and woonerfs. These could be great solutions for Lake Mendota Drive that I'm sure all would be on board with.

<https://citygreen.com/the-rising-popularity-of-the-woonerf-design-a-living-street-concept-for-shared-city-spaces/>

https://nacto.org/docs/usdg/woonerf_concept_collarte.pdf
(Pages 4-12 describe woonerfs well)

We could really make Lake Mendota Drive a model for many future streets in this city that make living in this neighborhood even more welcoming and accessible to everyone.

Thank you,
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Attached, please find an overview of the City's community engagement process related to agenda item 70626 for the 3/19/22 Common Council Meeting. I would like this recorded in Legistar.

Thank you.

Kristen Slack

City of Madison and "Community Engagement":

The first time residents heard about the Lake Mendota Drive (LMD) road reconstruction project was through topographic surveyors who were in the neighborhood in October/November 2021 to document right of ways (ROWs), utility lines, traffic counts, parking counts, and the like. There was no advance explanation from the City or our alder. There were generic and brief mentions of a survey crew and "pavement management" in Alder Furman's October and November blogs, posted after residents had already encountered the crew, with no meaningful details on the scope of the project. No broad or systematic outreach from the alder occurred before then or has occurred since then.

Engineering survey #1 went out in December 2021. Questions did not ask opinions about the project as a whole or about specific elements, which were assumed, or anticipate any concerns residents would likely have related to tree removal and other environmental aspects. The survey was not clear about whether it was intended for residents along LMD only or for all who live in Spring Harbor. Most of the questions were only relevant for those with property on LMD (e.g., do you want a rain garden installed on your property? Do you want a private stormwater line from your house?). A second City survey was later disseminated which asked for some reactions to elements of the ultimate street reconstruction plan, but these were primarily questions about things like whether and where to install rain gardens in public spaces.

Residents, spearheaded by the head of the Planning and Development Committee of the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association (SHNA), developed a survey intended for all Spring Harbor residents in late December 2021. This survey was agnostic on elements of the project, and simply sought to gain a broad sense of residents' views, since no one else was doing so. However, not every potentially important question or concern was included in the survey because residents had little knowledge of what was going to occur at that point, we were running to catch up to the City, and we'd had no time to organize. For instance, concerns about Native American effigy mounds and stormwater management were not explored in the neighborhood

survey, but quickly came to light after the survey was fielded and in many comments from survey respondents.

However, special care was taken in the neighborhood’s survey to ask the opinions of subgroups with critical needs—those 70 and older, those with children under 12, and those with mobility limitations. The City’s survey did not do this, nor was there ever an effort by our alder or other City staff to do this. Our alder has been highly dismissive of all residents who have voiced concerns about the project. Too many residents won’t reach out to him anymore because of the disrespectful and contemptuous way they have been treated, and because he always gives a version of the same pat response. It was made clear to everyone who tried to engage with him early on that he was not open to hearing ideas or feedback that deviated in any way from the City’s plan. Any improvements to the plan that have occurred came from residents dealing directly with the lead City engineer, Jim Wolfe.

From our neighborhood survey, we learned that residents both on and off LMD are largely not in favor of sidewalks, and the clear majority of residents with mobility limitations and those 70 and older do not want sidewalks. Among those with young children, half do not want sidewalks and 15% were not sure. The summary results of that survey are provided as an attachment to this agenda item. Residents did provide thoughtful insight about real safety concerns, such as areas by the school and Spring Harbor Park, at University Ave in several locations, and about blind spots on LMD that need attention. As of April 14, 2022, 235 Spring Harbor residents have taken this neighborhood survey, representing all corners of the neighborhood.

The first public information meeting (PIM) held by the City was on January 11th. The City’s presentation of the project scope was posted on January 10th. No drawings or renderings of what exactly was going to happen on each property were presented. The City staff could not answer simple questions such as how many trees are at risk of removal, other than to say “a lot”. At the January 11th meeting, many residents had questions and concerns as they were reacting to the prospect of this project for the first time, but City staff were united in claiming that the project elements and scope were already baked. Residents were not allowed to speak and were relegated to using the chat function. The City did not present data that supported their preliminary parameters; instead citing very low traffic counts on certain segments of LMD and the complete absence of pedestrian-car accidents as far back as can be tracked. There was one comment made in passing by a City staff person, easily missed, toward the end of that January 11th meeting: that the plan was going to the Transportation Commission (TC) less than 24 hours later, on January 12th. No explanation was provided about the purpose or significance of the TC meeting, and residents were not told they could register to speak. Thus, only one resident registered for the meeting and was given that chance.

It became clear on January 11th and 12th that the City had already decided on the project elements, such as sidewalks and road narrowing. Policies in the process of getting approval from several City entities were referenced as if they were immutable and standard across every road reconstruction project. Concerns about stormwater management and Well 14 contamination (already the most contaminated well in the City and the water sources for tens of thousands of west side residents) were dismissed at the January meetings and we were told to just trust the

City, despite the City not having a plan for stormwater management that was holistic and integrated with the “geometrics” of the new road design. There still is no such plan.

At the January 12th Transportation Commission meeting, our alder grossly misrepresented the views of the neighborhood by cherry-picking a negative comment from one resident (who had admittedly explained their comment poorly and didn't mean it the way the alder presented it), adding words to the comment that were never said (“*so we don't need to worry about those people*”), purposely crafting the impression for the TC that the greater neighborhood was hostile to individuals with disabilities. This tactic worked, because in the 3/9 TC meeting, Commissioner Brown must have been remembering that remark from Keith Furman when she said that “*a lot of the comments, and I'll just be blunt, a lot of the comments I heard were almost word for word some of the same types of comments that we hear in very conservative parts of the state like in northern Milwaukee looking at similar kinds of projects, like 'we don't have those kinds of people here, we don't need those kinds of facilities...'*”

In actuality, and the video recording is available for anyone to watch, no one said anything of the sort at this meeting or other meetings or in any of the submitted comments. Indeed, we have provided to the City input from residents who live in Spring Harbor AND have mobility limitations—input that was not solicited or collected by the City—which shows that the clear majority of residents with mobility issues, including those with visual impairments, both those who live on and off Lake Mendota Drive, do not want sidewalks.

Transportation Commissioner Jess also accused residents of being “ableist” at this meeting. I wonder, is it ableist to do the legwork of seeking out neighborhood residents with mobility limitations to ask for their views on what they want and need? And is it ableist to listen to them and treat them as whole people capable of holding many different values at once? Or should we marginalize their voices and say that their opinions don't matter. The majority of the TC members certainly don't think they matter, as they refuse to even acknowledge the neighborhood survey results. Or perhaps they are fine with just assuming everyone with mobility limitations thinks exactly like them? Commissioner Brown also disingenuously claimed that she was hearing “*so many*” commenters say that they wanted to keep the ROWs “*for themselves, to do what they want*”. Again, no one said anything of the sort. Yes, there are residents who own older homes, built well before the annexation of Spring Harbor to the City in the late 1940s, who risk losing their only parking spaces as part of the project. This is in no way the equivalent of “wanting to do what they want with the ROW”. Many residents are in fact interested in exploring how portions of LMD, including ROWs, could be used for more green infrastructure for managing stormwater better. To paint the motivation behind the opposition as selfish (a term our alder lobs at us with great frequency and condescension), is patently false and unfair.

The second PIM on February 24th involved the City presenting a first draft of the road reconstruction plan. Residents again voiced many concerns, overwhelmingly related to the environment and the lack of evidence that sidewalks were needed in certain sections of LMD where the traffic is very low or could be managed with other mechanisms, where there are no public transportation routes, and where residents themselves, including those 70 and older and those with mobility limitations, overwhelmingly do not want them. The City was resolute that none of this mattered, and that they were building for future hypothetical residents and visitors to

the neighborhood, and not those who live in Spring Harbor now. An excellent strategy for disenfranchising today's voters and an argument that can ostensibly be used to allow the City to do anything it wants regardless of residents' views.

An ad hoc committee of the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association (SHNA) was voted on and approved by the SHNA membership on February 28th after residents realized that the City still wasn't listening or engaging in any meaningful way with residents. A petition was also started by neighbors, now signed by almost 200 Spring Harbor residents, that shows the extent of opposition to the current plan on the grounds that not enough attention has been paid to the water and environmental impacts of this project or the cultural and historical significance of the neighborhood and asking the City to slow the process down to adequately attend to these things. This petition was submitted to the TC and other government entities charged with reviewing the plans. It is again included as an attachment to this meeting. The sheer number of people asking for a slowed and more thoughtful process should, if nothing else, give the Common Council tremendous pause that residents are not feeling heard, nor do they feel that adequate *and authentic* community engagement has occurred. What we have experienced is performative listening, with a few tweaks to the City's preconceived plan here and there. Ultimately, the City's agreement to meet with the SHNA ad hoc committee slowed down the process...by two weeks. And again, nothing came out of that meeting except more of the same responses from City staff. But, they were able to check a box on the "slow down" request.

For Agenda ITEM 6 (Lake Mendota Drive) on the 3/9/2022 Transportation Commission agenda, there were 44 public registrants in total, with 4 in Support, 33 Opposing and 7 who neither supported or opposed. The chair of the TC, Anne Kovich, mentioned at the end of the meeting that she was worried that people who support the project as it stands were not being heard. This is absurd. This count was based on the views of anyone in the neighborhood who cared to attend (and a meeting reminder was sent out through multiple channels and avenues by the City several times), and is in direct alignment with the neighborhood survey findings delivered to the TC earlier, and included in the 3/9/22 meeting attachments. The clear majority of residents do not want sidewalks in certain segments of LMD where they do not make sense, and they are tremendously concerned about environmental impacts of the project and the continued deterioration of our drinking water. There are members of the TC who simply don't want to consider anything that goes against their own views, as was evident again at the 4/13/22 TC meeting. Several commissioners even openly admit they are more convinced not by the systematic collection of data from hundreds of actual residents of Spring Harbor (which they ignore entirely), but instead by anecdotal stories about a friend who had to use crutches for a time.

Commissioner Brown also suggested at the 3/9 TC meeting that the neighborhood can feel free to reach out to the Ho-Chunk Nation themselves. Perhaps she did not know that the Ho-Chunk are a sovereign nation and that they work directly with governmental bodies on matters of importance like this. Random groups of residents do not have a formal line to the leadership of Ho-Chunk Nation. The City does, and it is their responsibility to pursue that formal channel and show respect for the Ho-Chunk People by making sure their invited input isn't an afterthought or an 11th hour perfunctory ask, as it stands to be at this point. As far as we've been told, only the lead engineer on the project has reached out to the Ho-Chunk leadership. It should be the Mayor.

A third PIM on the LMD project occurred on April 4th. We were repeatedly told that 3 PIM meetings was unprecedented, as if the mere fact of holding them was evidence that community engagement was happening. In advance of this meeting, the SHNA ad hoc committee met with City staff downtown. Nothing came of this as the City was not open to considering any of the committee's requests—just another box for the City to check and say they “listened.” A Board of Public Works meeting occurred on April 6th. The BPW actually did listen to residents and voted to recommend to the TC that sidewalk installation along LMD be further minimized.

A third TC meeting occurred on 4/13; 25 people registered in opposition to the LMD geometrics, 1 person registered in support, and 1 registered as neither opposed nor supportive. Numerous residents spoke eloquently and informatively about their concerns. One TC commissioner noted (and ultimately did not support the City's geometric plan) that she repeatedly hears from residents in other parts of Madison that the City process on projects like this is “top-down” and “rushed.” A TC commissioner moved to approve the geometrics, another member offered an amendment that was seconded to limit the sidewalks to one side throughout the full stretch of LMD, but that amendment was voted down and the geometrics as they were submitted passed with only two no votes, despite the BPW's recommendation.

One of the biggest problems the Spring Harbor neighborhood has faced is that we have had abysmal leadership from our alder, Keith Furman. He has chosen to not only ignore the vast majority of his constituents in the Spring Harbor neighborhood, he has also been hostile and rude to those who disagree with the City's plans, which happen to reflect his own preferences as a Spring Harbor resident who lives on Lake Mendota. He has engaged in petty harassment of residents by reporting their LakeMendotaDrive.com yard signs more than a dozen times because some residents had placed them in the right of way—ignoring all other signs located in ROWs that have been in place for years—under the guise of “just doin' my job.” Furthermore, he has intentionally and repeatedly mischaracterized residents' views in a deliberate attempt to paint his neighbors in an unfavorable light. His lack of good leadership has been a key reason that this project has achieved the level of opposition it has. It did not have to be this way, and the Common Council and other city government bodies should be aware that his lack of leadership has been the primary reason for all the extra emails and meetings that Jim Wolfe and his colleagues have had to field, all the extra time that residents have had to put into raising their concerns and running to play catch-up with the City's high speed train, and all the stress that has been caused among residents.

At the same time that the LMD project is moving forward, the City is busy pushing through policy agendas like Vision Zero and Complete Green Streets that some in City government claim effectively mandate certain infrastructure elements, like sidewalks, everywhere in the City with very few exceptions. (As an aside, the Complete Green Streets initiative has a laughable title when you realize that the environment is not even represented in the “pyramid” graphic depicting the initiative's priorities). While some City employees continue to insist that these policies are “living breathing documents” and “no infrastructure element is required in every project” and “every project will take into account the unique aspects of a neighborhood” (all said by City engineer Yang Tao at the TC meeting on 3/9), other staff are insisting that these policies are universal, standard, and immutable. The City points to survey data on Madison residents at large,

untied to any particular context. Questions about whether we should prioritize people or cars/traffic flow, when asked in general, generate high agreement that we should prioritize people. If you ask these types of questions in relation to a particular context where traffic is a much smaller issue and in balance with other values like protecting the environment, you will get more varied responses as we saw in the Spring Harbor neighborhood survey. The City has pitted environmental values against other values as if it's a zero-sum game. That's obviously nonsense, but the optimal solutions won't be found if the City puts its fingers in their ears about some values and tries to shame residents for having them, and has tunnel vision about others.

There are definitely areas of critical concern for safety, access, and equity in this neighborhood—yet, astonishingly, we've never once been asked where they are. The City is instead choosing to install measures along segments of LMD that will quite literally have zero impact on safety and extremely minimal impact on access and equity. This is not good stewardship of taxpayer money, and it will not move the needle on access, equity, or safety. Meanwhile, Vision Zero has set its lofty goal of eliminating traffic deaths for more than 10 years out, even though there are clear data on where the true danger zones for traffic deaths exist. The choices being made truly make no sense. The City does not have infinite resources. Every dollar put into aspects of a project that are really not needed are dollars not being put into projects that truly are needed. Such decisions create and continue to perpetuate inequities throughout Madison. **That's the way inequity is fundamentally designed!**

You will never get 100% agreement on any project, even within groups of greatest concern. So, what do you do, given that reality? The survey the neighborhood did is by far the most extensive, systematic, and inclusive attempt to get resident feedback on this project. When the great majority of residents are telling you that of paramount concern is a solution that helps **reverse** the contamination of the lake and Well 14, which serves tens of thousands of people on the west side and is the most contaminated well in the City, I would hope that the Common Council would listen and serve as a check on the City to make sure it has a solid plan to address these pressing problems before this project moves forward.

I've actually [written about community engagement](#) in a national news outlet. Although the article focuses on the academic research process, you can substitute the word "researcher" with "City leaders"—the principles are the same. Those principles were absent in this LMD project. In fact, the way this has unfolded more accurately represents a case study on how not to do community engagement work.

Give all I've described, I ask you, is this the kind of "community engagement" our City leaders stand behind?

The City leaders and the press like to paint a picture of a bunch of millionaires complaining. There are about 40 homes on the actual lake, most worth well over one million, to be sure. There is no recourse to reign in the building of enormous lake homes because City building codes allow them to be built. But the number of lake homes is tiny compared to the vast majority of homes in Spring Harbor which are modest in size and value. [Read this news story](#) from a few years ago to get a sense of the neighborhood. Or just consider a few quotes:

- *“Water is integral to the identity of this quiet, lush oasis on Madison’s West Side.”*
- *“Longtime residents here expect their streets to be green and homes to be humble.”*
- *“The link between human and water in Spring Harbor goes back thousands of years, as the neighborhood’s Native American Effigy Mounds attest.”*
- *“Students at the well-regarded Spring Harbor Environmental Magnet School are immersed in lessons about the natural world.”*
- *“...there is a healing quality to the Spring Harbor Neighborhood, whose winding streets feel as though they were carved through a forest.”* Indeed, they were.

It should tell you something that half of the 235 neighborhood survey respondents don’t even live on LMD, yet opposition to sidewalks on LMD is strong throughout the whole neighborhood, even from residents who live across University Ave. to the south (a walkable distance from LMD that involves crossing extremely dangerous sections of that major thoroughfare street). That same news story should also make it clear why residents bristle at the project description the City gives when presenting on it: a **“rural to urban conversion” project**.

There is indeed a healing quality to this rural-like setting that is Spring Harbor, including Lake Mendota Drive. I felt incredibly drawn to that quality when I moved here from Stoughton in 2013 with my two young sons after their father passed away and I needed to be closer to work. In the midst of our grief, we found peace and solace in this neighborhood. Walking the wide streets, seeing and smelling the lake, looking up at the centuries old trees—this was medicine I didn’t realize how much we needed at the time. My appreciation for this neighborhood as a rural oasis at the most western edge of the City has grown stronger with each passing year. I don’t share any of that lightly because it is very personal. But when I sit back and really think about what makes me so upset about the callous City process and contemptuous behaviors and comments from our representatives and governing bodies, it isn’t even the horrible way that residents have been treated. It is the impending loss of what is almost indescribable if you haven’t experienced it yourself. The majority of us who live throughout Spring Harbor understand what we are about to lose, but more importantly, we understand what the City of Madison, as well as future Spring Harbor residents, are about to lose. And we know that when you get to replacing the narrow side streets with even thicker tree canopies, hundreds upon hundreds of trees will ultimately be lost all to achieve the City’s dream of urbanizing every rural oasis left in Madison. When City leaders make decisions about this neighborhood without even taking the time to visit or genuinely listen to residents, and our alder repeatedly states that the neighborhood is *“no different than other neighborhoods,”* it is an extremely difficult pill to swallow.

Madison used to be a City that prided itself on environmental stewardship. This is going away under current leadership. There isn’t even an active entity charged with ensuring environmental protections or advocating on behalf of the environment at the City, despite our Mayor’s claim that the environment is a huge priority and having run for office on a pledge to protect it. This LMD project, situated along the largest lake in the region and one of the few lakeside neighborhoods to be found in Madison, won’t involve an environmental impact study because *“we aren’t required to do one”* (due to lack of reliance on federal funds for the project), and because *“we’re too short-staffed.”* These statements perfectly sum up City leaders’ stance on the importance of the environment. The rest of the story I’ve recounted above sums up how the City

feels about residents—we are to be managed not engaged. We are a mere obstacle to work around. “The City knows best” is the message we hear loud and clear.