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Good Afternoon,

I am a resident on Sycamore Ave whose property will be part of the MacArthur Rd and Sycamore Ave redesign in 2026. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the Transportation Commission's (TC) meeting on 9/10 due to a previously scheduled engagement. However, I did want to bring up a couple of points that I would like the TC to consider as they came up during the project meeting on 8/27. I had emailed Nashlay Guttierrez, Jose Navarro, Kevin Luecke, and Chris Petykowski on this previously and they directed me to also contact the TC.

1. When discussing the options for road width and parking on Sycamore Ave, was there any discussion of keeping the same overnight parking restriction (no parking between 10PM - 8AM) for the 3800 block of Sycamore Ave? I live at 3818 Sycamore Ave and have found the restriction on overnight parking incredibly beneficial. I had lost multiple mailboxes and a planter in the terrace from vehicular accidents over the previous years prior to the restricted parking. All of the perpetrators of those accidents resided in either the town homes or apartments at the south end of MacArthur Rd who were constantly parking on the 3800 block of Sycamore Ave and then walking down to the apartments. They would also consistently loiter in their vehicles with loud music until late in the night or early AM. I know the overwhelming majority of residents of the 3800 block of Sycamore would like to keep the overnight parking restriction in place after the road is redone.

2. The other point has to do with the sidewalks on MacArthur Rd that may be brought up by members of the community, chiefly our Neighborhood President. There may be some residents who will mention that they do not want sidewalks on both sides of MacArthur Rd and that they feel the city is not listening to residents of the community. I would like to say for the record, that anyone who says they are speaking for the neighborhood, does not speak for all residents of the neighborhood. I, along with they few neighbors that I have spoken with are in favor of sidewalks on both sides of MacArthur Rd. The more sidewalks, the better.

Certain residents may bring up the following reasons as to why they are opposed to sidewalks on their side of the street: a) it increases the amount of water impermeable surfaces, b) increases runoff for the lakes, and c) forces residents to have maintain a sidewalk they didn't want. I'd like to address those concerns. First, sidewalks are not what city planners and environmental advocates are worried about regarding water impermeable surfaces. Instead they are talking about roads, large buildings, and surface lots. Second, we are far enough away from the lakes that the surface runoff from a small sidewalk is not a major issue. Finally, regarding upkeep of a sidewalk, that is just part of living in a city.

I am a lifelong Madison resident, 39 years, and have lived in this neighborhood for nearly a decade. I applaud the city and their new Green Streets initiative. What I don't want to have happen is ending up with this project being scuttled because a couple residents complain loudly. That is apparently what happened when the curb was put in on the 3900 block of

Sycamore Ave but not the 3800 block several years ago, prior to me moving to the neighborhood. The neighborhood needs this project, and I, for one, am looking forward to it.

Kind regards,

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