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Subject: FW: Against relocation of Jennifer/Williamson Bus Service

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Dear Madison Metro, Marquette Neighborhood Association and Alder Marsha Rummel,

I write to express my concern regarding the possibility of relocating the Jennifer St. Bus lines to Williamson St. I live at 808 Williamson St., #402, and my apartment is directly over Williamson St.

I am **against** relocating the Jennifer St. busses for the following reasons:

1. My building, like many on Williamson St., has a 10 foot setback from the street. Homes on Jennifer Street have a minimum setback of 30 feet. Diesel bus exhaust is smelly and unhealthy, and I have had to keep my and my son's windows closed since the temporary relocation of the buses. I am fortunate to have air conditioning, but know that many Williamson St. residents do not have this benefit. Buses on Williamson St have increased my electric costs and compromised my ability to live with a minimal environmental footprint (using less electricity). From my bus riding, I know that the buses on these routes frequently stop and idle to past time when they are ahead of schedule. Such idling adds to the pollution in close proximity to dwellings.

Have the health effects of bus exhaust proximity to open dwelling windows been studied?

2. Williamson St. residents have all East Washington Ave. buses only two blocks away. A much better solution for residents of Williamson St. would be to move the Jennifer St. buses resources to East Washington Ave. and provide more frequent service with fewer routes. The greatest complaint of bus riders is standing in the cold in winter. More frequent buses would improve this problem for all riders.

Has routing the Jennifer St. buses to East Washington been studied for its impact on service?

3. For ten years prior to moving to Williamson St., I commuted down Attwood and Williamson to downtown. From this experience I can confirm that traffic is much slower on Williamson east of Baldwin, when buses share the lane. Traffic moved well on Williamson St west of Baldwin St when there were no buses adding additional, large, frequently stopping traffic. Slower moving traffic causes greater air pollution along Williamson St.

Has a traffic flow analysis been completed to determine the impact of moving the buses to Williamson St.? Has this considered the additional air pollution impact?

Thank you for your consideration,

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