

Greetings,

I have been a resident of the Crawford Marlborough Nakoma neighborhood since 1983. I live at 4224 Doncaster Drive. Now retired, I have used the bus on Route 18 to access educational and cultural events in Madison, mostly in the downtown area. Ushering at the Overture Center for the past 12 years, I have found riding the bus a time saving measure as parking is often difficult to find, especially on multiple event days. With the new Hamel Music Center on campus, I look forward to many concerts, and access to a bus saves time, money and means fewer cars in a very congested area.

Looking at the options presented, I notice it means a longer walk to Nakoma Road or Midvale Boulevard and a transfer at either Odana Road or Tokay Boulevard to get to my usual destination, downtown. As a fit 71 year old that is manageable until the walk or wait becomes more difficult. I realize not everyone can get what they want or need in the restructure plan. I am hopeful a compromise can be found to at least keep service available on Route 18 during peak hours. Many of my neighbors work at the UW and the options presented take almost twice as much time as the the usual route. Again, a compromise of peak hour accessibility meets their need. Thank you for considering my views on this difficult agenda item.

Sincerely,

Sue Reget