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I am writing in opposition to the proposed general purpose lane additions and interchange modifications proposed by WISDOT for the beltline.

Please think of the additional maintenance costs of these items. Every mile of lane must be salted, patched and replaced on a regular basis. Every new flyover ramp bridge must be inspected, maintained and replaced. Bridges also freeze before roadways, so the proposed interchange improvements that add flyover bridges may reduce safety during icy weather. Making the highway wider will make it easier to speed, straining the already limited Madison police resources. The maintenance and operating costs from this project will burden current and future taxpayers for as long as the highway exists.

Please make the fiscally responsible choice and reject all lane additions and interchange modifications to the beltline.

-Dave Stecher

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