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Dear Alder Rummel and PBMVC Chair (please share with other PBMVC members and staff),

Our 11 year old son walks and bikes to his school now, and will be riding his bike and walking along and across Winnebago St to East High in a couple of years.

Of the two options being considered for the Winnebago St project from 2nd Ave to Bashford St, Option 2 adds *buffered* bike lanes, allows the planting of canopy trees (rather than merely ornamentals), slows down the speed of traffic on the street, and makes walking along and across Winnebago easier and much more pleasant, especially for our children and other very vulnerable road users. Option 1 does not do these things, though it does provide some more car parking than Option 2.

I think it's high time we prioritized the safety of our children and other vulnerable road users over the use of public space to store private motor vehicles on the street. The Madison in Motion plan, which was recently adopted by the city, spells out that the city needs to provide "transportation infrastructure to support a greater range of options for all user types." And the Complete Streets policy that the Common Council committed to says the city will "ensure that streets are designed to enable safe access for all users, pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders, of all ages and abilities."

Many citizens have spent a great deal of time working on plans like Madison in Motion and the Sustainability Plan for Madison. If we continue to build infrastructure like that proposed in Option 1, we are ignoring the hard work of the citizens (and staff), as well as the will of the alders who adopted these plans and policies. I strongly urge you to support the Option (2) that is aligned with the city's plans and goals, and that helps build a sustainable future for all of us.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Chuck Strawser

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