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Subject: Re: Oppose: Winnebago St Reconstruct, Item 4. Legistar # 50935

Hi,

Ray Purdy of 154 Jackson St., very near the proposed changes.

C'mon peeps. Madison needs to be taking the lead on climate change and paradigm shift away from fossil fuels. The options indicated are incredibly short-sighted and give almost NO credence to climate change, despite the fact that I'm betting the majority of you making the decisions on these options do believe that it is real. 30 years from now, what will the common council and city leaders think of these two options? BOTH options are dominated by attention to cars, parking spaces, and power lines, with almost NO emphasis being placed on anything that will mitigate against deleterious climate change impact. All studies point to full canopy trees as being much more effective as reducing urban heat island effect, not to mention general human habitat desirability. You have made no provision for canopy trees on the SE side of Winnebago St. from Bashford to 2nd despite the fact there are NO parallel wires on that side, only crossing wires. Pygmy forests of crabapple trees just won't cut it.....

Madison, if it is to truly thrive, will have to consider trees and green spaces and plant communities at least on a par with man-made structures of wires, cars, and pavement.

PLEASE!! Start taking a longer range view that includes the reality of a paradigm shift away from fossil fuels being absolutely necessary, instead of sage head-nodding and continuing with business as usual. Yes, these may be hard decisions, but 99% of scientists will tell you that the decision will NOT be getting any easier!

Sincerely,

Ray Purdy

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Subject: Oppose: Winnebago St Reconstruct, Item 4. Legistar # 50935

Dear Members, Board of Public Works,

Re: Item 4. 50935 on today's agenda "Approving Plans, Specifications and Schedule of Assessments for Winnebago Street, Atwood Avenue...."

We strongly oppose all options presented to you.

For years the engineers have sought to divide & conquer by pitting tree huggers against bicyclists. As an all-of-the-above advocate for strong, sustainable neighborhoods through walking, biking, transit--not speeding cars--we strongly oppose *\*all\** of the options for Winnebago St. We also oppose the cynical strategies that pit neighbor against neighbor.

The presumption in both plans is that car traffic volumes must remain high and speedy, and everything else--trees/landscaping, people, an aesthetic built environment--is secondary. At best, trees get a constricted little strip that might support a Q-tip tree or two, but never a canopy tree. Except for some nibbling at the edges, these plans do nothing to further a more sustainable neighborhood. It is obvious that the Engineering Dept. has not looked at the neighborhood plan, which calls for "Park-like streets" connecting throughout the neighborhood. Nor has it looked at our current pedestrian plan, which calls for a full canopy toward a more walkable environment. It is also clear that you have not done your homework as to the people who currently live here nor have you investigated the people who are moving here (moving here precisely because it is the most bikeable/walkable hood), nor have you attempted to discover what types of urban environments attract the kind of people who will make Madison a more resilient and convivial place.

In short, your continued catering to the car will invite the wrong element to a neighborhood that has expressed, in plan after plan, that they want walkability, bikeability and green, not more cars.

A vote for these options is a slap in the face to all who have worked so hard to plan for a more sustainable future.

Sincerely,

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