

October 25, 2016

Ms. Christy Bachmann
City of Madison
Madison Municipal Building
215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Madison, WI 53703

VIA U.S. Mail and VIA EMAIL TO:
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RE: Proposed Monroe Street Reconstruction Project from Edgewood High School Board of Trustees

Dear Ms. Bachmann:

On behalf of the Edgewood High School Board of Trustees, I am writing to you as the project coordinator for the City of Madison's proposed Monroe Street resurfacing and reconstruction beginning in the spring of 2018.

Please know we appreciated your invitation to participate in the public information gathering related to this project. The meetings were informative and the questions and discussions that followed helped us and the community better understand the complexities of coordinating this project. To that end, we want you to have a written understanding of our thoughts and current concerns regarding the project.

Edgewood High School is located in the 2200 block of Monroe Street. As communicated in your public gatherings for this project, Edgewood High School has supported and maintained a beautiful campus for 135 years. Our students, faculty, staff and families not only spend time on our campus, but also frequent the Monroe Street businesses and parks. Our mission and values at Edgewood High School are consistent with building, growing and maintaining a strong, healthy, and cohesive community. Observing we have 535 students and 97 employees, we respectfully ask that you consider the following action items in your final work.

- **Maintained Access to Campus.** We urge you to ensure that this project maintains continued and efficient access to the Edgewood campus. There is no parallel corridor to access to the Edgewood campus. As a result, we are very concerned with maintaining access during construction and after project completion for our staff, students, families and visitors. Our chief concern is that four vehicle lanes be maintained on Monroe Street.
- **Improved Public Safety.** We believe that the final project should provide increased safety for pedestrians, bikes and vehicles traveling to and from campus. We share the Monroe Street community's expressed concern for safety for all of those living, working and traveling on Monroe Street.

Accordingly, we support a project design that both maintains four vehicle lanes, while also making design improvements to enhance safety for drivers, pedestrians and bicycles.

- **Continuation of Madison Metro Bus Routes.** A large number of our students and employees utilize the Madison Metro bus service on a daily basis. Any change that would decrease or eliminate bus service could greatly impact access to our campus. The final design should include maintaining the bus routes on Monroe Street.
- **Support for Restricted Parking Lanes.** A number of our high school students and staff utilize the restricted parking lanes on Monroe Street to attend school. We believe that the current system of restricted parking on Monroe Street near the campus is working and we support that it be maintained.
- **Open Access for Emergency and First Responders.** As stated above, Monroe Street is the main access point to our campus. We urge that the project design carefully evaluate and consider the need to maintain the ability for emergency services vehicles and first responders to not only access our campus, but also access the surrounding neighborhood.
- **Improvement of Street Aesthetics.** Like many other businesses, Monroe Street is the Gateway to the Edgewood Campus. We heard over the summer during the public meetings numerous expressions of support for the project improving the street aesthetics by planting additional or different trees, changing green spaces and other ideas for improvements. We share those goals as a part of this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our concerns regarding this project. The Edgewood High School Board of Trustees looks forward to working with you as you continue to accept public input and proceed with the reconstruction.

Sincerely,

David Hackworthy
Chairman
Edgewood High School Board of Trustees