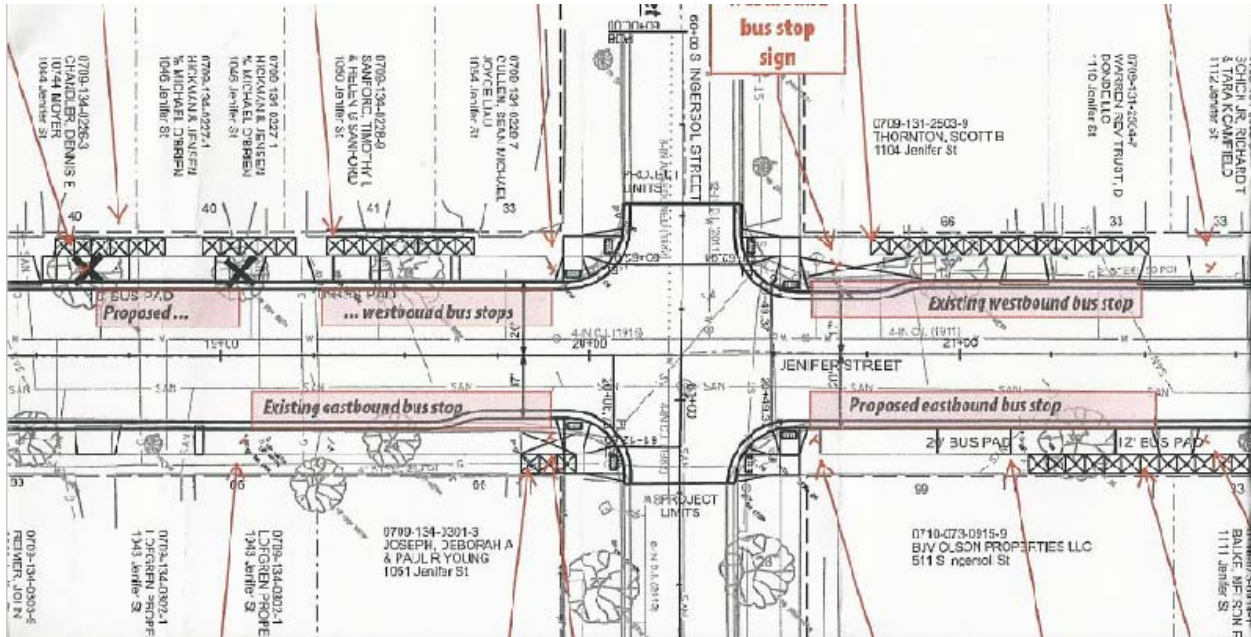


Dear Board Member,

As a property owner at 1044 Jenifer Street, I wish to contest the relocation of the current westbound Metro bus stop at Jenifer and Ingersol Streets (see diagram below).

I appreciate the opportunity to present my concerns for your consideration prior to any final decision.



I admit my initial concerns about the relocation were more selfish in nature. Those of us in the proposed relocated bus stop area purchased our properties in good faith *without* a bus stop in our front yards. The individuals with property *at the current stops* were able to take this into consideration when making *their* purchase decisions.

However, upon further consideration and conversation with our neighbors, we realize that our greatest concern about the proposed relocation is SAFETY. Apparently the proposed relocation is based on a concern for pedestrian safety - pedestrians who try to cross Jenifer Street in front of idling buses at the Jenifer/Ingersol intersection. **We strongly believe the relocation will trade one potential safety issue for one that is much more likely to occur.**

The new proposed westbound bus stop will impact driveways for three multi-unit buildings (a 2-flat at 1050, a 3-flat at 1046, and a 2-flat at 1044 (with “back out” street access only)). Stopped buses in the proposed new location will block visibility for drivers of 11 cars exiting these properties. In addition, the next building on Jenifer Street is another 3-flat with several cars that must also back out of a driveway. Note that in the current bus stop location, only one driveway (a single unit property) comes into play.

When a bus is present in the proposed new location, it will be virtually impossible to safely pull out into the street for the affected residents. And although the argument could be made that there aren't

buses all the time, the bus traffic is heaviest just exactly when many of us are pulling in and out of our driveways.

As residents near the Jenifer/Ingersol intersection, we see dozens of people safely crossing every day and we are unaware that any pedestrian accidents have occurred there. Please keep in mind that any pedestrian crossing Jenifer Street has the easy option to cross Ingersol first to improve visibility.

We believe there is a far greater chance that someone will be injured pulling a vehicle out blindly onto Jenifer Street at the proposed bus stop location than to a pedestrian crossing at the intersection by the current location.

Of special concern as we exit our driveways is the bicycle traffic, which is especially heavy on Jenifer Street as it is used as a main commuter route. **Individuals on bikes are already more wary of traffic when entering any intersection (as with the current bus stop location), which provides a measure of protection. Bikers are less careful about driveways, expecting drivers to be aware and cautious. If the bus stop is moved to the far side of the intersection, the decreased visibility for driveways when a bus is present will turn the area into a serious danger for bike riders.**

I respectfully request that these safety concerns be carefully considered before the final decision is made regarding the relocation of the bus stop in question.

Please feel free to contact me for further discussion. We look forward to attending the Board of Public Works hearing on February 3.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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