

Email received February 2, 2022 - Public Feedback

Please reconsider stranding Northside residents of Madison with no public options that are feasible. These include:

- 1.** This network redesign will take many local services away from various Northside neighbors, especially people of color and low income communities. For example, Route 17 will be discontinued. This route provides a much needed connection for Northside residents to access Pick 'N Save, Woodmans, and the USPS at Milwaukee Street. Route 17 was originally created on request from the Neighborhood Resource Team (NRT) to address equity and provide workforce opportunities for people to work at Pick 'N Save, Woodmans and other places along the route, and for people to use services on that route. Those who are not familiar with Northside (NRT) can read more info about [NRT here](#). By discontinuing Route 17, it will disproportionately impact people of color and low-income families who rely on that route to access services and workforce opportunities.
- 2.** The BRT network redesign has also stranded the 1200 low income and affordable housing residents living in mobile manufactured homes on Packers Avenue, and hundreds of senior affordable housing residents at Tennyson Lane. Many of those people rely heavily on Route 21 to connect with city services and the proposed BRT redesign doesn't consider.
- 3.** Oak and Pawling Streets have a lot of naturally occurring affordable housing options. Many residents living in these apartments are low income and people of color, and some of these people are living with disabilities. At the moment, bus number 4 picks many people up from their doorsteps. However, in the new BRT network redesign these individuals will have to walk many blocks to catch a bus.
- 4.** Further north, the city's proposed BRT network redesign has removed access to Delaware and School Roads, leaving those communities also stranded or asking them to commute via their own vehicles to access city services. Not only is this inequitable and a possible inconvenience, but it will also increase the city's carbon footprint.

Alternative plans are needed!

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