

Re proposed changes to Route 32

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To: Madison Metro and Madison Transportation Commission

As I read the current schedule, the proposal to shift a segment of Route 32 from Acewood to Dempsey Road will result in the loss of the convenient off-peak weekday service from Acewood Blvd. and Cottage Grove Road to the East Transfer Point. This includes the current 8 minute service from Stop #7925 to the East Transfer Point that is available hourly on weekdays between 9:32 a.m. to 1:32 pm.

Additionally this proposal would eliminate convenient ***weekend*** service from Acewood/CGR to the East Transfer Point. Currently 8 minute rides to the ETP are available hourly from bus stop #7925 during a 15 hour period on Saturdays, 14 hours on Sundays.

(Times from the ETP to Acewood/CGR would generally improve during off-peak weekday and weekend service, except for the 7:15 pm to 10:15 pm weekday timetable which would most likely lengthen slightly from the current 7 minutes.)

Proposing to eliminate convenient off-peak and weekend service to the East Transfer Point from a corner which will soon be home to 70 households is concerning. Residents who work an off-peak schedule or need to get to medical appointments do not need the burden of a lengthy commute to get to the transfer point.

Regarding service to the new library, since the proposed route will loop counter-clockwise I estimate it will take 25 to 30 minutes to travel from Acewood/CGR to Pinney Library—a distance of 1 mile —on Route 32.

This proposal is based on existing “low ridership” history and ignores the potential needs of the future residents of The Ace Apartments.

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