

I was registered to speak. However, I did not receive the email with instructions and I cannot get into the meeting. I am on the phone, but muted.

Madison Metro Bus Service.

I had planned that I would approach MADISON METRO about increasing services on bus line 21, which currently goes through a large residential area with many low income residence. I had planned to ask that they increase service to every 30 minutes during the weekends and to run the buses later on weekends so that people could get home from their jobs.

Instead Bus Service to that entire area has been eliminated completely, leaving many residents with no transportation at all. I live in that neighborhood, and with the revised plan there is no way that I would be able to walk to one of the Planned bus stops. I have health issues and a bad knee and it would be simply impossible for me to catch a bus.

The Cherokee condos have many senior residents who are not able to drive anymore and who depend on the bus.

Two very large low income apartment complexes were recently built on Tennyson. Most of the people in those apartments cannot afford to own a car. One of the large buildings is housing for senior citizens, And many of them are no longer able to drive.

Across the street is the Kipling neighborhood, which consists of many apartments that serve low income families. Again many of them cannot afford a car. Across the street is the mobile home park,. The mobile homes in this park house people with low incomes who depend on the bus and often do not own a car.

In addition, the proposed plan eliminates the bus stops that enable people to reach the River Food pantry, a very large and busy food pantry. With this plan, there is no way for people who need

basic necessities such as a hot meal or food to take home. They can no longer reach the River Food pantry by bus

This plan seems to end all service to Mendota hospital and central Center,, which seems to be problematic because I think a number of people who work there take the bus to work and do not have a car.

Also, by eliminating the North transfer point, and it sounds like there is a plan to eliminate many transfer points. It seems that they will also eliminate the park and ride lot, which at the North transfer point always seems to be full.

I like to take to park there and take the bus downtown for big events, when parking downtown becomes impossible. I also think that many people from farther out in the county come to park there and catch the bus downtown. So it seems like that's going to create a lot more traffic and parking issues downtown. And it really disrupts what has been a valuable service for many. Originally, I Was in favor of the rapid transit plan. I did not realize that it would take basic transportation away from residential Neighborhoods and especially from families who have no other alternative transportation other than buses. At this point I must oppose the new plan.

Thank you for your attention.

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