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February 28, 2024

Dear City Stakeholders:

The Marquette Neighborhood Association (MNA) has a strong interest in maintaining the vibrancy of our neighborhood, greening our streets, and ensuring multi-modal transit options. We have followed the developments of the Rutledge Street redesign for many months and engaged with many residents regarding the proposed designs.

The theme we have continually heard throughout the past year is that most residents miss having a Metro route on these blocks and wish that the Rutledge route that operated for decades would return. Thus, many MNA residents read the news of Metro's expansion into Monona with great hopes that this new route could signal a return of Route C running on these blocks.

The unfortunate predicament is that the geometry of a redesigned Rutledge street will be chosen in the coming days, whereas Metro will not make a decision on its routing until later in the year. This has put MNA in a position where it must advocate for a design based primarily on a hope that it will allow our residents better transit access.

Metro has stated that Option 1C would permit buses to return to this route. We hope that if design 1C is chosen, City agencies will urge Metro to restore service to that corridor. It would be a pity to mandate a wide street for the next *several decades* and not follow through with utilizing the street for public transit.

Thank you,
The Marquette Neighborhood Board of Directors

Lance Lattimer
Chair, Transportation & Safety Committee

From: [Lance Lattimer](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #13, Legistar #82080
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024 11:58:51 AM
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Dear Alders,

Respectfully submitting this letter on behalf of the Marquette Neighborhood Association regarding this year's Rutledge Street reconstruction. Please carefully consider what modes of transit should use this street as you approve a street design that will be in place for many decades to come.

Sincerely,
Lance Lattimer
MNA

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From: Mary Jo Biebl-Yahnke <mjbeebbs@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 7:59 AM
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Hello N. Gutierrez and Madison alders,

I am unable to speak in person at the CC mtg, but please present our concerns on this subject when it is discussed this Tuesday 3/5/24. Thank you.

RE: #13 -82080 CC Mtg 3/5/24: Approving Plans, Specifications, And Schedule Of Assessments For Rutledge St Reconstruction Assessment District - 2024

Husband Ross Yahnke and I have lived at 1854 Rutledge St since 1985 and are very familiar with the traffic that travels our street.

My understanding is the present proposal for reconstruction is "Option 1C"-that is, Propose a width of 28 ft (same as existing) from face of curb to face of curb with parking on both sides as traffic calming.

Please choose Option 1A- Propose a width of 28 ft (same as existing) with parking on one side (north side) over 1C.

Because Rutledge St has the bridge over the Yahara River, drivers choose Rutledge St vs. Williamson St to make faster time. Yes, our parked vehicles have been hit or we have lost driver side mirrors in the past, likely because people are in a hurry. Costly repairs are necessary. Having parking on both sides of the street may very likely worsen navigation on the street if drivers choose not to be careful and slow down.

In addition, heavy snows in winter appear to narrow driving routes even further. If drivers do not remove their vehicles from the street during heavy snows and there is parking on both sides, safe passage becomes more problematic. Presently there is parking on both sides of Rutledge St across the Yahara (zip 53703) which we note becomes more precarious when 2 cars are traveling in opposite directions, cars are parked on both sides and there has been significant snowfall.

Please keep the current width the street at 28 ft but choose option 1A over option 1C.

Thank you for the extremely hard work you all do to serve in our great city of Madison. It is greatly appreciated.

Most kind regards,
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