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Subject: Plan Commission & N. Sherman

Brad. Once again I cannot attend the Plan Commission meeting. I am spending the next two days out of town with my parents.

Could you pass the following on to the Plan Commission members - along with the letter I sent you last month?

Thanks.

Additional bullets:

- The approved Platinum Bicycle Report recommends bike lanes on all arterial and collector streets - N. Sherman is one of those streets.
- Two weekday September bicycle counts:
 - N. Sherman and Fordem

Afternoon - only 4 hours: 71 bicycles

- N. Sherman and Aberg

Morning - only 4 hours: 64 bicycles

So there are already almost 140 bikes in 8 hours on a street corridor with no bike accommodation. WisDOT in the design guidelines state that if a street or road has or can reasonably expect 25 bikes per day bike accommodations should be provided.

- Madison already has successful 3-lane conversions on N. Thompson and Schroeder Road and plan one for Old University Ave. when it is resurfaced.
- The current reconstruction of Monona Drive has a temporary 3-lane road that has received rave reviews
- Heavily traveled USH 12 (Phillips Blvd.) in Sauk City was converted to a 3-lane road in the late 1990's after the heavily used business folks section complained about ingress and egress access. It is a complete success. It has also allowed for more recently built pedestrian safety refuges.
- Many main city streets out east have been successfully converted to 3-lane roads albeit without bike lanes. I specifically remember Highway 7 on the near east side of Troy, NY
- The main highway in Branson, MO was converted to a 3-lane street (no bike lanes). It has been a tremendous success. It has been easier to enter the highway and cross it. And it has been easier to access all of the businesses.

- An Iowa DOT study on 3-lane conversions shows increased motor vehicle and pedestrian safety, slight reduction in speed, and little or no reduction in traffic volumes.

As a traffic engineer I can respond to to the comments by Dorothy Borchard

1. *Traffic standards recommend that two lanes in each direction are needed to handle the number of vehicles on N. Sherman Avenue.* ** The current Daily Traffic on N. Sherman falls within the guidelines for a three-lane road. It will work.

2. *N. Sherman has a rail crossing that caused back ups of several blocks when the traffic was down to two lanes.* ** This is an infrequent occurrence and escape over to Packers can occur via Aberg and Commercial. The back-up as described is doubtful

3. *N. Sherman is a bus route with frequent stops that will back up traffic. Increasing the possibility of rear end and head on crashes due to more congestion and obstruction caused by stopped busses, delivery and refuse trucks.* ** One can easily slip by stopped vehicles in the bike lane by shifting slightly into the middle left turn lane. This approach already works on N. Thompson and Schroeder. It also works very well during Kohl Center events on 3-lane Dayton when buses park in the bike lane and part of the traveled lane. It is not a congestion issue.

4. *Numerous driveways will find it almost impossible to exit during peak hours.* ** It will actually be easier to exit (and enter) Driveways. And surprisingly the thru traffic is more likely to be courteous to cars attempting to enter the street.

5. *Increase traffic on residential streets due to motorist going to intersections with traffic signal to cross N. Sherman Avenue to access Packers Avenue.* ** The only other thru parallel street is Packers Avenue so diversion onto neighborhoods streets is unlikely.

Thanks.

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Subject: North Side Redevelopment Plan

Good day,

I am writing to voice my concerns about the Northport-Warner Park-Sherman Neighborhood Plan, which gained press for the denial of a bike lane on North Sherman Ave:

<http://legistar.cityofmadison.com/detailreport/matter.aspx?key=17055&mode=print>

The serious problem not being addressed with this plan, is that the plan quietly addresses the City rezoning the Oak Park Terrance Mobile Home Park for commercial use, and "relocating" the residents. On behalf of those of us living in this Park, I must protest this. Since the initial draft of this Plan, our Home Owners Association has tried to meet with Lydia Maurer, our representative with the Steering Committee, but she refuses to meet with them. They have also contacted the Committee directly, with the hopes of representing our own interests, and were denied. Earlier this year, the Home Owners Association sent out a petition to apply for FEMA money to help build a tornado shelter in our park. This was also denied by the City.

Now, we know why. Now, we see we are to be denied our homes, and our right to live in Madison. Most of the residents here are retired, or disabled individuals, who reside here because they cannot afford to live anywhere else within the City. For this, they are told that they are not worth considering when planning to redevelop our Park?

Two years ago, we bought and moved a brand new home into this park, poured concrete, and built a deck. In total, close to \$100,000 was spent on moving in here. Now we face the thought of losing our home, because the City thinks a commercial district would be more profitable? And don't tell me that we can just move the house. You know as well as I that most mobile home parks won't take homes from other parks. Remember Monona? We will not allow this to happen. We will fight to keep our homes. We will not allow our fellow Madison neighbors to be forced onto the streets because of the City's greed.

I strongly urge the City to reconsider their plan to destroy our homes. Admittedly, we aren't the cleanest neighborhood in the City, but we're making improvements. With a new park manager, and the formation last year of the Oak Park Chapter of the Wisconsin Mobile Home Owner's Association, we are making vast improvements to turn our park around, clean it up, and make it a wonderful place to raise a family in.

With hopes of a home,
-Amalor Myrnnnyx