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MEMBERS/STAFF

Benishek Clark, Anne

From: Rummel, Marsha
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2016 10:55 PM
To: Benishek Clark, Anne
Cc: Mymetrobus
Subject: Fw: Bus Route

From: Nancy Sloan <nancysloan305@att.net>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2016 9:33 PM
To: Rummel, Marsha
Subject: Bus Route

General Information

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Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I frequently take the bus. Even though it would be a shorter distance to walk to the bus stop on Williamson, I strongly feel Jenifer is a better option. Williamson is becoming more congested, and will continue so. Local business loses parking spaces. Most people will not drive around to park and shop. Business's are all ready struggling due to the internet. There is not room on the sidewalk for bus shelters with seating. When buses make stops, traffic comes to a stop. Congestion adds to air pollution. Again the traffic is just becoming more congested, and additional bus traffic adds to disgruntled drivers.

Recipient:
Marsha A. Rummel

From: Rummel, Marsha
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 10:14 PM
To: Benishek Clark, Anne
Cc: Mymetrobus
Subject: Fw: Comments on moving buses to Willy St

From: Chelsea Johnson <johnson.e.chelsea@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 5:53 PM
To: Rummel, Marsha
Subject: Comments on moving buses to Willy St

General Information

Name: Chelsea Johnson
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Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Hi there. I am a resident at 1210 Jenifer St. I received notice of a public meeting to discuss permanently moving the buses to Willy St.

I was not able to make it to the meeting but wanted to submit my comments. I strongly oppose moving the buses to Williamson St. I believe they should be returned to Jenifer St.

-Williamson Street is already a mess. It has made driving down that street even harder than normal with buses. This also creates more of a danger for bikers who already frequently squeezed on this street.

-As someone who lives right next to a former bus stop, being right on the bus line was a reason I chose my home. It is very convenient a selfish reason, but a reason!

-I have heard from business owners that the loss of parking on Willy St has impacted their sales.

-Having the bus line on Jenifer St. keeps the street a part of the community. I am sure some homeowners who drive would rather have more privacy and quiet, but I think having the bus line on this street keeps us connected to the community and other community members.

-Riding the bus regularly can be a chaotic experience. Waiting on a quiet street rather than Willy adds a few moments of needed peace to the process.

Thanks for the opportunity for public comment.

Sincerely,
Chelsea Johnson

Recipient:
Marsha A. Rummel

From: Martha Goodge [mgoodge@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 8:31 AM
To: Rummel, Marsha; mnaboard@marquette-neighborhood.org; Benishek Clark, Anne
Subject: Parking and Bus Route -- Marquette Neighborhood

To Whom It May Concern,

I wanted to attend the community planning discussion last night because I heard that there was a possibility of moving the buses from Jenny to Willy permanently and I really wanted to be a part of that discussion. I couldn't make the meeting, but am emailing you anyway in the hopes that nothing has been decided.

I am very strongly against making this move permanent. As a pedestrian in the neighborhood, it has been difficult simply walking my dog down Willy because of the large numbers of people blocking the sidewalk while waiting for the bus. On Jenny, this wasn't really a problem because there were fewer people walking on the street. As someone who occasionally takes the bus, I miss the tranquility of waiting on Jenny. I've never had anyone yell at me out of a car window while waiting for the bus until now. As a driver, I have been patiently dealing with the increased traffic times and the lack of parking because I thought it would be over at the end of the construction period, but now I am worried that this is going to go on forever. I sat through two lights yesterday trying to get home from work simply because the bus was stopped and traffic was too heavy in the other lane for me to get around it. Meanwhile, the person behind me got frustrated, cut a car off to get around the bus, then made a right-hand turn in front of the bus from the left lane instead. Willy just isn't big enough to accommodate buses and cars during those peak traffic hours when we're already dealing with the bottleneck caused by the isthmus. I have also heard from some small business owners in the neighborhood that they are noticing a marked decline in business because they've lost all that street parking that they had relied upon until now. All of these things are concerning to me.

Thank you for your willingness to listen to individuals in the community while you make your decisions. I hope that the final result is something that will be beneficial for everyone in the neighborhood and not just convenient for some.

Sincerely,
Martha Goodge
1049 Spaight St

From: Rummel, Marsha
Sent: Sunday, September 04, 2016 2:08 PM
To: Benishek Clark, Anne
Subject: Fwd: Comments regarding bus routes

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Brijes <brijes@bitstream.net>
Date: September 3, 2016 at 10:34:42 AM CDT
To: <district6@cityofmadison.com>, <mnaboard@marquette-neighborhood.org>
Subject: Comments regarding bus routes

Dear Ald. Rummel,

I would like to express my opinion that the bus routes be restored to Jenifer Street. As a homeowner on Jenifer Street, my biggest concern for this street is safety, and I feel like the buses do help to slow motorists who drive too fast down Jenifer. I also feel like the buses on Jenifer street help keep Williamson more fluid, which in turn helps distribute thru traffic more equally between the two streets. I fear that Jenifer car traffic would become faster and heavier if the bus routes moved to Williamson.

My other big concern is the health of Willy Street merchants. They are truly one of the main reasons we live in this neighborhood — to be able to walk, or park easily when coming back home, and shop close to home is why we put up with other urban annoyances like bus fumes, bus noise, or reduced parking. At the meeting, and in conversation, I heard that merchants have had reduced sales due to the bus routes being diverted to Willy street during construction.

Thank you,
Jessica Spiegel
1130 Jenifer Street