

Chairperson Gary Poulson
City of Madison, Transit and Parking Commission
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Madison, WI

August 30, 2016

Dear Mr. Poulson,

We are writing to express our grave concerns regarding the current state of affairs on the 1200 block of Williamson Street. As you know Madison Metro has temporarily rerouted the buses to Williamson Street during the Jenifer Street road construction project which is scheduled to last through November 2016. In the three months since the bus stops were added to our block and the street parking was removed, our customers'/clients' ability to access our businesses has been significantly impeded resulting in sharp declines in our sales. In addition, the change has resulted in dozens of police calls to the block to deal with threatening behavior exhibited by bus patrons. Our employees and prospective customers are concerned for their safety making it incredibly hard to operate a viable business.

It is our understanding that the city is considering make this temporary hardship permanent. We need to make it clear that our businesses cannot sustain the status quo. Some of us are on the brink of closing our doors and others are seriously considering relocating. With a fire station and a major grocery store on an already narrow and congested block, traffic on 1200 Williamson Street is not manageable with the addition of buses.

We are asking that immediate attention be given to our concerns and that the 1200 block solution to this issue by addressed separately. We cannot afford to wait for the entire route to be debated. We have an anomalous situation on this block and it should be dealt with as such. Please direct responses to this communication to Nikki Anderson at Change Boutique, nikki@changeboutique.com, 608-692-0223.

Sincerely,

Mallat's Pharmacy

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Red Sage Health

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Paint Bar

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Hazel General Store

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ZebraDog Design

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