



## Metro Transit

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## MNA – Traffic Committee Meeting METRO TRANSIT SUMMARY – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

### WILLIAMSON ST. CONCERNS

- The disruption in parking is causing major concern for businesses on Williamson St. The main concern is the 1200 block, however other businesses down Williamson St. were expressing the same concern. They don't have lots, street parking for their customers is it.
- The street was just reconstructed without transit in mind. Too narrow and already way too congested prior to Metro presence, especially during the rush hour. Willy St. has turned into a commuter street for those going from Downtown to the Monona area.
- Safety was a large concern
  - Some thought the presence of the bus stops added more solicitors to the area.
  - Ped, bike and traffic safety concern at the relief point on Ingersoll.
  - Lack of accessible services on Willy.
  - Lack of amenities – no terrace to even add these amenities
- Jenifer St. seems more logical, residents were aware the bus was there when purchasing their home, this is not the same for Williamson St. Houses/ apartments are closer to the street on Willy – thus causing 'more' of a disruption.

### JENIFER ST. CONCERNS

- They don't want people commuting through their neighborhood – quote from Peter on the Traffic Committee
- Too many stops, too many speed bumps, too narrow, and not enough amenities. Passengers are waiting on the door steps of people's homes and littering in yard. It's a residential neighborhood – buses make more sense on busier streets.
- Relief point on Ingersoll with buses sitting there causes blocked driveways, noise pollution, etc.

### JESSY'S SUMMARY

- There seem to be a lack of communication on why everyone was gathered and what prompted the discussion.
- We were not really wanted on Jenifer by Jenifer residents and not wanted on Willy by Willy residents, but moving to E. Wash didn't seem to be an option either.
- Lack of parking was a common concern for everyone. Possible Metro solutions?
  - Eliminate bus stops every block on Jenifer St. (common consensus)
  - Look at potentially moving our relief point at Ingersoll – one member suggested moving it to the corner of Willy and Blount, in front of the Elk Lodge. Eliminates safety concerns (can't turn right in front of bus) and noise pollution for both Jenny and Willy residents.
  - Investigate possible stop location changes for the current detour – particularly the 1200 block.
  - There was a suggestion to move some routes to Jenny and keep some routes on Willy.
- Amenity issue – Lack of amenities on Jenifer St. and no place to put them on Willy St.