

Mohr, Thomas

From: Ashlie Crooks <ashliecrooks@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 2:07 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas; Zellers, Ledell
Subject: Blair & Mifflin traffic

Dear Mr. Mohr and Alder Zellers,

I want to write in support of the half-closure on Mifflin Street. I have lived toward the eastern end of Mifflin's Bicycle Boulevard for five years now and love living on a bike-friendly street. As a frequent bicyclist and pedestrian, I greatly approve of less motor traffic on any Bicycle Boulevard but especially this one as I live here.

A couple of years ago when Johnson St was under construction, I was very concerned with the amount of car traffic that chose to drive down Mifflin with little regard for the bicycle and pedestrian traffic. While most of that traffic returned to Johnson after construction ended, it seems that many people saw that Mifflin could be used as a quick alternative to East Wash or Johnson during rush hours.

Thank you for testing this reduction in motorized traffic and I hope that it becomes permanent, especially as there will be more and more cars on Mifflin with the continued development of East Wash.

Best,

Ashlie Crooks
1243 E Mifflin #2
Madison, WI 53703

Mohr, Thomas

From: Barb Wilson <barbwilson@tds.net>
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Cc: Zellers, Ledell
Subject: Re: Traffic Counts at Blair/Mifflin Diverter

Tom,

Thanks for your prompt action on these measures. All of the measures were implemented early enough yesterday that they greatly reduced the inappropriate vehicle entry from the west onto the 600 block of E. Mifflin over the course of the day. There were occasional instances where drivers ignored the signage, but overall the volume of vehicles that circumvented the diverter was only about 10 to 20% of what it had been on Wednesday.

So far this morning, there has been a similar reduction in traffic crossing Blair onto E. Mifflin and continuing to travel east. In addition to the reduced volume of traffic, over the past 24 hours I have noticed NO instances of the habitual west to east speeding that has been occurring on the 600 block. The elimination of speeding will obviously immensely improve the safety factor for all individuals utilizing the street, whether inside or outside of a vehicle.

Thanks again.
Barb Wilson
623 E. Mifflin St.

From: "Thomas Mohr" <TMohr@cityofmadison.com>
To: "Barb Wilson" <barbwilson@tds.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2017 8:52:45 AM
Subject: RE: Traffic Counts at Blair/Mifflin Diverter

Thanks, Barb. Here's the additional measures we plan to add today:

- Message board on E Mifflin St, west of Blair St, notifying "RIGHT TURNS ONLY, AT BLAIR ST"
- "Right turn arrow" pavement marking on E Mifflin St
- Another "Do Not Enter" sign on back of the existing stop sign
- Narrow the bike lane from 6' to 5'—this will leave less space for drivers to cheat thru..
- Add temp curb with orange reflectors on the double yellow pavement markings—again to allow less space...
- Flags on the "No Left Turns" signs

Tom Mohr, P.E.
Traffic Engineering
City of Madison
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From: Barb Wilson [mailto:barbwilson@tds.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 8:51 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas <TMohr@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Traffic Counts at Blair/Mifflin Diverter

Tom,

I spoke with you by phone twice yesterday regarding the issue with people ignoring the new diverter at Blair and E. Mifflin. Here are some traffic violation counts for you. Between 3 p.m. and 4p.m., 16 vehicles bypassed the diverter, including four U.S. mail trucks. Between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m., 26 vehicles illegally bypassed the diverter. At 3:20 a.m., a vehicle with no muffler system bypassed the diverter and drove at high speed east on E. Mifflin St.

This morning between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., nineteen vehicles circumvented the diverter, including two full-size school buses. While I was not able to observe the locations from which all of the vehicles came, each one that I did observe was driving east on E. Mifflin St.

Officer Jerry showed up to try to help the situation. He said that he would maintain police presence at the busy points of the day in order to help drivers make the right choice.

Thanks for your help with this. While I was out talking with Officer Jerry, there were dozens of bicyclists riding up the street. They are using this area regularly, and there needs to be a means by which we can eliminate those people who want to use this as a speeding corridor and have it available to both bikes and vehicles *traveling at the posted speed*.

Officer Jerry made a suggestion that I think would be very helpful and that is to prepare motorists better for the diverter by posting more anticipatory signage along both E. Mifflin and Blair Streets. One of the problems may be that people are in a habit of doing things the usual way or may be unable to read the signs at the corner due to having to watch traffic, pedestrians, or other distractions. Having a warning sign or two saying "right turn only" on the eastbound block of E. Mifflin before the corner and "no left turn" on Blair before the corner would help people anticipate and decide how to appropriately proceed.

Barb Wilson
623 E. Mifflin St.

12/4/2017

Dear Tom and the City of Madison:

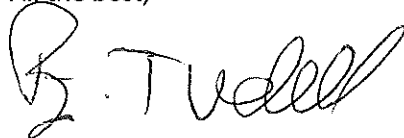
I read the Isthmus.com article with great interest regarding the E. Mifflin St. road barrier test. I wanted to express my support, and that of my wife, for your test and the potential to make this a longer-term solution. It is shameful that the campaign against this roadblock has been so in clandestine. If the community truly did not appreciate this test, their concerns should be public and open.

In support of maintaining this barrier in the long run, I wanted to offer my perspective as a resident.

- We moved to E. Mifflin St. in October and have truly enjoyed the experience with no prior attachments.
- I am surprised at the concern for the barrier and the issues of traffic flow. There are numerous other streets to take traffic out of the capitol square area. I can appreciate some traffic being rerouted, but there does not seem to be an argument or an unintended consequence of bottlenecks on different routes. Other streets are built for higher traffic counts so let us use them for those purposes.
- The level of bike and foot traffic on E. Mifflin St is substantial. I would wonder if the barrier, and fewer cars, have pushed more bike and foot traffic to our street. In addition, if so, has this created a safer environment with minimal impact on drivers?
- My wife now walks to work on the square. I would believe that many of the new residents to these units will also work or bike. In effect, removing the barrier does not affect the driving habits of the future residents of the developer's property.
- Lastly, the fact that we now have more "local" traffic and quieter street, with busier streets literally blocks away, supports the local community "feel". As development continues to happen in this area, and I moved here in favor of it, limited traffic pushes non-locals to distinct streets to pass through the community.

I fully support the barriers and hope they will remain in place for the long run. I can only see benefits for the local community with limited impact on the drivers passing through. It is sad that those against this idea are not interested in identifying themselves clearly and makes me wonder if they have less than honest motives. Thank you for implementing a great idea to benefit the greater good of the community!

All the best,



Benjamin T. Udell

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Mohr, Thomas

From: Burke O'Neal <burke@fullspectrumssolar.com>
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2017 4:07 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: We support the half closure of Mifflin St. at Blair St.

My brother Mark and I, who own Full Spectrum Solar at 1240 E. Washington have a number of employees who bike to work regularly. In our opinion, there is no point in having a “bike boulevard”, if it is heavily trafficked by speeding cars trying to get around E. Washington.

Sincerely,

Burke

Burke O'Neal
Project Engineer/Director
B.S. Mechanical Engineering
Master Electrician #908748

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Mohr, Thomas

From: Dryer, David
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 10:36 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Cc: Ross, Arthur
Subject: FW: In Support of the East Mifflin Diverter

[For the comment package...](#)

From: Cameron Field [mailto:fieldcf@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 10:29 AM
To: Dryer, David <DDryer@cityofmadison.com>; Zellers, Ledell <district2@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fwd: In Support of the East Mifflin Diverter

Ledell and David -

Just wanted to forward you my email in support of the diverter at East Mifflin. Message is below in full that contains my support and observations during the trial. I do want to amend my comments to emphasize that without a center bollard, I saw three cars in a row this morning going straight down Mifflin swerve around the diverter and then speed all the way to Patterson Street. This was not the case when the center bollard was installed. I think a final design should engineer out the ease of which cars ignore the diverter and swerve into oncoming traffic.

I also want to add that I have spoken to multiple tenants of Veritas Village who support the diverter, including one young woman who was a reporter and did a story about the project.

Thank you,

Cameron

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From: Cameron Field <fieldcf@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Nov 30, 2017 at 9:12 PM
Subject: In Support of the East Mifflin Diverter
To: "Mohr, Thomas" <TMohr@cityofmadison.com>

Hi Tom,

This email is to voice my support for the bike diverter at East Mifflin and Blair. But first, I just want to say thanks for your work in the city. I am frequently traveling around the city when I see innovative engineering solutions for transportation and it makes me proud to live here.

I am a resident of East Dayton Street (800 block) and a member of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association (Secretary), but this email is written solely from my perspective as a resident and daily commuter—as a cyclist and pedestrian—on East Mifflin Street.

For the past few years I have biked to and from the Capitol Square for work and I have never felt as safe on East Mifflin Street as I do with the diverter. On the way home in the evening, there is very little traffic behind or passing me, and the traffic that is still present is much slower. The incidents of cars rushing down East Mifflin only to cut over to Johnson or East Washington seems to have greatly decreased. The boulevard feels much

safer—more like a bike boulevard than a speedway—and for that I hope we can make this a permanent fixture of the Bike Boulevard.

A couple of observations for your use based on my many hours of observation and communication with others:

- The first few days were hectic, with cars that usually cut down East Mifflin Street turning around mid-Mifflin to find another way around Blair.
- Within a week, traffic seemed to have normalized.
- Without a center bollard, cars cut around the diverter and onto East Mifflin. In the beginning of the study, this would happen frequently, with multiple cars cutting at a time. When the bollard was put in on the center line, I only witnessed cars cutting once or twice (as opposed to once or twice every time I went by at first). Once the central bollard was removed about 3 weeks ago, fewer cars are cutting around the diverter than at first, but more are doing it than were when the central bollard was in place. This could also be prevented by adding an island with the hawk light on the west side of the Blair Mifflin intersection and a pedestrian island in the middle of Blair, so cars couldn't cut from eastbound mifflin into oncoming westbound traffic to get around the diverter. Even with these occasional rule-breakers, it feels like 98% of the immediate fast traffic on the Boulevard is gone due to the diverter. I understand some of the traffic counts did not show this marked of a decrease, but the *feel* is there. I felt the traffic counters were placed too close to the intersection with Blount that it counted cars coming and going to Salvation Army and the Colony Condos instead of just cars on the far west end of the block that were entering Mifflin from Blair or the downtown side of Mifflin.
- I have spoken to a number of friends who commute from much farther east, such as around East High School, and they love the diverter—saying it makes the overall experience of commuting on Mifflin much more enjoyable and safer.
- My family also has a car and we do drive downtown sometimes and have to take a different route home than we used to with the diverter in place. The route we now take (down Johnson instead of Mifflin) is just as fast if not faster as is actually safer for driving as we are not cutting across Blair. We don't even view this as an inconvenience worth balancing with the benefits gained from the diverter.
- You should know that a wholly inaccurate flyer is being distributed in the neighborhood that claims the City is going to shut down all car traffic on east mifflin and the city will not be holding any meeting or traffic studies to make its decision. Post cards are being sent with the inaccurate flyer for people to voice opposition to the false claims contained therein. Of course, the diverter was placed as a result of many neighborhood meetings that were open the public and any final design would be following whatever procedure the city must follow.
- I have copied an email I received to the neighborhood council in support of the diverter as I saw you were not copied on it.

Thank you for your work on this.

Best,

Cameron

Mohr, Thomas

From: Traffic
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2017 9:36 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: FW: East Mifflin traffic diverter

From: christine knorr [mailto:cmknorr@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2017 9:35 AM
To: Traffic; Zellers, Ledell
Subject: East Mifflin traffic diverter

Dear David Dryer and Ledell Zellers,

I live on the 1100 block of East Mifflin Street. For years for years East Mifflin Street has been a dedicated bicycle boulevard. I believe the diverter should be made permanent. Mifflin Street is an important street and necessary for circulation and access within the neighborhood, but it needs to be safe.

I find it ironic that a developer is stating that, "We have the right to have input — to be included — but we have been excluded." and that "We're being belittled, we're being criticized for speaking out, people are telling us flat-out we don't have a right to speak out on this." when essentially the developers have crammed all of their high density high rises on our (no longer not so) little residential neighborhood.

Trapped between East Washington and East Johnson, our little section of the Tenney Lapham neighborhood is often just a cut through between corridors. A diverter is needed to keep traffic volume low on Mifflin as the area develops. We have been very accommodating to the HUGE amount of changes that we have been asked to absorb in the past five years. If this is the way that new development is going to come into a neighborhood (shoving existing residents around) then they should expect a lot of suspicion and resistance to future big development.

Traffic calming on East Mifflin is a very important part of what will make our neighborhoods safe and accessible by all.

-Christine Knorr
1152 East Mifflin Street

Mohr, Thomas

From: Claire Roth <claire@africayogaproject.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:37 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: Traffic Diverter Test

Hello!

Sending a comment about the traffic diverter test on E Mifflin. I am a HUGE fan of this diversion. As an avid biker, I use the bike lanes as much as possible and the difference in safety that this diversion created is very noticeable.

Thank you for creating this and I'm excited to continue seeing them pop up!

Best,
Claire Roth

University of Wisconsin, Madison
Class of 2018

Mohr, Thomas

From: Dalton McLean <daltonmclean22@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 12:38 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: New Traffic Diverter

Hi Tom,

My name is Dalton and I live at 525 E. Mifflin St. Yesterday I noticed that it was the first day of the test for the traffic diverter. I think this diverter is great, but what I am worried about is that it eliminates a significant amount of street parking for this area. This area of town is has the least amount of street parking in the city, so I am hoping that this will not interfere with parking. Please tell me we will still be able to park on this street.

Thanks,
Dalton

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Dalton T. McLean
University of Wisconsin-Madison PhD Student
daltonmclean22@gmail.com
mclean3@wisc.edu

Mohr, Thomas

From: Daniel Bolinson <danbolinson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: Support for Mifflin traffic calming

Hello,

As a regular biker I appreciate the efforts to reduce traffic along the Mifflin bike corridor.

With the development going on in the neighborhood this is an important measure to maintain the bike friendliness of the area. I live in the Lapham neighborhood, also own a car, and support the initiative. It's important to get ahead of this as the development is bound to increase through traffic and maintaining the one bike corridor (separate from the multiple major automotive thorough-fairs) is a great initiative. I'm happy to see the city thinking ahead.

Dan Bolinson
608 770 8273
#2-204 N Brearly St
Madison WI

Mohr, Thomas

From: Mohr, Thomas
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2018 9:19 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: FW: Breese & Traffic Safety

From: knuth.davidm@gmail.com <knuth.davidm@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 6:04 PM
To: Zellers, Ledell
Subject: Fwd: Breese & Traffic Safety

Hello Alder Zellers,

For what it's worth, I just want to share again another example that demonstrates the challenges of biking in Madison during rush hour and actually in general. This evening I was biking on the Mifflin Bike Blvd around 5:00pm. I stopped at the intersection of Mifflin and Ingersoll. As I began to pull away, a car that was trailing behind me stuck out his head and shouted, "Do you need to ride down the middle of the road you prick?". The thing is I was not in the middle of the road. From there he turned left on Ingersoll. I'm assuming he was using Mifflin to bypass as much of Johnson as possible knowing that Johnson is at a standstill at that time of day (which is done by many drivers). I love biking as my primary mode of transportation but as noted in my last email I have almost been hit on several occasions by cars using the bike Blvd as an express route. Many times these drivers are traveling faster than 25 and seem to have little respect for bicyclists. As the city reviews this topic, I really hope they can come up with effective ways to protect the rights of bicyclists. This matter is even more concerning as the city continues to allow more condos and apartments to be built on the Blvd. Increased congestion and these types of incidents will only become more common if the city keeps things the way it is.

Sincerely,
David Knuth
1229 E Dayton

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: knuth.davidm@gmail.com
Date: February 8, 2018 at 9:49:13 PM CST
To: district2@cityofmadison.com
Subject: Breese & Traffic Safety

Hello Alder Zellers,

I attended the meeting on 1/24 regarding Breese contract and want to share that I like what was presented and feel that the city and Big Top have really tried to make this arrangement work and accommodate residents as much as possible. I do hope that the soccer games are affordable... As for traffic safety, I bike or walk to work Mon-Friday along the Mifflin bike Blvd. I have had several incidents where I was almost hit by a car due to inattentive driving and excessive speeds. During peak traffic hours 7-9 AM and 3-6 PM the blvd becomes an express lane for drivers looking to bypass backups on E Washington and Johnson. This last week I opted to use Dayton as far as I can to avoid Mifflin. I strongly encourage the city to implement no turns onto Mifflin during peak hours and/or any other measures that would deter drivers from using Mifflin.

November 30, 2017

Alder Ledell Zellers
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Madison, WI 53703

David C. Dryer
Madison Traffic Engineering
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Madison, WI 53703

Re: Mifflin St. Bicycle Boulevard

Dear Alder Zellers and Mr. Dryer,

I am writing to make known my support for the test barriers installed at Mifflin St. and Blair St. Should the results of the test demonstrate a benefit to the safety of the bicycle boulevard and/or our neighborhood in general, then I fully support making the barriers permanent. I also support other similar measures aimed at slowing/reducing car traffic on the bicycle boulevard, through the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood, and on residential streets in Madison in general. I am a bicyclist, a car driver, a resident of the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood, and a Madison voter. Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Staple", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David W. Staple

Mohr, Thomas

From: Deirdre Titel <dktitel@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 2:20 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: E. Mifflin St. & N. Blair St. Diverter Test

Tom

I love the traffic diverter. I cycle up and down Mifflin a few times a week and it works well. I also have a car and don't mind taking my driving away from Mifflin.

I hope it stays after the test!

Deirdre Titel
119 N Ingersoll St

Mohr, Thomas

From: Devin Judge-Lord <devin.jl@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 9:04 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: E. Mifflin St. & N. Blair St. Diverter Test

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Dear Tom,

Thank you for the thoughtfully placed diverter and the opportunity to comment.

My partner and I live on Ingersoll and bike to work via Mifflin every day because it is the safest way for us to commute (I have been hit by cars crossing the bike lane on both Johnson and Gorham in the past year). The development on E. Washington has led to more active traffic on Mifflin but the diverter has worked to mitigate this problem, especially during rush hour when, on many days, a steady stream of cars would turn off Johnson down Blair and zip down Mifflin to cut in at the Ingersoll light. This kind of maneuver presented a hazard for cyclists, especially when people are in their rush hour traffic mood. It is hazardous because drivers are making quick decisions about whether to cut through our neighborhood or not and may not be looking for bikes. It is also hazardous because there is not really room for cars to pass a bike while facing head-on traffic, but they attempt to do so anyway. The diverter has cut down on eastbound overflow traffic from Johnson, thus reducing the chances that two cars and a bike will encounter each other at the same time on Mifflin. This is incredibly important.

Many of the people moving into the E Washington Developments appear to be car commuters. For those who work downtown, I think we have a great opportunity to show them that commuting by bike can be a safe and enjoyable way to commute if we can make Mifflin a more attractive bike boulevard despite the increased activity the development brings to the neighborhood. Sharing the road with cars can be stressful, especially for those just starting to bike. Having to share the road with stressed out cut-through commuters could turn off a large number of potential bikers in the E Washington development.

Finally, I hope the city does not use the number of times the bike crossing button on Mifflin and Blair is pressed as a measure of the number of bike commuters. This button is deeply set and above a gutter grate, so I doubt many people use it.

My Sincere Thanks,
Devin
115 N Ingersoll #1

Mohr, Thomas

From: Elizabeth Barrett <ebarrett@tds.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:49 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Cc: Samuel Bates
Subject: E Mifflin Street Bicycle Blvd -- Blair Street

Hello, Tom Mohr,

I want you to know that we approve of stopping some vehicle traffic from accessing our bicycle boulevard. I've lived at 1236 E. Mifflin for twenty years now. I cheered when our street became a BB and right then stopped driving up and down Mifflin. Now, I turn off onto a different street as soon as I can. Of course, the best part is that my street is safer for everyone. Second best is that I bicycle more.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Barrett
ebarrett@tds.net

Mohr, Thomas

From: Francois Brunet <francbrunet@yahoo.ca>
Sent: Saturday, December 09, 2017 8:05 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: Blair / Mifflin Traffic Study

Mr. Mohr,

I recently received a letter from Level Zellers, straightening the record about the ongoing project to limit traffic on Mifflin St. I did not realize how contentious this project was, but I read between the lines that some residents are dissatisfied with the process.

I live on 140 Dayton Row, and I use Mifflin St between Blair and Blount everyday. I found the adjustment in traffic well communicated and the project well defined. My wife and I adjusted effortlessly to the change in traffic pattern, and we would support making the change permanent should your study come to the conclusion that it increases safety.

Thank you for all your efforts in making our neighborhood safer and contributing to maintaining Madison as the best place to live on Earth.

Best regards,

Francois Brunet
140 Dayton Row
Madison, WI 53703

Mohr, Thomas

From: Traffic
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 11:03 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: FW: Muffling/Blair diverter

From: Gail Green [mailto:gailkgreen@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 10:50 AM
To: Zellers, Ledell; johnny.d.hunter@gmail.com; pprime@gmail.com; Traffic
Subject: Muffling/Blair diverter

I observe less car traffic on the bike boulevard and that is a good thing. When in a vehicle, I do not find the eastbound restriction inconvenient. Let's make the diverter permanent.

Thank you,
Gail Green
201 N Blair St

Mohr, Thomas

From: Ian Klepetar <ian@bicyclebenefits.org>
Sent: Sunday, December 24, 2017 8:07 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: Hello and thanks!

As a confident bike rider, I feel good riding everywhere. However, I so much appreciate the new traffic diverter East of the capitol. Using bollards and other methods to keep automobiles from driving everywhere in the city is the number one approach that the city can take to make residents feel safe riding bicycles as well as leverage more people out of automobiles. Since fuel prices are not enough to get folks thinking about changing how they move around the city, this and related applications are the number one mechanism that Madison can use to slow vehicular traffic and increase bicycle ridership in the city... more safe space for bike riders!

Thank you for your work to bring this concept to fruition. Myself and many bike-curious folks look forward to future work from the city to reduce and eliminate unlimited automobile movement throughout the isthmus.

keep going, the residents support your work!

ian klepetar
Coolidge St.
Madison, WI

Mohr, Thomas

From: Jeff Reinke <jsreinke@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 10:46 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: Mifflin and Blair Diverter Test.

Dear Mr. Mohr,

My wife Karen and I have lived on Curtis Ct. for over 32 years. As life-long and nearly life-long residents of Madison, who still continue to bike (even in cold weather, like today), we strongly support the Mifflin and Blair diverter. It helps bike, and auto, safety, and supports a sense of peacefulness and integrity to our neighborhood. It also aids the approach of having a bike boulevard. All of this is important at this time of rapid development along the East Washington corridor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Happy holidays,

Jeff Reinke and Karen Banaszak

1144 Curtis Ct.

Mohr, Thomas

From: Jennifer Hefferan <jhefferan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 4:44 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas; Zellers, Ledell
Subject: Support for Diverter at Blair and Mifflin

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I am writing to indicate my support for a permanent diverter at the intersection of North Blair and East Mifflin. I am a Tenney-Lapham resident and do not own a car. I regularly walk, bicycle, and take transit in the neighborhood. I want to express my appreciation for allowing the installation of the test diverter. Prior to the installation, I had grown concerned about the amount of traffic on Mifflin and particularly about the aggressiveness of some drivers on the bicycle boulevard. For example, over the summer (prior to the test diverter installation), I was on my bicycle and stopped at the intersection of Blair and Mifflin waiting for an opportunity to cross Blair when a driver shouted at me (repeatedly) to get off the road. It was very upsetting to be shouted at by a driver when I was not doing anything illegal or unsafe. The experience left me in tears and I felt uneasy about bicycling on Mifflin for days after the incident. While the diverter does not solve the problem of every aggressive driver, I do find that overall the route has improved for both bicycling and walking since the test diverter was installed. I also frequently bike and walk on East Dayton Street, and I have observed no difference in my feelings of safety while on Dayton as a result of the diverter.

I strongly support the installation of a permanent diverter at this location. In addition, I would like to support moving the bicycle push button for the HAWK signal to the left of the vehicles that are turning right from EB Mifflin to Blair.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jennifer Hefferan
306 Norris CT APT C
Madison, WI 53703

Mohr, Thomas

From: Traffic
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 8:49 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: FW: Mifflin and Blair diversion

From: Jessica [mailto:bikerbecker@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 3:27 AM
To: Traffic; Zellers, Ledell
Cc: Jonny Hunter
Subject: Mifflin and Blair diversion

Thank you for experimenting with traffic diversion at Mifflin and Blair. This makes the Bike Boulevard so much more useful and safe. It has been a huge improvement for the neighborhood and a big step in the right direction for traffic problems due to an increase in density in Tenney-Lapham. For families biking with kids, and frankly for everyone, biking downtown and home is now safer.

Thanks
Jessica Becker
1143 East Dayton St.

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Mohr, Thomas

From: Joe Lusson <joelusson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 10:33 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Cc: Patty Prime; Zellers, Ledell
Subject: Support for traffic diverter at Mifflin and Blair

Tom,

I strongly support the traffic diverter at E. Mifflin and N. Blair streets. It makes the bicycle boulevard on Mifflin safer for bicyclists and pedestrians. That safe boulevard is an amenity for residents of E. Mifflin and the surrounding area.

Thank you,
Joe Lusson
Immediate Past President, Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association
640 E. Gorham Street
Madison WI 53703

Mohr, Thomas

From: Traffic
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 8:25 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: FW: Awesome Work on Mifflin St. Barriers!!!

From: Joe Schubert [mailto:joe.d.schubert@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, December 03, 2017 10:59 AM
To: Traffic; Zellers, Ledell; pprime@gmail.com; jonny.d.hunter@gmail.com; Rummel, Marsha; Monks, Anne; Crawley, Katie
Subject: Awesome Work on Mifflin St. Barriers!!!

Hi Alders, Madison Traffic and Neighborhood Leaders,

I'm writing to express my **strong support for the bike boulevard barriers on Mifflin**. I've used it, and it's been great! It gets at providing a needed north isthmus bike route.

Riding home on east johnson the other night, the biker in front of me was hit by a turning car. It freaked me out - this biker had just passed me at the prior light. Please, please, please, keep prioritizing bike infrastructure.

I grew up in msn, and it has been so great to see the improvements, but please don't stop! Madison's biking is one HUGE reason that me and other younger/millennial friends live here :)

thanks for all your hard work!

Joe



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Mohr, Thomas

From: John Johnson <jwjhoya@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 04, 2018 8:18 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas; Zellers, Ledell; Ledell Zellers
Subject: East Mifflin Street & North Blair Street Test Traffic Diverter

Dear Mr. Mohr,

I having been meaning to write you to support making the test traffic diverter at East Mifflin St and North Blair St permanent. I know that I missed the public survey period, but decided to submit this anyway.

I have lived in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood since 1991. I commute by bicycle nine months of the year down East Mifflin Street to my office just off the square, and have done this for fifteen years. Also, I biked each of my children to Lapham for a total of nine years. They continue to commute by bike to their schools, and my wife commutes by bicycle. We do have two cars and use those on our Madison streets. This is all detailed to support my position as someone who knows this street and neighborhood well.

I have supported the in-fill development along the corridor of East Washington and in other parts of our neighborhood. I must admit that this has come at a cost of increased safety risks for bicyclists and pedestrians, as well as to automobiles. I have noticed the increased volume and speed of automobile traffic on East Mifflin with many commuters using it as a cut-through, especially during rush hour when the main arteries are congested. I have almost been hit and have been forced to the side of the street multiple times. It is not safe.

Daily during the diverter test period, I biked down East Mifflin on my way to work and home. It was much, much safer. And, local residents (including me) could still access their homes and stores (such as Festival) by car or bike or walking. It really was a great, positive improvement for bicycles and automobiles (safer for them as well). The City of Madison needs to make this improvement permanent. Please reach out to me if there is any advocacy I can do to support this action.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Johnson, PhD
409 Sidney Street
Madison

Mohr, Thomas

From: Traffic
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 2:36 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: FW: Diversion at E. Mifflin

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From: jonathan hunter [mailto:jonny.d.hunter@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 1:29 PM
To: Traffic; Zellers, Ledell
Subject: Diversion at E. Mifflin

Hello,

I wanted to send an introduction, my name is jonny hunter and I'm the new TLNA traffic Chair and I'm looking forward to working with you as we work on traffic issues in the neighborhood. I worked on the steering committee last year that helped make recommendations to the TE.

First I want to voice my support for the diversion. It has been a great advancement in neighborhood safety. I bike often on Mifflin and it has slowed traffic dramatically and made cycling with my family much safer.

Also, I was hoping to get a bit of information that I can pass onto the neighborhood council at the next meeting. First could you send on any information on the the traffic counts that was done in november. It would be great to see that info. Second, can you let us know what process is going to happen in moving forward in how the decision will be decided on? Is there a plan to have the results of the test presented at PBMVC?

thank you

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Jonny Hunter
undergroundfoodcollective.org
MPA University of Wisconsin 2010

Mohr, Thomas

From: Julie <jenischik@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 6:33 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: Blair Mifflin traffic closure

Hello,

I received the letter regarding the traffic diverter that is current located on Mifflin street at Blair street. I wanted to provide my feedback and experience of using these streets.

I currently live on North Ingersoll Street, and work in a building on N. Butler Street. I typically commute between the two places via bike, and use the Mifflin bike boulevard. I moved to N. Ingersoll in June, and prior to the installation of the traffic diverter, did experience some close calls with cars driving on Mifflin street. It seemed like at least a few times each week I experience cars driving fast down Mifflin street, pulling out in front of me on my bike, or turning in front of me on my bike.

After the traffic diverter was installed, there were fewer incidents of cars driving on Mifflin, and pulling out in front of me, or turning in front of me on my bike. I would support making the diverter permanent. I also think that the installation of a 4-way stop at Mifflin and Paterson has helped to make the bike boulevard safer.

I also occasionally drive between these locations, and although it is slightly out of the way to take Washington or Johnson/Gorham, I think the inconvenience is worth the benefit of feeling safer biking on Mifflin.

If this change is made permanent, I would also like to see signs or lanes added to Mifflin at Blair heading east. Currently, there is a button for bikes to press to enable the light at the intersection, however as a biker, I don't feel safe going in the far right lane to go straight, when the only option for cars at that intersection is to turn right in front of bikes. I can't recall any time when I have seen a bike turn right at that intersection, so perhaps having a bike lane in the center of the road, with a right turn lane for cars would be safer for bikes.

Thank you for considering my opinions in this matter.

Julie Nischik

Mohr, Thomas

From: Traffic
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: FW: traffic divertor on Mifflin

From: kate knudson [mailto:kathryn.knudson@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 9:28 AM
To: Traffic; Zellers, Ledell; pprime@gmail.com
Subject: traffic divertor on Mifflin

Hello,

I live on the 900 block of E Johnson and bike to work every day (yes even in the winter). We just bought our house but have been living in it for 5 years already, so we have logged many rides on the Mifflin corridor. With all the new construction on Mifflin, it was getting dicey on Mifflin with lots of speeding cars who would ignore stop signs.

The traffic divertor on Mifflin and Blount has made a significant impact in terms of making Mifflin feel much safer. I am strongly in favor of making this divertor a permanent feature of Mifflin and would support any other additional traffic calming measures.

Thanks for reading and let me know if there's a better way to register my support.

Kate Knudson

Mohr, Thomas

From: Kathy Nissley <kathy@nissberly.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 3:23 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: Mifflin diverter

Hello,

I live at 109 N. Few St (between Dayton and Mifflin). Our family, including our 7 and 11 year olds kids regularly bike to/ from the downtown area using Mifflin St.. We have appreciated the attempts at traffic calming and safety on Mifflin, as the traffic and activity have increased greatly over the past few years. I feel that the traffic diverter has been helpful and would endorse a permanent diversion at Blair/ Mifflin.

Thank You,
Kathy Nissley

Mohr, Thomas

From: Mohr, Thomas
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 3:13 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: Mifflin/Blair diverter

Phone call from Ken Chraca, who lives on N Franklin St. The diverter is very helpful as a biker. He is a retired UW employee who bikes everywhere. He uses E Mifflin St to bike to Festival Foods and visit friends. Loves the diverter.

Mohr, Thomas

From: Kevin Luecke <kluecke1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 9:26 AM
To: Zellers, Ledell; Mohr, Thomas
Cc: Patty Prime; Jonny Hunter; Dryer, David
Subject: Mifflin Traffic Diverter

Hello All.

I want to express my strong support for the traffic diverter currently being tested at the intersection of Mifflin and Blair Streets. I live on North Ingersoll and ride up Mifflin daily to take my children (5 and 2) to Creative Learning Preschool. The diverter has improved conditions for bicycling on East Mifflin, particularly for when my five year old is riding his own bike.

Although I believe that the final diverter design could be better than the method currently being trialed, I strongly support this effort to diver through traffic off of East Mifflin.

Thank you,
Kevin Luecke
121 N. Ingersoll St.

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Kevin Luecke
Sent from my phone, please excuse any typos

Mohr, Thomas

From: Traffic
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 8:29 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: FW: Mifflin/Blair Diverter and Ingersoll Street Safety

From: Kristen Tomaszewski [mailto:kristen.tomaszewski@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 6:51 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Mifflin/Blair Diverter and Ingersoll Street Safety

Hello-

I live in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood and wanted to inform you of my support for the traffic diverter at the corner of Mifflin/Blair.

I have been walking/biking to work along Mifflin for the past 3 years and, during that time, observed a large increase in the number of cars that use Mifflin in response to the new Gebhardt building (and Festival Foods store). With that influx of cars, the bike boulevard had been growing increasingly more dangerous and chaotic. Since the traffic diverter was installed this fall, I've noticed that the street feels much safer, with a more manageable number of cars. I hope the city makes the diverter permanent after you finish running this test.

The second matter I'd like to address is North Ingersoll Street, where I live. While most people respect the speed limit, too many others drive dangerously fast down this road as they pass between E. Washington and Johnson streets. I have witnessed so many people speeding up in both directions, presumably to catch the green traffic lights on either end. It's incredibly dangerous - we have lots of kids who live on this street and cross it daily to go to school. Please consider installing some traffic slowing measures like speed bumps along the length of the road or stop signs on the corners of both Mifflin and Dayton.

Thank you so much for your time.
Best,

Kristen Tomaszewski
208 N Ingersoll Street

Mohr, Thomas

From: Traffic
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 9:59 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: FW: Diverters at E. Mifflin and N. Blair

From: Lianna Dang [mailto:liadang@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 9:58 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Diverters at E. Mifflin and N. Blair

Dear City of Madison Traffic Engineering Staff,

I wanted to leave some comments on the diverters at E. Mifflin & N. Blair. I'm often a pedestrian through this intersection, living just north and walking in the downtown area frequently. With the diverters, I finally feel safe from passing cars as I walk down Mifflin - not just at E. Mifflin/Blair, but also E. Mifflin/N. Blount intersection. Not only do these diverters remove cars from several intersections following on Mifflin, I feel that the new signage on Blair might finally be understood to the frequent out-of-town visitors often traveling to E. Washington from E. Johnson, with much fewer "close calls" between myself and vehicles in the area. After receiving the quite biased postcard in the mail, I feel for the homeowners in the area who have a more difficult time accessing their homes by car. However, the benefits to pedestrians nearby are so astonishing. Is their pain worth our safety? I would suggest that yes, it truly is. I feel that the diversion has been really helpful to improving the neighborhood's pedestrian climate, and if pedestrian access is a worthwhile endeavor (I believe that the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association would be in favor of this) then a permanent diversion would a next step.

Thank you for keeping pedestrians safe,

Lianna Dang
neighbor

Mohr, Thomas

From: Lisa Charron <lisamcharron@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 9:40 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: Feedback on traffic diverter

Hi Mr. Mohr,

I am a resident of the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood. I regularly bike up and down the Mifflin bike boulevard to get to work/school. I thought the traffic diverter test at Mifflin and Blair was a great idea! This is (obviously) only anecdotal, but I thought there were fewer cars all along Mifflin when the traffic diverter was up.

I also drive a few times a week, usually across town for sporting events or to visit family. I almost never drive down Mifflin, but use the arterials of E. Washington, Gorham, or Johnson instead in order to go east and west.

I am in support of a permanent traffic diverter at Mifflin and Blair. It improved my bike commuting experience, seemed to lessen vehicle traffic along Mifflin, and posed no inconvenience as someone who drives in and out of the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood somewhat often.

Thanks!

Lisa Charron
1223 E Dayton St
Madison, WI 53703

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Mohr, Thomas

From: Liz Coenen <ljcoenen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2017 1:36 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: Mifflin/Blair diverter feedback

Hello Tom,

I would like to provide my feedback on the diverter test at Mifflin & Blair. I think the diverter itself is probably a positive addition to the traffic down Mifflin St. However, I think the way that the stop lights at that intersection behave is really dangerous. The sign tells drivers to start driving once the lights begin flashing, but the walk signal is still counting down for pedestrians crossing the street. I walk through this intersection in the evening on my way home from work, and drivers don't seem to be paying much attention to pedestrians and cyclists once they start driving again. I think the risk for a collision with a pedestrian or cyclist is very high. I would really like to see the light start flashing after the pedestrian walk signal has completely finished counting down.

Thank you,
Liz Coenen
628 E Dayton St #19
Madison, WI 53703

Mohr, Thomas

From: Mark Schlei <apartment_zero@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:48 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: Mifflin street half closure

Hello Mr. Mohr,

I write to again support the closure at Blair. The amount of traffic coming through has substantially reduced, although 3 or 4 cars an hour still come through. These cars come through at a higher speed, and with no stop sign at the next block, can really gun it through. So I would recommend speed bumps.

It is noticeably safer for bikes and nice to see them ride through more safely. The one close call I saw recently involved a car that had slipped passed the barrier and gunned it, almost hitting a bicyclist.

It was much worse before. We are bicyclists in our house and use the street often, and now with a much greater sense of safeness.

We spend a fair amount of time sitting outside, although will the cooler weather that is coming to and end. There are three chairs in front of our place. Feel free to stop by and sit awhile if you and your colleagues wish to observe.

The inconvenience of coming down Blair and turning on Dayton then looping around down Blount before coming up our street is minimal and well worth it. I have to believe that with a much quieter street my property has a new selling point.

It's just so nice and quiet, and a nice site to see all the bicyclists go by, and safely.

Thank you,

Mark Schlei
Volodymyr Chubatko
Vladyslav Chubatko
618 E. Mifflin Street

Mohr, Thomas

From: Traffic
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 2:36 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: FW: Support for traffic diversion--E. Mifflin

[One more](#)

From: Marta Staple [mailto:martastaple@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 1:21 PM
To: Traffic
Cc: Zellers, Ledell
Subject: Support for traffic diversion--E. Mifflin

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a resident of the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood, a bike rider, a parent at Lapham School, and a car driver. I wanted to tell you how much I appreciate your responsiveness to requests and support for traffic calming and diversion requests in my neighborhood. Specifically speaking, I am in support of the traffic diversion at the corner of Blair and E Mifflin. This feels like a safer intersection to bike through with my children and by myself, and I appreciate the feeling of increased safety on the bike boulevard. Thank you again for your work with the neighborhood.

Best, Marta Staple

Mohr, Thomas

From: Mike Bacsi <mike.bacsi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 6:09 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Cc: Zellers, Ledell
Subject: E. Mifflin St. & N. Blair St. Diverter Test - feedback

Hi Tom,

I've been meaning to write for some time. The installation of the traffic diverter test at E. Mifflin and N. Blair has created a much safer situation for residents in the area. As someone that lives on E. Mifflin I've observed the results on a daily basis.

The reduction of cars racing down from the capitol square has been dramatic. Before the diverter, E. Mifflin felt like a drag strip - particularly in the afternoon and early evening when commuters leave downtown. Now when you are biking, or trying to safely use a cross walk there is less fear of getting hit by a speeding car. With the continuing increase in housing units in our area we also have a big increase of new residents that walk their kids, dogs, etc...along E. Mifflin and adjacent streets. Festival Foods of course is another magnet for people on foot, bikes and cars. The heavily used mid-block cross-walk on Mifflin that connects Festival to Reynolds Park could really use some higher visibility (maybe one of those crossing pop-up signs in the middle of the road)?

To sum up, the diversion of traffic on E. Mifflin has been a huge success and I hope it will become permanent. Thanks,
Tom,

Mike Bacsi
825 E. Mifflin Street #206
Madison, WI 53703
(608) 219-7887

Mohr, Thomas

From: Nathan Maney <rawevillivewar@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 4:08 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: Blair/Mifflin Traffic diversion

I would like to comment on the traffic block at the intersection of Mifflin and Blair. I am a pedestrian and bicyclist, and I commute on this road every day to get to work. Personally, I am enjoying this cutoff of traffic. In the past, I've noticed that vehicles tend to speed down Mifflin. I appreciate the concern of other residents that drive, but there are other ways to access Mifflin, and it prevents what I'm guessing are mostly non residents of the neighborhood from using it as a speeding alternative to E. Wash. To be honest, I hope this stays in place.

Nathan Maney
1242 E Mifflin Street Apt 3

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Mohr, Thomas

From: Mohr, Thomas
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 2:16 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: Traffic Diverter Feedback

Phone call from Nathan 467-7777. Really likes the diverter. Bikes every day. Reduces traffic on the bike boulevard, and he appreciates it.

Mohr, Thomas

From: Nicole <n_e_miller@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 09, 2017 10:15 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Cc: Cliff Hammer
Subject: Support for half-closure at Blair and Mifflin

Dear Tom Mohr,

After reading the recent letter from Ledell Zellers (dated Dec. 4), I'm writing to express my support and my husband's support for the half-closure that is currently being tested at the intersection of Blair Street and Mifflin Street. My husband Cliff Hammer and I live at 1229 E. Johnson Street and we both work on the UW-Madison campus. We bike to work year-round, and our commute involves riding home along the Mifflin Street bike boulevard almost every day. We think it makes sense to try to minimize vehicle traffic on Mifflin, as it is a designated bike boulevard, and, personally, we appreciate how the half-closure helps to increase the safety of our daily commute.

Sincerely,
Nicole Miller and Cliff Hammer

1229 E. Johnson St.
Madison, WI 53703

Mohr, Thomas

From: Oliver Levine <oliver.levine@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 10:34 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: E. Mifflin St. & N. Blair St. Diverter Test

Dear Mr. Mohr,

I live at 822 E Washington Ave and would like to express my strong support for the new diverter on E Mifflin and making this partial closure permanent. Over the last few years, vehicle traffic on E Mifflin had seemed to be increasing and had gotten to levels that were unacceptable for a bicycle boulevard. I believe this partial closure has improved this somewhat. I support any action that improves bicycle safety and friendliness.

Thank you,
Oliver Levine

Mohr, Thomas

From: Pat Kelly <pkmifflin@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 8:24 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: Traffic diverter

Dear Mr. Mohr,

As a resident of the 1200 block of East Mifflin Street I wholeheartedly support a permanent traffic diverter at Blair and East Mifflin. I frequently walk, bike and drive this area and do not in any way find the diverter to be an obstacle to my travels while in my car. As a biker I believe the diverter is a big step in the cities continuing development of a safe bike boulevard.

Thank you,
Pat Kelly
1210 E Mifflin

Sent from my iPhone

Mohr, Thomas

From: Traffic
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 3:22 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: FW: Mifflin Bike Boulevard Diverters

From: Robert Zabrowski [mailto:rzabrowski@wisc.edu]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 3:15 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Mifflin Bike Boulevard Diverters

City of Madison Traffic Engineering,

I live on the border of the Tenney Lapham and Capital neighborhoods, and I use Mifflin Street on a regular basis. I typically ride my bicycle on Mifflin Street, but I also drive on occasion. I utilize the Mifflin Street bicycle boulevard on my daily commute, as well as when I'm going to the grocery store (Festival foods).

Since the diverter was installed, traffic on Mifflin has been noticeably lower in volume and calmer. I feel safer using the street, and I do not feel that it in any way limits my access when I drive. So for those reasons I support the diverter being installed permanently.

Robert Zabrowski
512 E Johnson St. Apt #2
Madison, WI 53703

*Robert Zabrowski
University of Wisconsin - Madison
Civil & Environmental Engineering
Environmental Studies
cell: (414) 477-2897*

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Mohr, Thomas

From: Ryan Moze
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 11:42 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: Fwd: Weird mailing on E. Mifflin St. Traffic Changes

Hi Tom,

Ledell Zellers recommended that I forward you my comments on the East Mifflin traffic changes. My comments are in the first email in the chain below.

Thanks,
Ryan

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Zellers, Ledell <district2@cityofmadison.com>
Date: Wed, Nov 29, 2017 at 11:29 PM
Subject: Re: Weird mailing on E. Mifflin St. Traffic Changes
To: Ryan Moze <rjmoze@gmail.com>

Hi Ryan,

I'm not sure who is behind it. I found out about it from the City Traffic Engineering (TE) Department who is receiving the cards. Some people have speculated it may be a developer who has been outspoken in opposition. I urge you to send an email with your opinions to Tom Mohr who is the TE contact on the project. He email address is: tmohr@cityofmadison.com. You may want to also cc me and Patty Prime on your email. What you have said below could be included in your email.

Thanks for reaching out and for caring about the neighborhood.

Best,
Ledell

Alder Ledell Zellers
[608 417 9521](tel:6084179521)

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On Nov 29, 2017, at 8:16 PM, Ryan Moze <rjmoze@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Ledell,

I received the attached letter in the mail today, which was pretty puzzling. It reminded me to express my support for traffic changes. Since the barrier has been put in place, I've felt much safer riding down Mifflin and haven't had to navigate blocks of backed up traffic during rush hour. I've also never felt inconvenienced by the barrier when driving, as Johnson and East Washington are better routes. Please let me know if there is any other way to express my support for this project.

Someone also has to be spending a reasonably large amount of money (the cost of sending the mailing alone was 46 cents, not to mention the cost of the custom printing and the stamp on the postcard) on a relatively small issue. But maybe the senders' motives are less about the traffic changes discussed and more anti-bicycling in general. Do you have any idea who is behind this?

Thanks,
Ryan Moze
822 E. Washington Ave. #728
[414-397-2553](tel:414-397-2553)

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Mohr, Thomas

From: Sara Christopherson <sarachristopherson@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 09, 2017 10:44 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Cc: Dryer, David; Zellers, Ledell
Subject: Registering Support of the Mifflin St. Diverter

Hello all,

I'd like to register my support for the efforts to limit automobile traffic on the Bicycle Boulevard, including the diverter placed at Mifflin/Blair.

I have lived, biked, and driven in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood for 14 years. With the E. Wash thoroughfare in great condition, and a freshly paved E Johnson St., there is absolutely no need for vehicular through-traffic on residential neighborhood side streets. When I am driving my car, the diverter causes absolutely no problems. When I am bicycling, I greatly appreciate the decreased Mifflin St. vehicular traffic. My children (ages 4 and 8) and I bike regularly on the Bicycle Boulevard and greatly appreciate any and all efforts to limit vehicular traffic.

Many thanks to Alder Zeller for her recent mailing to try to help add clarity to this conversation, which appears to have been unfortunately misrepresented by outside parties.

Best,
Sara Christopherson
1105 E Johnson St.

Mohr, Thomas

From: Traffic
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 12:13 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: FW: Traffic diverter E. Mifflin

-----Original Message-----

From: Sara Sirianni [mailto:saraesirianni@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 12:07 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Traffic diverter E. Mifflin

To whom it may concern,

I live on the 600 block of East Mifflin. We have seen a decrease of traffic and vehicles speeding down or street (heading east) since the diverter has been up. It has definitely felt a lot safer since it has been up.

I would like it remain at that intersection.

Thank you,
Sara Sirianni

Sent from my iPhone

Mohr, Thomas

From: Traffic
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 2:35 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: FW: Support for Mifflin St. traffic diverter

One for you!

From: Sarah Herrick [mailto:sarahsunfish@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 2:05 PM
To: Zellers, Ledell; Traffic
Subject: Support for Mifflin St. traffic diverter

To Alder Zellers and Madison Traffic Engineering,

This is just a quick note to express my enthusiastic support for the traffic diverter on Mifflin St. at the intersection with Blair St. As a daily bike commuter I have noticed less traffic on the bike boulevard at peak commuting times - and riding on this street is noticeably safer and more enjoyable. I have also noticed that it is significantly easier to navigate the Mifflin-Blair intersection heading east, because it is now clear to everyone (myself/bikers and automobile drivers) that bikes should be in the center lane going straight and cars should be in the right turn lane - even though bikes heading east are now mostly disregarding the light activation button it is just working so much more smoothly at that intersection.

On other note - I am also a driver and I drive around the city and neighborhood somewhat regularly. As a driver I have not been inconvenienced at all by the diverter and still reach my home and other destinations without much trouble.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Herrick
208 N Brearly St.
sarahsunfish@yahoo.com
920-265-5751

Mohr, Thomas

From: Steve Rankin <rankin.sc@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 5:29 PM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: E Mifflin Bike Boulevard

Hi Tom:

I've been urged to send feedback about the new traffic diversion at Blair and Mifflin. When I saw the Bike Boulevard signs go up on E Mifflin and E Wilson my initial reaction was, "Is that it?" After a while I concluded that yes, that was it.

I lived near Palo Alto CA in the mid 80's and the Bryant Street Bike Boulevard had traffic barriers every few blocks. Cars could get onto the street to get home or visit but could not drive more than a few blocks. The street got enough bike traffic to need the cars removed. It was a busy bike thoroughfare, especially at rush hour.

That was what I hoped was intended when the signage went up here. I soon realized that signs were all we were getting. "Bike Boulevard" appeared to be nothing more than feel-good rhetoric. The new change has the potential to be a step toward an actual bike boulevard, though access will need to be restricted at more than one point to make that a reality. Thanks for the first step. The construction on E Mifflin all summer has helped to reduce traffic flow. It may take a while to see if this makes it a longer term change. This may also make it safer for kids at Lapham School. Thanks again.

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Mohr, Thomas

From: Traffic
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 8:23 AM
To: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: FW: mifflin bike divertor

-----Original Message-----

From: Thomas Robert [mailto:rrthomas@wisc.edu]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 4:24 PM
To: Traffic; Zellers, Ledell; pprime@gmail.com; kate knudson
Subject: mifflin bike divertor

We have been very happy with the bike divertor on Mifflin and Blair. Please work to make it permanent. Thanks.

Bob

900 Block of East Johnson