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Route 23

Total feedback received as of Wed. 5/1:

Route	Pro	Con	Mixed
23	12	3	3

Positive:

- 1. This is an awesome idea! Unfortunately I wouldn't be able to use it because my work schedule and Madison is from 11:30 AM to 8 PM.
- 2. Great news that a Metro Bus will be going into Sun Prairie! Awesome that there will be a new Park-n-ride, also! It would be even better, if the bus would go just 2 miles further to downtown Sun Prairie. We have well over 1,000 Madison College students in the Sun Prairie area and have students from Sun Prairie Phoenix Academy and Sun Prairie High School, as well. If the Metro bus went just a bit further, we would discontinue our Madison College Shuttle going to there.
- 3. I am writing in support of Route 23 for transport from downtown to Sun Prairie, and in particular stops at my workplace, American Family Insurance. There is currently only one bus per morning and one per afternoon (Route 25) that will take me that 8 mile route in less than 90 minutes, and it is often at odds with my work schedule. Given the number of employees at AmFam, the growing number of them living downtown or commuting to/from the Spark building on Livingston, I think this would be a worthwhile investment. Thank you for considering this input.
- 4. We support adding additional service/stops on Route 23 to Sun Prairie. This will help Oakwood in the recruitment and retention of employees. This will also help residents to travel around the area, many of them no longer drive. 7 people submitted this statement in favor of Route 23

Public Hearing Testimony – Wednesday, April 24

 Speaker supports Route 23 (wishes there was a bus stop at Science Dr./ Science Ct. by Vet Clinic)

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- 2. Speaker supports Route 23, but wishes it better served low-income neighborhoods and hoped for better stop locations.
- 3. Speaker supports Route 23 good connectivity
- 4. Speaker supports Route 23
- 5. Speaker supports Route 23
- 6. Speaker supports Route 23
- 7. Speaker supports Route 23
- 8. Speaker supports Route 23

Negative:

- 1. I moved to smith crossing neighborhood to get away from the city lifestyle and live in a neighborhood on the outskirts of town that allowed my kid to play comfortably in our yard and not have to be surrounded by city buses, loud noises, and crowds of people standing on the streets by him while he plays. I live on O'keeffe right by a proposed stop and I have to say I am not ok with this. I do not feel our quaint little neighborhood needs to be commercialized. Main street is a better option.
- If there will be route extensions to Sun Prairie in the near future, and I hope there are, can you all please be sure that a stop is at or no more than two downtown city blocks from the Sun Prairie Library.
- 3. That would be a great benefit to going to Sun Prairie and back to Madison than just a drive through of the downtown just to get to Target, Walmart or whatever on the far edges of the city....do include a downtown stop or two....may not need an actual set-up stop complete with a shelter, but a stop for pickup and drop off for library needs...thanks.

From the looks of this fold-over four page notice on the bus, it looks like a route straight from Capitol Square/Pickeney all the way to O'Keaffe Avenue.....no stops downtown.

I see no white circle dots on this map.....please fit if those mean no stops planned for downtown.....seek assistance from Sun Prairie streets dept. on best stop locations for

prospective Sun Prairie service....as some may wish to use this new service but not to only get to outlining SP areas. OK?





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Suggestions:

1. Need this route to arrive at Sun Prairie park and ride at 6:45 am and leave capital square at 5:00 to make it to work in Sun Prairie by 7 am. I need it to match up with route 70 5:20 capital square or the 38 5:49 mlk to work for my commute.

With the proposed route to Sun Prairie, I believe a stop at East Wash & Wright/Reindahl would better meet the needs of MATC students instead of the proposed East Wash & Mendota. No student is going to even know to cut through Mendota Street and the Kwik Trip to get to campus. It is probably the "fastest" route to walk but it is safer for students to not have to cross Stoughton Road/51. The stop at Mendota accommodates Hyvee but I fail to see that as a benefit because of the hours of operation.

Proposed stop (inbound) at Continental Lane. Please make this stop at Independence Lane. Many more riders get on at Independence Lane and this would be a much better alternative for park and ride, as there is much more parking available at Independence Ln.

- We would like to comment on Route 23, the new service to Sun Prairie. When looking at the map of the proposed route, we noticed that the route does not come into older parts of Sun Prairie where many lower income families and the elderly reside. These residents would most likely utilize this service. Even though there is a park and ride designated for O'Keefe and Reiner Roads, we feel that the purpose of riding the bus is to skip the expense and wear and tear on your car as well as support those individuals who don't own a car. Riding a bus is also an environmentally friendly way to get around. We would also like to see a stop in the downtown area of Sun Prairie. This stop would help bring customers to local businesses and bring people to attend some of the events that are held in the downtown during the year. In short, we would like to see the route expanded to include stops at the following locations: Vandenburg St. & Andrews Dr., S. Brid St. & Talon Pl., Main St. & Park Cir., Main St. & Dewey St., one stop in the downtown area. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.
- 3. I propose that another stop be added to Route 23 at the The American Center Park and Ride