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**Subject:** Comment on OMSAP & Bus Barn (CCEC Agenda Item #4)

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Good morning, Alder Abbas,

I am writing regarding agenda item #4 on the Common Council Executive Committee schedule this evening. The item appears to be an update regarding the Madison Metro transit facility at the former Oscar Mayer site and how it relates to the Oscar Mayer Special Area Plan (OMSAP).

The agenda item itself is unclear as to the actual nature and depth of the discussion, and so I am writing to raise a few general concerns regarding the bus barn, as well as its relationship with the OMSAP.

You and I both served on the Oscar Mayer Strategic Assessment Committee, and I believe that both of us voiced interest in and heard from our neighbors the desire for the OMSAP to contain dense employment and housing opportunities for our neighbors. The bus barn will remove about 1/3 of the developable land in the OMSAP area from re-development, keeping it a parking lot. My Sherman Neighbors and I have repeatedly voiced concerns that this is a poor use of this space, and that our neighbors deserve more. However, as the OMSAP has developed, there has been a curious lack of discussion about the bus barn; we have been told at several public meetings that the bus barn is somehow not a part of the plan. How can 1/3 of the plan area not be part of the plan?

I sincerely hope that the Metro facility request will now be considered in the context of the OMSAP, and that the development of the northern 1/3 of the property will be held to the same standards, defined by the community process, as the rest of the plan. The community needs to know not only how the land will be used and to have input on this process, but we also need to better understand the underlying contamination that we all fear is festering beneath the concrete.

I also would ask that the bus barn as well as other major capital purchases be re-reviewed versus the harsh budget atmosphere that the City is certainly entering, as well as the obvious and necessary refocusing of our community on developing people, not places.

Thank you for your time in hearing my concerns. I look forward to listening to this evening's discussion.

Renee Walk  
Sherman Neighborhood Association Co-Chair

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*I don't live in a world of either/or. I live in a world of this and more.*  
-Eve Ensler