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Dear City of Madison Transportation Committee,

My name is Kelly Tourdot and I am a UW-Madison employee who up until mid March commuted to work on Madison Metro routes, usually route 71 from Middleton to the UW campus.

I see that route 71 is not in the first phase of route restoration planned for August, and that is a serious concern for me. That route is the most convenient and safest route to get to from where I live. I could take the 72, but that involves walking almost a half mile and crossing University Avenue at the Allen Blvd light to get the bus going to campus in the mornings on the stop which is on University Ave heading east. It's a walking route that would be okay between spring and fall and when it's not raining, but would absolutely not be doable in the winter months.

Pre pandemic, it was mostly full with ridership that mostly got off at UW hospital and the multiple campus stops. Given that both UW Health and UW Madison provide significant financial support to Madison Metro, it doesn't make sense not to bring back a route that many of their employees ride. There's other routes that are in the queue to be restored, especially 56 & 57 that do not serve campus that could be pushed back. Metro's priority should be to provide service to its partners, especially UW Madison.

Thanks,

Kelly Tourdot