

Dear Transportation Committee Members,

I'd like to register my support for opening Vilas Park Drive to motor vehicle traffic. The ice skating facilities will be very hard to get to without access to the parking lot. People don't know whether to walk on the left or the right even without cars. Fewer people use that part of the park as a place to spend time when car access is denied. Please open the drive so that people can park near where they want to enjoy recreational opportunities.

Sincerely,

Emily Desai
[REDACTED] Harrison Street

We have so enjoyed the freedom to walk along Lake Wingra this summer, safely spaced from other pedestrians and bikers. Please keep it closed!

Thanks -
Erica and Mark Gehrig
[REDACTED] Vilas Ave.

Hello,

I'd like you to reconsider ending the Shared Streets program over winter. I live on Castle Place, and the East Mifflin bike boulevard is a huge key to how I get around. My girlfriend uses it every day to bike to work, and I use it often when I bike to the library or go on runs. It has been a highlight of this year to have such an easy, car-free route on the north side of the isthmus. To me, it seems like a no brainer to keep it local traffic only. Especially during the pandemic, with many people trying to avoid overcrowding buses by biking, providing a low stress route to get downtown is more important than ever. Snow and ice make me (and most other people) even more hesitant to share the road with cars. I would really appreciate anything you could do to keep E Mifflin and other streets in the program car-free in the winter.

Cheers,

Andrew Lail
[REDACTED] Castle Place
Madison, WI 53703

To Madison Transportation Commission,

I'm writing in opposition to opening Vilas Park Drive to through traffic. Please do not open the drive to unrestricted traffic. It has been an amazing transformation of the park to have the drive limited to pedestrians and bicycles. My family walk through the park year round, as we live near by, and the removal of car traffic has made our walks so much safer and more pleasant. All the previous car commuters have now found alternate routes, so let's keep the park for park users.

Thank you,
Marijka Engel
[REDACTED] Emerald St.
Madison, WI 53715

Hello. I want to register my objection to the removal of the traffic barriers on Vilas Park Drive. The drive is used by many, many pedestrians and bicyclists and the cars make that difficult especially with social distancing. I would be more

sympathetic to the cars if the drive wasn't just a shortcut. Please consider keeping the drive free of cars. The barriers have also had the effect of reducing traffic on nearby neighborhood streets.

Thank you,

Mary Lindstrom
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