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Subject: Yes, for the alternative road

To Whom It May concern

I have lived at Bayview for over 20 years, raising 4 kids of my own and several nephews and nieces, even friends' children. I am still raising 3 grandkids. I have enjoyed living in the safety nest of Bayview with no close door policy among my neighbors and us. As said, it takes a village to raise a kid. This is my village. Our village. I have also enjoyed seeing the triangle neighborhood going under several renovations and development. The scenery looks modern, yet it has that familiar view all over. Have you grown up in such places? It doesn't matter what is changed, you can still find yourself and feel at ease and at home. People, residents shape the neighborhood. That is one of the things we are trying to protect.

Safety: We are not afraid of losing what we have. We are just afraid that it won't be safe. We do understand change and what goes along with it. Can you relate to that? Residents are Bayview are willing to adapt to changes but we can also voice our concerns when we do not feel it safe for our children and elderly. How do we picture our kids ridding their bikes with all the incoming cars? Visibility, damage, parking, negligence... you have Meriter, UW, Select hospital and now the Hotel in this area; these are infrastructures with employees that have cars and work all shifts. On Badger game days, we have cars and people everywhere. Let's picture that.

Disruption: In addition to Safety reason, the noise and vibration level with all those cars going through the neighborhood. We have three majors' streets that makes us inside of a triangle. This volume of car traffic will impact the quality of air. About our garden? Our elderly and youth population will be subject to such disturbance day in and out. We will have to control and monitor the children at all time with that route cutting in the neighborhood. This will have an impact on our working conditions and standard of living. In some families, the elderly helps babysit so the female head of household

can go to work. Another stress? No thanks. No children running on their own. Our frail elderly population won't be able to walk around unconcerned.

Engagement: Bayview is a part of our identity. As culturally diverse as we are, we are bound to this place. Our Objection is rooted in the fear that we won't be able to identify with our own neighbors as the road might change the character of the place, our home. We might see more outsiders and see them as a threat, especially with the hotel on the other side of the street.

Trust: residents believe that there is a trust between the local authorities and them thus this meeting. That trust is vulnerable in time of need when we all must listen to each other. Please make negotiation, compromise, and communicate with us. We are going through changes that should benefit all of us. If this for our sake, then tailor it to our need or demand.

Thank you
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