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To: <u>Transportation Commission</u>

Subject: Public Comment - Item 64254 - Approving the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the redevelopment

of 415 N. Lake St., the State Street Campus Garage

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Hi Transportation Commission,

I would like to submit a comment in favor of the RPF prioritizing the site as an intercity bus terminal. Madison has struggled with handling intercity bus travel since the closing of the bus depot and has been relying on various temporary solutions. We need a modern facility that showcases this city, is functional and accessible, and provides shelter for waiting riders from Wisconsin's elements. Please consider the bus terminal as the top priority for this site and consider reducing the number of parking spaces first when/if concessions need to be made to make the project feasible. If we are going to turn the corner on our citywide transportation emissions, we need to start thinking differently about driving and parking in Madison. Decades of investment in personal automobile infrastructure have led to increased vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and increased emissions. We need to change our priorities in documents like this RFP to insure that respondents and the public know that Madison is committed to public transportation and creating a more sustainable place for future generations.

Thanks,
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