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To the Transportation Committee - Robin Brannin, Chair, Melissa Dolan, Vice Chair:

Having only just found out about the proposal yesterday via TosaNews.com, there is a lot of information I have not been privy to and I've not had a chance to review what is available.

I have a conflict this evening and am unable to attend the meeting to voice any concerns virtually or in person, and I'm unable to contact my alder so I submit these thoughts, hopefully in time for your attention before the meeting.

I am a fan of public transportation. I've used it extensively traveling in the U.S. and European cities that have robust systems. I've taken buses, subways and trains, including the Hiawatha to Chicago and cross continental high speed trains in Europe. When I lived on the East side, I took the 31 bus down Humboldt to work every day.

It would be super convenient for me to be able to hop on a train to Madison right from my hometown. I have friends in Madison and an aging unreliable car. There are lots of fun things to do in Madison.

I don't live anywhere near the Village so I would not experience any direct impact so I'm looking at a larger picture. There are potential negative consequences I want to make sure are being considered. Here are my concerns beyond the obvious as to who would pay for its maintenance, and impact to nearby businesses and residents:

- Traffic and parking - We have not yet experienced how the influx of multi-family dwellings is going to affect traffic and parking in the Village. It is starting to lose some of its charm and accessibility already. What will the impact of installing a transportation hub have?
- Public safety - Has the Police Department been consulted? I'm not saying we should eliminate Mayfair obviously but we know that it probably generates the highest number of police calls in the city- hundreds or thousands per year. How will a transportation hub impact public safety?
- Flooding - The entire Village area has flooded for the entire 58 year life of my residency in Wauwatosa. It is why we razed tens or hundreds of homes to create an expanded Hart Park, to accommodate the inevitable floods. Who is taking the risk for rehab and repair of any such facility, should it experience flooding?
- Bus usage - What is the current usage of the Connect 1 Milwaukee County Bus Line from downtown to the medical complex? That should provide an indication of demand for public transport to the medical complex.
- Supplemental transport - The proposal emphasizes employees of the medical complex. How will employees of the medical complex get from the Village to their workplace?

I truly appreciate public transportation. More of it is a good thing. I just hope we are going to be very careful about dipping our toes into this to be sure it is the right thing for that location.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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