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Thanks for being available to hear and read the pros and cons about this project.

We attended part of the meeting on this project on June 6 but left early when it became apparent that it was dedicated to a parade of people organized to make exaggerated claims about this project because they don't want any changes to their neighborhood. We see many benefits for the project and believe there are good solutions to some of the issues raised. We support the project.

Traffic on Madison is a problem during rush hour and will continue to be so regardless of whether or not the project is completed as designed. It will be substantially improved by closing the 520 onramp in the Arboretum as planned to reduce cars coming driving east on Madison to access 520. The BRT plans can also make a difference if care is taken to limit the number of vehicles that drive to our neighborhood to park so then can take the bus downtown. Completion of some of the ongoing construction projects should also improve traffic flows on Madison and perhaps reduce the cut thru traffic that has worsened.

You might also reduce the project's traffic impact by reducing the number of parking spaces for renters and perhaps requiring the landlord to subsidize bus passes for renters.

The project might also consider widening Dewey so that traffic flows better there. Of course residents don't like construction on their street - we didn't like the disruptions that the water drainage project caused for 2-years Roy in front of our house, but accepting change is one of the consequences of city living.

I know that we will use our car less and make a smaller contribution to traffic when we have a full scale grocery and all of the other amenities and services that will be close by, and many of our neighbors will too.

Its time to move forward with this project. Compromises can be made, but the process should not be further delayed by unending debate by a small group who opposes change.

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