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Cedarburg, WI 53012
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Mr. Chris Abele
Milwaukee County Executive
Milwaukee County Courthouse
901 N. 9th Street, Room 306
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear Mr. Abele,

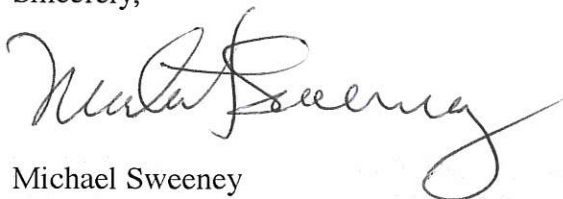
I am writing to express my concern over the proposed East-West Bus Rapid Transit plan for Bluemound Road. I've worked for Hal Leonard Corp. (77th Street and Bluemound) for many years and commute now from Ozaukee County. I've been struggling with the traffic resulting from the Zoo interchange work, and a plan for lane closures in this area along Bluemound Road would make the congestion even worse, and for the long term.

Bluemound Road is extremely busy, particularly during the morning and evening commute times, but also on any Brewers game days. It is already a challenge to enter or exit the various businesses along this road, and the numerous accidents along this stretch demonstrate the safety problems even before reducing the number of lanes. As I understand it, the potential benefits are minimal with regards to travel time and bus ridership, and certainly not enough to offset the increase in traffic problems and safety issues that this plan would create.

I do feel there is a need for improved mass transportation and I've been a supporter of this in the past. I'm also in favor of light rail and continued funding for rail services like Amtrak. However, these measures should NOT be at the expense of actually creating more traffic problems and risking public safety. Regardless if the funding is coming from local or national sources, this seems like a tremendously irresponsible use of money, especially considering it would create more problems than it solves.

I strongly urge you to reconsider and reject this plan, and look for more productive ways to solve our traffic problems.

Sincerely,



Michael Sweeney

(cc: Mr. Tom Barrett, Mr. James Luigi Schmitt, Mr. Michael Murphy, Mr. Tony Zielinski)