

**City of Verona
2008 Comprehensive Planning Process**

Comment Card

Any person, organization, agency or other group that would like to provide suggestions, ideas, feedback on drafts, or other input for use in creating the City of Verona Comprehensive Plan must use this form. *Completed* forms should be returned to a) the Department of Planning and Development at Verona City Hall, 111 Lincoln Street, b) the front desk of the Verona Library, or c) to Bruce.sylvester@ci.verona.wi.us. Completed forms will be provided to the Comprehensive Plan Committee for review and consideration. Questions can be directed to Bruce Sylvester at 848-9941 or Bruce.sylvester@ci.verona.wi.us

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4. Chapter Number and Name you wish to comment on—if any: *(For example: Chapter 3—Transportation)*
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Chapter 3 Transportation

5. Comments, suggestions, feedback on a draft chapter, or other input:
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Future Traffic Volumes and Flow Draft, May, 2008, page 11

As a 12 year Verona resident and homeowner I have major concerns with regard to the proposed option for a “paired one way” involving Shuman Street and Main Street.

Safety issues-

This is a neighborhood with many elementary age children and younger. I see them riding bikes and running back and forth to each others homes multiple times throughout the day.

Nine months out of the year high school students use these side streets to walk to and from school, walk to area businesses over the lunch hour and walk to and from their cars parked along the streets before and after school.

Senior housing apartments are located on South Shuman Street behind Millers Grocery. These residents are often seen walking across Shuman Street with groceries using a walker or with limited mobility. Currently they can do this safely because it is a relatively quiet street.

Residential quality of life-

I rode my bicycle the length of Shuman Street and the affected section of Harriett Street today. I counted 37 private homes plus the senior apartments that would be directly affected by this option. At least that many if not more would be indirectly affected by living within 1 block of these streets.

The negative impact on our quality of life, property values, safety and well being would be immense due to high volumes of traffic and noise.

Practicality-

I see two ninety degree turns which high volumes of traffic would have to negotiate in a residential area often in bad weather or on snow covered streets. This seems very impractical.

I also see a business in the direct path of this proposed route at the corner of Shuman Street and Verona Ave.

which I assume would have to be purchased and torn down.

I realize the importance of alleviating traffic congestion in this area. I would argue for a better and safer plan of widening Main Street and utilizing a roundabout or an upgraded traffic light and intersection at Main Street and Verona Ave. This along with a plan to route traffic around Verona instead of right through downtown makes the most sense with the traffic projections you have noted in this draft. With the continued growth and traffic volumes you are projecting I believe our downtown businesses will continue to thrive.

Thank you,

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