



# Madison Metro Transit System

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TO: Plan Commission

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SUBJECT: **8001 Raymond Road – Rezoning – “Meriter Physician Clinic”**

Metro Transit has reviewed the subject development and has the following comments.

**MAJOR OR NON-STANDARD REVIEW COMMENTS** (Comments which are special to the project and/or may require additional work beyond a standard, more routine project.)

1. The proposed development site is outside Metro Transit’s current service area for both fixed route and paratransit buses. Due to the limited street connectivity currently, neighborhood opposition to future possible road connections, and the site location on the outer boundary of the urbanized area, Metro Transit does not feel it likely that this site will become part of the transit service area in the future.
2. Due to the nature of primary care medical clinics generating a higher than average transit service demand, particularly from paratransit-eligible riders who in some cases do not have other transportation options, Metro Transit can not express support for this proposed rezoning. The current institutional usage of the site, for inpatient and adolescent psychiatry, has a much lower incidence of generating transit service demands – generally limited to employees and perhaps rarely an adolescent having an outpatient counseling appointment without access to a car.

## GENERAL OR STANDARD REVIEW COMMENTS

In addition, we offer the following General or Standard Review Comments:

3. The proposed clinic site would be 1.25 miles from the nearest fixed route bus stop providing all day transit service. Approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles of this distance would require pedestrians to walk along the shoulder of County Hwy PD where no sidewalk exists. This same  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile walking distance along McKee Road would be length to a bus stop served by peak hour only fixed route buses.
4. Metro Transit’s paratransit service boundary is dictated as the parcels within  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles of a transit route service providing all day service. As stated above, the distance from the clinic site to such a fixed route bus is 1.25 miles. The fixed route service network would need to grow by over  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to encompass the clinic site and become eligible for provision of paratransit service. This would generally equate to the City providing all day bus service west of the Muir Field Road intersection along McKee Road, or south of Mid-Town Road along the County Hwy M corridor. Metro Transit does not have any current expansion plans for the all day route structure network in southwest Madison, and any future expansion that may occur will likely be to the south of McKee Road towards Cross Country Road as opposed to a westward direction.

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