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Council Members,

I am writing to express my support for the motion to deny the closure of Skyway Bridge 14 ( RES-PH 21-118).

Madison Equities' proposal should not be allowed. Their 3 year proposal and their responses to questions make it abundantly clear they put no effort at all into mitigating the impact of their project on the Skyway system. And yet, I am sure they will be happy to advertise their new housing as being on the Skyway once construction is completed. They want all of the benefits with none of the responsibilities.

I am a resident of River Park Lofts and will be cutoff from the Skyway for years if this is allowed to pass. This will impact businesses and residents on both sides of the proposed closure, not just the ones most obviously being cut off. Losing Skyway access means less local purchasing, particularly in the winter. That is the last thing local businesses need while attempting to recover from Covid.

The issue goes beyond the immediate impacts of this proposed closure. If the council allows one building owner to shut down the Skyway for years without any attempt to mitigate the impact, other buildings and their owners will be encouraged to do the same. I fear the Skyway will become almost continually fragmented and much less useful. This will greatly damage local businesses and residents alike across all of downtown.

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