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Good afternoon,

I was just made aware that the proposal to build a new parking ramp on UW-L's campus was denied. I was a commuter student who graduated in 1993 and worked my way through school, often at two jobs. Riding the bus or biking was not realistic for me, and I struggled then to find parking as I had to come and go throughout the day. Back then, the lots were triple booked and I took my chances.

My daughter graduated more recently in 2018 after the ramp was built on La Crosse Street. She had a permit there, but the available commuter spots were almost always full. The same was true for other lots. She also worked off campus and came and went throughout the day.

Please reconsider the value of adding a new ramp. I know that adding infrastructure isn't the shiny object that attracts people to campus. Riding the bus or biking is not realistic for the vast majority of the commuter students who live or work more than 2+ miles away. Students who live on campus can't all find work there and need reliable parking to allow them to fund their education through off campus employment.

I also would never advise my teen daughter to ride the bus or her bike late at night after work.

Thanks,

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