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SUPERVISOR ANTHONY STASKUNAS EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER SOUTHRIDGE BUS STOP
Says Southridge Management Should Reconsider Bus Stop Move

Milwaukee County Supervisor Anthony Staskunas has sent a letter to Simon Properties, owners of Southridge Mall, and local mall management asking them to reconsider their decision to remove a bus stop from mall property.

The bus stop was moved in November from a Southridge entrance to a stop 1,000 ft. away from the entrance, and many elderly and disabled people have said they have had difficulty gaining access to the mall, especially in winter conditions.

“Simon Properties seems to be telling any individuals who need to use public transit to patronize your malls that their business is not wanted or needed,” Staskunas’ letter said. “The message from Simon Properties nationally, and locally here in Milwaukee at Southridge Mall, seems to be that public transit users are not welcome at Southridge Mall.

“The decision of Simon Properties and Southridge Mall has had a negative impact on real people in our community. In fact, the decision has had an increasingly negative impact on those individuals who need our assistance the most. In a time when most governmental entities and most business entities are attempting to make their properties more accessible to the general public, Simon Properties has gone in the exact opposite direction by making it more difficult for a segment of the population to visit Southridge Mall.”

Staskunas urged Southridge mall management to allow buses to return to the mall entrance, and he asked to meet with mall officials to discuss his constituents’ concerns over the situation.

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