
Bay Avenue Traffic Corridor

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City Council, Mayor Clarke, Chief Ryan, PW Director Kahn,

I've read, with great disappointment, that the city is considering rolling back the changes made to the Hill/Bay Ave intersection. So far all the proposals that I have seen for the future of Bay Avenue seem centered on moving traffic, rather than with concern for the safety of bikers or pedestrians. So far the "Quick Build" at Bay/Hill seemed to be the one exception.

I know that people are frustrated by the apparent increase in traffic delays, but how much of the traffic delay and volume can be attributed to the intersection changes, and how much to the many construction projects is not clear.

What is clear is that those of us who negotiate the intersection on foot and by bike feel much less vulnerable when navigating the crossing and much more visible to drivers.

Until the construction projects are complete, and traffic resolves to a "normal" state, I kindly ask that the current configuration remain in place, and that residents who are rushing to reach their destinations take a few minutes to accommodate their neighbors who live and walk or bike on these streets.

The "Quick Build" can always be reconstructed; not so a man, woman or child.

Thank you,
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