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Hi there,

My apologies for submitting this comment after the deadline for today's meeting materials. As a resident of Williamson Street, I am writing to offer my perspective on the traffic and safety conditions in our neighborhood.

Willy Street is a vibrant, densifying urban neighborhood, but the current street design, which prioritizes vehicle throughput, is becoming increasingly misaligned with its pedestrian-focused character. Vehicle speeds are consistently high, a problem that is exacerbated by the conversion of parking to traffic lanes during rush hour.

As both a frequent pedestrian and a driver, I have experienced this issue from both sides. When walking, I often feel unsafe, *particularly* when crossing at intersections, due to the speed of turning vehicles and through-traffic. When driving, I find the street's design encourages speeds that feel too fast for such a busy environment and does not adequately prompt drivers to be aware of pedestrians and cyclists.

The alarming frequency of vehicle crashes into buildings here over the last few years should be viewed as a clear signal that the road's design impedes our neighborhood's safety and vitality.

I strongly support piloting the removal of rush hour lanes on Willy St, along with implementing other traffic calming measures that would create a more hospitable environment for all road users. Traffic patterns are dynamic; commuters will adapt to such changes by choosing alternate roads, taking the bus, or carpooling.

Thank you for your dedicated work for our city and for your consideration of this important issue.

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