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## Dear commissioners.

I support removal of the peak hour lanes on Willy Street, reducing it to no more than 2 lanes at all times. I routinely cycle on Willy Street as it provides an efficient connection between downtown, the John Nolen Path and businesses such as Willy Street Co-op, as well as to my home and children's schools on the near East Side. I would actually love to see parking removed from one side of the street and replaced with a two-way protected bike path, and the street narrowed to the extent feasible. The bike path along Main Street is often crowded with pedestrians (who have every right to a nice path!), and the numerous stops for cross-streets both add danger and make it slower. Willy Street is long overdue for an overhaul that makes it more inviting and useable for non-automotive users. The current situation of speeding rush hour drivers, which are often blocked in the peak lanes by parked cars anyways, is unacceptable, as are the numerous crashes. Thanks for your consideration of this important issue.

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