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Hi,

Prior to the lane reduction test, I had my fair share of close calls crossing West Washington by bicycle. It was a common experience that a driver in the near lane would stop but a driver in the next lane wouldn't, and it was difficult to see and felt dangerous. Given the crash history there, it's possible that one of my close calls could have been worse eventually.

The lane reduction was fantastic! Ever since, drivers have always yielded the right of way.

While the OCR order to remove all RRFBs near railroad tracks is unfortunate, I'm disheartened that we are seriously considering adding more lanes for cars. The staff recommendation of a fully signalized intersection with 4 lanes on West Washington in the name of reducing congestion prioritizes driver convenience above all else, but driving in a city isn't convenient and we should stop trying to make it convenient. Our time and money is better spent improving other modes.

Whatever decision you make, please keep West Washington with 1 lane for cars in each direction.

Thanks,  
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