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To: Tolley, Sabrina
Subject: Sherman Ave Reconfiguration

Members of the PBMVC:

I urge you to approve the proposal to reconfigure Sherman Avenue into a five lane street (three standard travel lanes + two bike lanes). I am sure you are well aware of the benefits of a reconfiguration like what is proposed:

- No reductions in motor vehicle capacity (up to 22,000+ vehicles per day)
- Slower traffic speeds that are closer to the posted speed limit
- Easier crossing of the street by pedestrians
- Increased capacity and safety for bicyclists

My wife and I bought our first home in 2010, and although there were many options we were fond of in the Sherman Avenue area, we did not pursue any of them due to the lack of good bicycle access. As a car-free family, living in a neighborhood that provides transportation options was critical to us. We now live on the near east side, close to the Mifflin Street Bicycle Boulevard and the bike lanes on Johnson, Gorham and East Washington.

Additionally, although there are stores and restaurants on Sherman Avenue that we would like to give our business to, we are unwilling to do so due to the lack of bicycle facilities on Sherman. Instead we will often travel farther to the west-side to spend our money in areas that are easily accessed by bike.

The north side is lacking in decent bicycle accessibility - please approve this plan and make the neighborhood a better place to live, work, and do business!

Thank you,
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