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Hello Transportation Commission,

I support a lane reduction at the W Wash Ave crossing of the SW Commuter Path, with additional traffic calming. 95% of my trips downtown on bike involve this crossing, and the lane reduction has made it immensely easier and more comfortable. The traffic volumes are appropriate for a single lane and it's easier for non-motorists to negotiate a crossing, especially if there are other traffic calming measures.

The signalized intersection option takes the approach where we try to shoehorn pedestrians and cyclists into a system made for cars. With a signal, we will likely see higher severity crashes when users make a mistake because high speeds will be encouraged. This continues the misguided approach of designing infrastructure where we perpetuate the myth that everything will be all right if everyone follows the rules. People break the rules and people make mistakes. Choose a design that takes this into consideration. Pursue a design that forces everyone to slow down, so that when someone breaks the rules or makes a mistake, nobody has to pay with their life or become disabled.

Thanks for your consideration,