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Hello VITC:

Here are a few ideas for mitigating traffic congestion on South Franklin.

- Could the chains along the road be shortened so they are high enough to discourage most pedestrians from stepping over them?
- Could there be eye-catching writing on the edge of the sidewalk at Warner's Wharf to discourage pedestrians from crossing there? Often people cross, only to realize they cannot or do not want to step up the curb and over the chain on the other side, so they walk in the roadway to the next crosswalk. Pedestrians also wander about in the road front of the library.
- Could turning left (at least for buses) be prohibited from the lots on each side of the tram? Sometimes left-turners from opposite directions are mutually blocked from turning by the line of vehicles behind the other left-turner. If left turns were prohibited, infrastructure modification would probably be needed in each direction so vehicles could safely u-turn. There would be space, financial, and other challenges to overcome; this idea is a jumping-off point.
- Could infrastructure changes be made to make it easier for buses to turn right out of the tram lot (under the cables) without taking up both lanes of South Franklin? Clearing buses from that lot helps other buses pull in off the road. Perhaps if the seawalk is extended to the AJ dock, there will be fewer shuttle buses making this turn, which would be helpful. However, if left turns were not permitted, other buses might need to make this right turn more often.

Thank you for considering these ideas,

Susan Cable