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Dear VITF:

I am sorry that I do not have time to write more in depth comments on your draft recommendations. I appreciate all the time and effort the VITF put into developing these recommendations. I also reference my detailed comments of September 2, 2026, to the VITF on a number of downtown congestion issues.

I strongly disagree with recommendation 13 that CBJ support establishing a safe pedestrian crossing between Heritage Way and Marine Park. I think putting an additional crosswalk in this area will greatly increase congestion and traffic gridlock behind the traffic light at Egan Dr. and Main St. You would be creating another very short area between crosswalks where just a few vehicles will fit in the area between the crosswalks. This slows traffic flow and creates even more stop-and-go movement through downtown. In addition, when you have small blocks of vehicles stopped between close crosswalks, you create the incentive for pedestrians to cross anywhere they want among the stopped traffic. The longer vehicles are stopped in traffic, the more people are likely to weave in between the vehicles to cross the street. This problem already occurs between the close crosswalks down by the Tram, and it is very dangerous.

I think we need stanchions or barriers in the Heritage Way/Marine Park area that will push pedestrians to one of the existing crosswalks, which are very close by. We should be able to expect pedestrians to walk at least a short distance to an existing crosswalk, not put a crosswalk in anywhere someone might want to cross the street. A new crosswalk in this area also could make it almost impossible to make a left turn off Heritage Way.

I hope that you will delete this element from your final recommendations.

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