November 8, 2026

Further Comments on the Visitors Industry Task Force recommendations of October 16, 2026

Members of the Task Force, I hope you will accept this one additional comment regarding the Task Force Recommendations dated October 16, 2026.

Recommendation No. 13 states the following:

> CBJ to support establishing a safe pedestrian crossing between Heritage Way and Marine Park — re-engage DOT and SHI and work with the SHI project to add a crosswalk to the area.

By my count there are already a total of eleven marked cross-walks counting from the one by the Sheraton Hotel to the one by the Princess Dock. Do you want to add to congestion or do you want to ease congestion? The surest way to add to congestion is to establish more cross-walks.

I believe it to be the case that the last time the State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF) improved the area where Egan Drive turns into Marine Way, a decision was made to eliminate the cross-walk (or cross-walks) where Seward Street intersects Marine Drive was precisely in order to ease congestion.

I submit that re-establishing that cross-walk is one of the worst things you could do with regard to the congestion in that area during the tourist season.

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