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Subject: Traffic in Waterfront Metro Neighborhood

I am concerned about traffic and emergency services access in the area around the Safeway and Waterfront Metro station for several reasons. 1) Emergency vehicles are trapped, in many cases because a) drivers cannot or will not move to get out of the way, b) because delivery trucks, tour buses and cars park/block the curb lane in front of the coop apartments. 2) As a driver, unless you know about the following arrow to make the left turn on the Fourth Street, SW the arrows have been placed on the hard to see, far left stop lights rather than on at least one light toward the center of the road. The result is sometimes impatient drivers further back in the line pulling into the right hand lane, speeding around the cars in front and sprinting into the left turn. I walk daily through this intersection and I assure you it is sometimes frightening. We have school children walking from the Metro home and my fear is we are looking at a tragedy waiting to happen with pedestrians killed trying to cross the street. 3) New traffic as a result of the Wharf development (a wonderful thing) and baseball game days have combined to make neighborhood traffic a routine nightmare. 4) Bicycles on the street and on the sidewalks are a public safety risk since in both cases some of the riders consider that they need follow no rules of the road and if they are on the sidewalk no one else has any right to use it.

We have been promised traffic studies since before the baseball stadium was built. However, the time for studies is quickly passing and action needs to be taken before gridlock freezes an emergency vehicle, pedestrians are killed or injured, and development in the area begins to fail because visitors cannot move through our crowded streets.

Thank you for your consideration and for prompt action on this matter.