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Congress Street Intersection Modifications

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Good afternoon Nell,

We want to respond to your email below regarding a timing / phasing plan for the Congress / Saint John Street intersection once the pedestrian accommodations are completed and the traffic signal removed at the Congress / Valley Street intersection. It is our understanding that the Congress / Valley work will not be completed until 2022 / 2023. In speaking with Jeremiah earlier today, we both agreed that it does not make sense to complete a timing / phasing plan for the Congress / Saint John Street intersection at this time. It is premature to complete a plan at this time because there is too much that can change between now and then (pedestrian patterns and volumes as well as vehicular patterns and volumes), making the plan primarily useless when it comes time for implementation.

Our recommendation is that the plan be created the summer before the planned improvements to the Congress / Valley Street intersection. This would be close enough to the actual implementation to be based on relevant data while still being far enough in advance to review, work out any issues, and implement. I believe Jeremiah concurs with this recommendation.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail.

Thank you Nell.

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