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Dan Saltzman Commissioner Leah Treat Director

RE: SE Morrison configuration between Grand and 11th

Dear Neighbor,

I am writing to inform you that PBOT is proposing changes to SE Morrison between Grand and 11th. In the inner eastside, SE Morrison and SE Belmont Street function as a couplet (a pair of one-way streets). Between Grand and 11th, however, Morrison has one opposing eastbound travel lane. PBOT is proposing to remove this one eastbound lane and restripe SE Morrison as a one-way, west-bound only consistently from the river to SE 25th. The proposed configuration would maintain existing parking on both sides of the street and allow for a protected bike lane to be installed. The project would have the benefit of separating automobile and bicycle traffic, ease pedestrian crossings, and would improve freight access to the Morrison Bridge off of 7th Avenue.

The current configuration in this section of SE Morrison is unusual and PBOT engineers are concerned about traffic safety. State records document over three hundred crashes in a ten-year period between Grand and 11th. Forty-four of these crashes were directly related to the eastbound lane, seventeen of them caused injuries, and four of them involved cyclists. In addition to these safety concerns, this section of Morrison is difficult for pedestrians to cross as they must watch for vehicles in both directions. There is currently no bike lane, so people biking to the bridge can be found in any of the westbound travel lanes, making the road less predictable for everyone. Finally, the one east bound travel lane gets very little use. Over 96% of the eastbound traffic uses SE Belmont instead. Recent private construction projects on SE Morrison have resulted in permits closing several blocks of this eastbound lane. PBOT has noted little impact from this closure.

The proposal is illustrated on the reverse.

PBOT is collecting public feedback on this proposal. **Please share your thoughts by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SEMorrison> and completing a brief online survey by July 10th, 2017.** If you'd prefer to provide your feedback in another format or you have questions about the proposal, feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

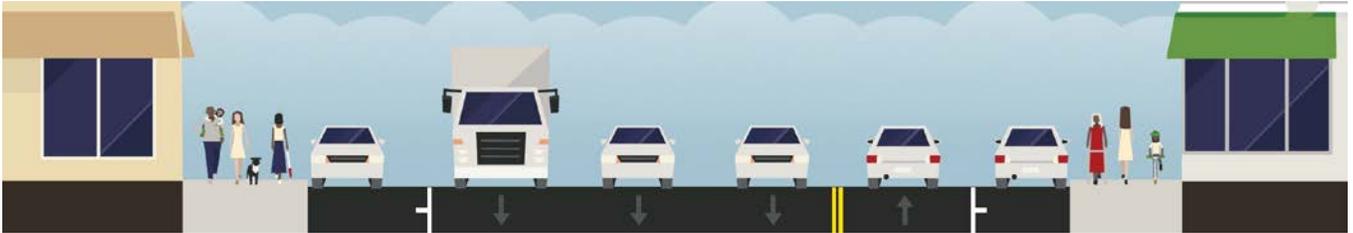
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CURRENT CONFIGURATION



- 3 lanes westbound, 1 lane eastbound
- Parking on the north side of the street prohibited from 6-9am, M-F
- Bikes in travel lanes

PROPOSED CONFIGURATION



- Maintains 3 lanes westbound
- Maintains existing parking on both sides of the street
- Parking on the north side of the street will continue to be prohibited from 6-9am, M-F
- Removes eastbound lane and adds curb-tight bike lane on the north side of Morrison
- Improves bike safety by guiding cyclists away from the bridge ramp and onto a path to Water Avenue
- Separates freight and bicycle traffic, providing more predictability
- Improves truck turns/freight access off of 7th onto the Morrison Bridge
- Adds an eastbound bike lane on SE Belmont from Grand to 7th to complete the connection for cyclists
- The number of motor vehicle lanes and parking on SE Belmont will not change