Gameiro, Carlos

From: Tony Paille
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 7:47 PM
To: Gameiro, Carlos
Subject: Opening of Portage and Main to Pedestrian Traffic

Dear Mayor Bowman and the Executive Policy Committee,

I would like to voice strong opposition to the re-opening of Portage and Main to pedestrian traffic for the following reasons:

1) The businesses in that immediate area will not benefit from pedestrian traffic.

2) Opening it will slow traffic and may result in injuries and/or deaths because it is a busy, wide intersection.

3) Pedestrians can cross Main St and Portage Ave from a block away in either direction on either street. It is not as though the area is closed to pedestrians.

4) If Mayor Bowman and the EPC really believe it is the will of the citizens of this city to spend roughly $11 million to open this intersection, then put it to a referendum where we all have a chance to be heard.

I have spoken to many people (many, but probably not statistically
relevant) and I have not heard one person say they think this is good idea. It makes me wonder why Mayor Bowman thinks it is important, or even useful.

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