

Kathleen Ramsay

From: Becky Dayton <becky@vermontbookshop.com>
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To: Kathleen Ramsay
Subject: Merchants Row comments

Hi Kathleen,

I'm unable to attend the meeting tomorrow night, but would like to be on the record as being in VEHEMENT favor of maintaining Merchant's Row as one-way.

My reasons are the two that have been mentioned-

- Safety - with traffic restricted to eastbound only, as in the preliminary design, no one has to turn left from Merchants Row onto Main St. This is a traffic move I voluntarily gave up when the Cross Street Bridge and the rotary were completed, well before the current pattern was introduced, as I had had too many scares there due to inattentive drivers traveling both directions on Main Street, decreased visibility created by a setting sun, and pedestrians entering crosswalks after I'd initiated my turn. Can any of us forget the tragedy that occurred there several years ago with an elderly woman and an ACTR bus?
- Parking - this is an absolute no-brainer. 10 parking spaces. Period.

I believe any inconvenience posed by one way traffic on Merchants Row is far outweighed by the above arguments in its favor.

Thank you.

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