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I am writing to alert you to a problem with the traffic light timing during morning and afternoon rush hours at the intersection of Conway St. and Howard St. (i.e. 7 am to 9:30 am and 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm). The signal that faces W. Conway St. is still red for vehicles sitting on Conway (facing Camden Yards) when the light at Sharp and Conway turns green to allow people to exit Otterbein on Sharp St. and turn left on to Conway in order to get to the 395 entrance ramp. The result is that traffic is already backed up on Conway from Howard St. to Sharp St., and people trying to exit Otterbein on Sharp cannot proceed because they would be stuck in the intersection. The light facing Sharp St. at Conway does not stay green for long. The opposite direction light for traffic on Conway east of Sharp St. turns green while cars coming from Sharp St. are still stuck in the intersection. Cars in the intersection can also block cars proceeding east on Conway towards the harbor.

I believe that the city engineers need to adjust the timing on the that Howard St. light that faces Conway St. It should turn green as soon as the light at Sharp and Conway that faces Sharp St. turns green. At present, one is lucky if 2 cars make it from Sharp St. to turn left onto Conway to access 395. It has caused me to have to use a different way out of the neighborhood to get onto 395 during rush hour. I have to exit the neighborhood onto S. Charles and then turn left onto Conway to proceed north towards Camden Yards and 395. I have to do the same thing if I want to turn right on Howard at Conway. Your engineers should go and observe the situation one weekday morning (Monday-Thursday) between 8-9 am. The problem starts as early as 7 a.m. for morning rush hour. Stand on the southeast corner of Sharp at the intersection with Conway and watch the congestion. The traffic is a bit lighter on Friday mornings because many people seem to telework on Fridays, but Friday afternoons can still be a bit of a mess.