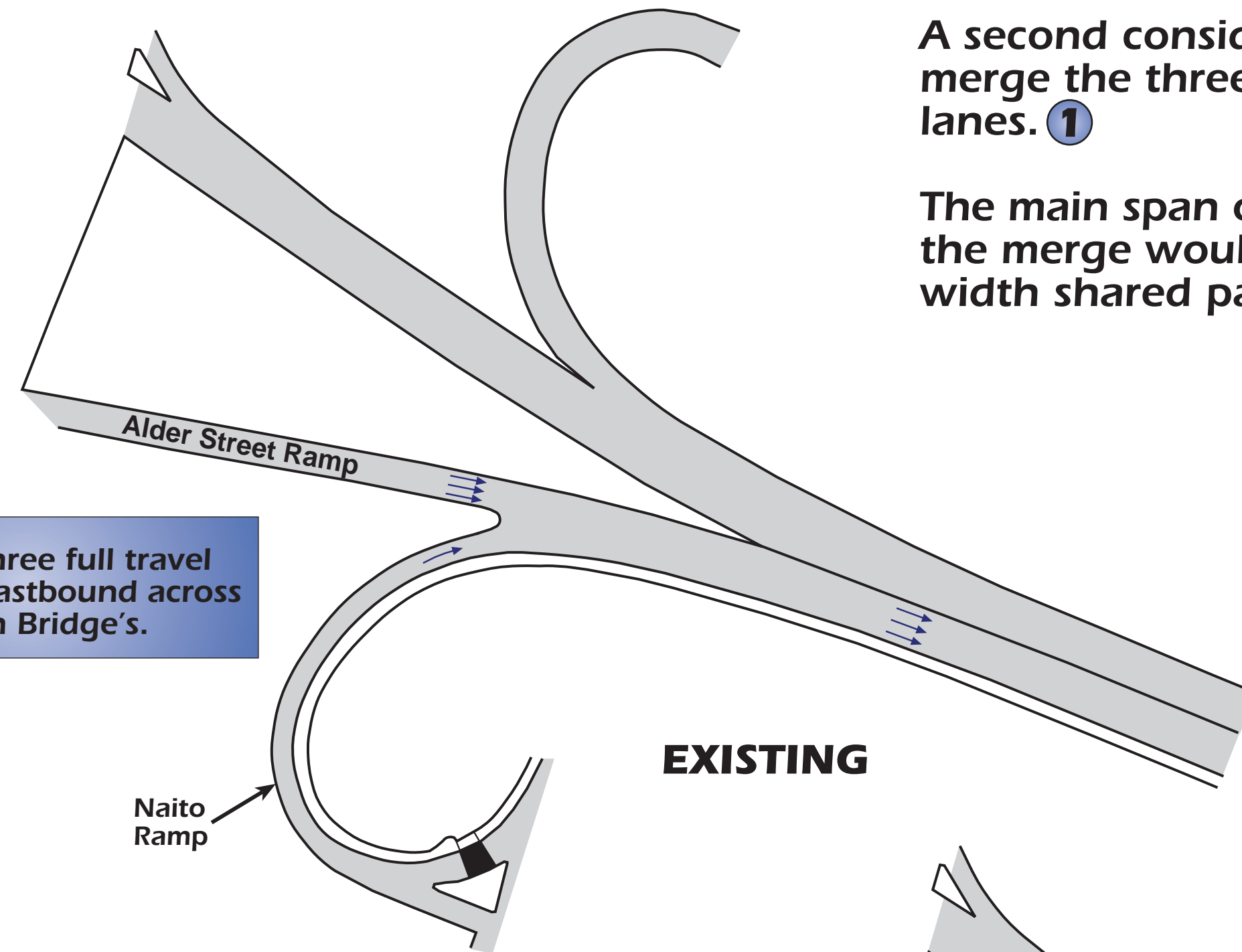


REMOVING AN EASTBOUND LANE: MERGE OPTION



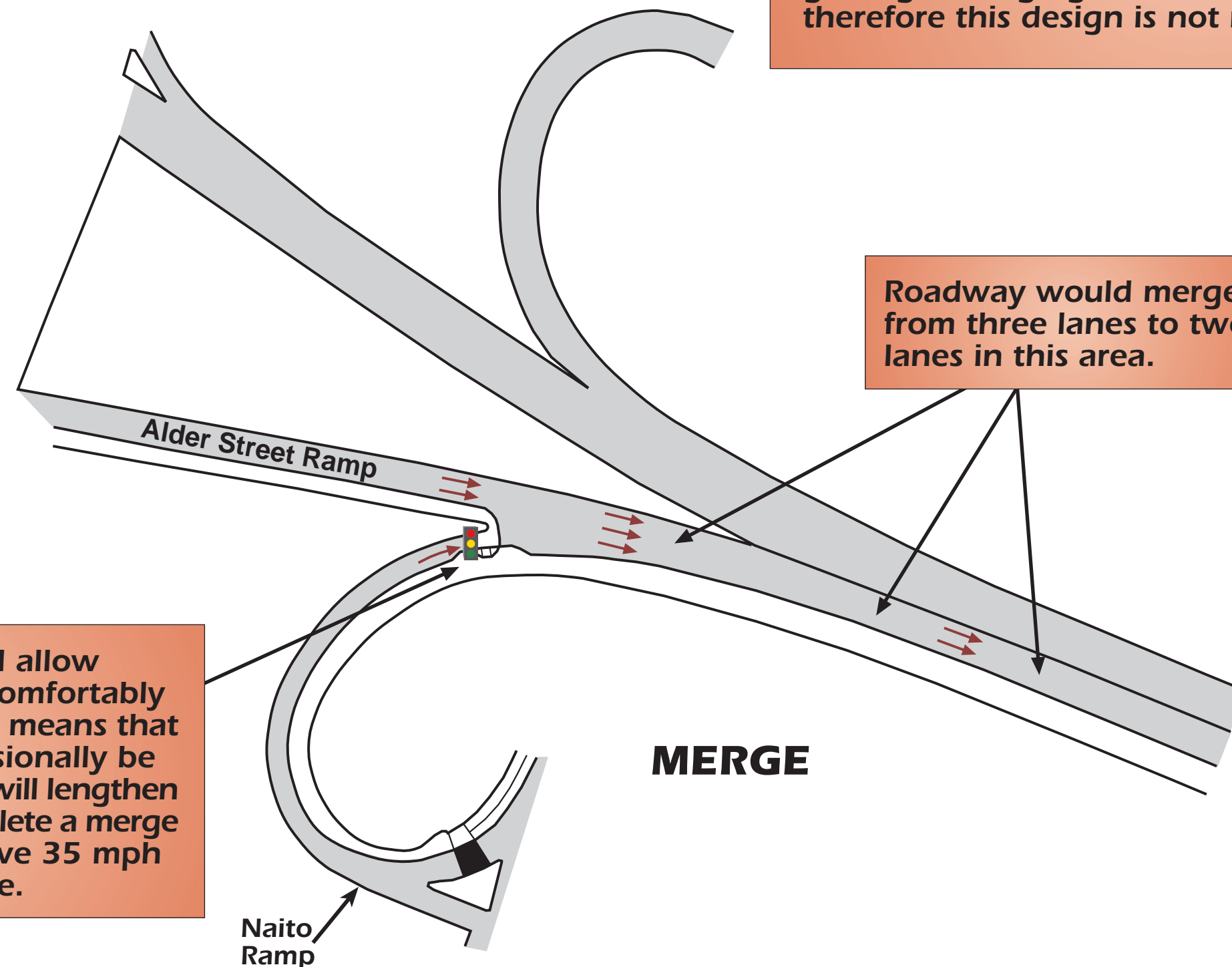
1 Today, three full travel lanes flow eastbound across the Morrison Bridge's.

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A second consideration for removing an eastbound travel lane is to merge the three lanes from the top of the Naito Ramp down to two lanes. **1**

The main span of the bridge is approximately 1,300 feet. The end of the merge would leave a little less than 500 feet of the maximum width shared path. **2**

2 Merging three eastbound lanes into two lanes is another way to eliminate a travel lane and thus create additional width for a multi-use path. The 35 mph signed speed on the bridge would require 900 feet to merge three lanes into two. Vehicles would still be merging as they cross the steel lift span grating. Changing lanes on the grating is unsafe, therefore this design is not recommended.



Roadway would merge from three lanes to two lanes in this area.

A pedestrian signal here will allow pedestrians and cyclists to comfortably cross the Naito Ramp. It also means that Naito Ramp traffic will occasionally be starting from a full stop. This will lengthen the distance required to complete a merge as motorists must first achieve 35 mph before attempting the merge.

MERGE