

## Question 8: Any Additional Comments

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1. Too many parking spots were removed for customers to use for none eating establishments.
2. No protection from on coming cars.
3. Not all of the Park let's are being used and should be removed. Maybe a pop up type of seating on weekends only....

Absolutely love the street dining. Makes for great community interactions and hopefully gold for business. Would love to see it expand and become permanent.

Add more plants to the parklets. Plant more trees. Make Alameda both beautiful and functional so people look at it as a beautiful destination spot.

Add some minimum design review requirements.

Added to congestion and are dangerous

Alameda also needs to deal with the traffic problem getting in and out of the tube on the west end. And not by adding bike lanes or shuttle buses. We need another tunnel and/or bridge. We can't keep building on the island without addressing this problem. God forbid there is an earthquake that takes out the tube. What would we do? Please someone start adressing this issue!

Alameda Ave: reconfigure as necessary to provide for take-out eating and short term parking in conjunction with the existing public and city parking lots. Park St: instead of Bulb/Parking, Lane, Lane, Bulb/Parking, diagonal, center street parking would allow for easier, thus safer, parking, clean lanes and sidewalks where people can walk two by two without a purse or baby swinging into table area. From experience, I'm not in favor of on street eating on Park or Webster. The bulbs are difficult to park around. From traffic lane, it is hard to tell that a parking spot is short term. Once in, can't get out. I've given up. It was less chancy when all I had to do was wave and yell to cross at Webb!

Alameda has made changes that inhibit the safety of all the city started out destroying our beautiful beach and it has gone from bad to worse

Alameda is a perfect town for convert many of the streets to nob-car use. We should make the city much more walkable and bike friendly. It would really improve quality of life.

alameda is over populated

Alameda is very over populated and to reduce all street's into 2 lanes makes getting around town a mess. On hot weekends shoreline dr is gridlock.

Alameda residents, children, businesses and the environment are better served by bike and pedestrian friendly policies.

All streets were made for cars!

Also, please reduce to two lanes (from four) Otis Drive between High Street and Broadway. There is too much speeding.

Although reducing traffic lanes on Park Street is a good idea, the resulting congestion often makes it very difficult to travel between Encinal Avenue and Lincoln. Suggest making the intersections of Park Street/Central Avenue and Park Street/Santa Clara Avenue 4-way crossing for pedestrians (as Oakland has done in a few places in Chinatown) so that a single-file line of dawdling pedestrians doesn't tie up the entire intersection for vehicular traffic trying to turn onto the cross streets. The current situation is untenable.

any changes we can keep to slow the flow of car traffic is great. I rely mostly on my bike and walking to get around town and appreciate how much safer it has been during COVID.

Anything that promotes safe walking and biking is of top priority

As a cyclist, I sometimes struggle to ride past a parklet if cars are going too fast and the traffic lane is narrow. Suggest sh arrows or some indication I'm allowed to ride on the street too.

As a frequent bicycle rider, I appreciate the bike parking but I'm not always sure how to navigate park or Webster. I won't ride on either street. I usually ride on a side street and pop out at the block closest to my destinations. Also if we're going to keep the closure, I would support investing in structure upgrade to really make it a charming space. Space..

As a life-long resident I am extremely supportive of re-centering pedestrian and bike modes of transit.

As someone with children too young to be vaccinated I really appreciate the additional outdoor eating areas, especially the 1/2 block on Alameda Ave. We are there almost every weekend and it's great to have the extra pedestrian room without worrying about cars. In general I feel safer with the through traffic reduced to two lanes and additional pedestrian room.

As the city continues to allow housing development Alameda grid lock is a fear! Think back when the sink hole appeared at Webster tube exit at Oakland now think of that with tens of thousands of more residents. Not a pretty picture. And especially given the horrid limited service at Alameda Hospital try getting off the island in less than 20-30 minutes if you are lucky.

Because I avoid Park and Webster Sts, I avoid the businesses there. You cannot park in either business district so I just don't bother even going there. Alameda has been ruined by these crazy ideas. ing there?

Bike lanes would be nice but not at the expense of the parklets

Both Park and Webster are a mess to drive down. It's nearly impossible to turn Left from either street, as no arrows or turn lanes have been added. I once sat at a light for THREE rotations so I could turn left from Webster onto Santa Clara as there was no way to turn, and held up cars behind me. It's ridiculous to cut major thru fares and not even add arrows or turn lanes. I actively avoid Park Street, and refuse to shop there now. There is nowhere to park, and I have no interest in eating next to idling cars. I have only used the outside parklet at the Fireside on Webster in addition to the fantastic Alfresco Dining Area.

Both park and Webster street Jersey barriers and traffic pilons make the street extremely ugly. It's very difficult to see the shops from the street as well. Bicycling on both streets has become a nightmare. There is no space for cars to pass and the parked cars are now "closer" to the bikes. The lines and pilons make it very busy and confusing on the eye to drive. All in all the city turned park street into one of the ugliest streets in the city.

bring back the 4 lane streets. otis drive sucks already dont ruin park and webster

By making Park Street walk friendly you add charm and safety to an otherwise busy street of just passing through vehicles. I grew up in Alameda and chose not to move back due to heavy traffic. Need more public transportation that is electrified to get cross town and cut down traffic. Alameda had that long ago down Encinal. Use electric multipassenger vehicles. You also need more charging stations. Thank you for your consideration. Oh and more safe bike lanes and places to lock bikes.

Can we please end the slow streets as well

Cars suck (yes, I'm a hypocrite) and I enthusiastically support any and all endeavors to make Alameda, but especially the main business districts of Park and Webster, \*more\* accessible, pedestrian & bike friendly.

City Council sucks! You are ruining this city. The city I've called home for 48 years!

Could we do away with the "slow streets" being blocked off to through traffic? They were okay at beginning of pandemic but now I and many others ignore the barriers when we need to get through to our houses. I don't live on a slow, blocked off street, but Santa Clara was my route to get to where I needed to be.

Cut the distractions, bulbs, and other garbage and just allow us to drive on these main drags, please.

Dine with it all! Clean up webster and park to the way it was!

Divert traffic to Oak and Everett and make them one way.

Do not eat outside so they are useless. They make it difficult to get from the street to the sidewalk. Generally have no use for the parklets.

Don't like the lot on Webster- that has music every weekend- the noise is not fair to the residents who live on Taylor- maybe once a month - not weekly.

downtown is a god damned mess now

Driving and parking on commercial streets is now a nightmare. The streets look ugly now too.

Driving down Park Street is a complete mess. Nobody pays any attention to the drop off time restrictions. The road is too narrow. Delivery trucks are a nightmare.

Driving down Webster and Park are now more dangerous than before.

Drop all long-term parking on the downtown corridors. Embrace bike lanes, public space, rapid pick-up/drop-off designated spots, and slow transit. Move primary traffic ways to Broadway or Oak.

Oh, and bring back the trolleys!!

During the pandemic parklets were a good idea for restaurants. Now that the other retail/office stores are open the parklets take the already sparse parking places to do business at retail shops. It has taken me 3-4 days during the week to pick up my cleaning on Webster because there is limited (due to the parklets) parking so I just give up trying. This week I had to double park simply to get my cleaning thereby creating inconvenience for other citizens. I often eat on Park and Webster but the convenience is definitely not positive due to parking and the traffic congestion. Three days ago while eating lunch on Park Street a fire truck had to wait a long minute or more to gain access to Park out of their side gate simply due to the fact that traffic was bumper to bumper blocking their egress. It is simply not fair to other retail businesses on Park and Webster and favoring only eating establishments. Additionally it is unfair to punish the shopping/eating public by creating a sure and continuous traffic jam. I do not own a business on either artery but if I did I sure would be mad as hell if the parklets become permanent which had a negative effect on my business. Also, the supposed "quiet" streets with limited traffic were definitely not used during the pandemic for joggers, walkers, etc. Streets are made for vehicles and sidewalks are for pedestrians. Let's open them up and get back to normal.

Eliminate the slow streets

Enforcement is down, there are speeders everywhere. Folks don't use the bike lanes except to pass when speeding. We need more traffic enforcement, i.e. more police, less city council involvement in police matters. I feel unsafe driving to and from work. When I moved here >15 years ago, there were police on every corner, traffic heeded the 25 mph speed limit and there were less accidents.

Especially on the path out of the pandemic I think having visible (i.e., outdoor) commerce is beneficial to residents (and perhaps essential to businesses). Practically speaking, the evenings in Alameda aren't usually warm enough for enjoyable outdoor dining (unless with heaters) - for the longterm, the logical arrangement might be

parklets for restaurants that have lunch trade. As long as there are loud, fast-moving "sideshow" cars roaring through Alameda's streets, spending time in any street or parklet is extremely unappealing.

EXPAND IT

Fewer cars = safer streets. I'd love to see the future of Alameda take advantage of the flat, easy-to-navigate town with better bike lanes and pedestrian friendliness near the commercial corridors.

Find alternate routes and more parking. Most beautiful business - pedestrian street is Pearl St in Boulder Co

Focus on getting businesses to fill all those vacant store fronts on Park Street. Alameda is sinking fast and most people go off island to shop and eat.

Get rid of the slow streets.

Glad you had an opportunity to see how that should NOT be continued. Favoring some businesses while HEAVILY negatively affecting other businesses and traffic is NOT progress. End the program.

Great idea at the time but if remains I will probably head out of town more for dining.

HC1: Have Alameda Police patrol Part St from Autozone to Walgreens between 9pm-1am. Many speed.

HC2: I am much more likely to walk to Park St and Webster St now.

HC6: A long time resident. I would like to see a more variety of stores - fewer restaurants and more interesting stores. I would like the old Walgreens to be a salad restaurant like Sweet Tomatoes. We need a shoe store that sells shoe laces. What about a larger Trader Joes? or Deli?

HC7: We need a copy store on Park! Fewer nail salons. What about a Whole Foods? shoe store? I would like Bed & Bath to come back. How about a larger TRader Joes? And a good deli - Jewish?  
We like (my husband and I) Slow Streets like Pacific. More 4 way stop signs!

HC8: I will not eat a meal in the street. What happens when it gets cold or rains? The parklets have no standard. Looks like hell.

I have a rental on 8th St which gets more traffic now that Webster is narrowed. People want to get around and will take alternate routes to get home or work. This program to allow outdoor dining into public streets had validity during the pandemic. Now that the pandemic was declared officially over on June 15, it's time to give back the street to the public.

HC9. My business was negatively impacted by the Commercial Streets program.

Hold APD accountable for Mario Gonzalez,...far more important issue than the stupid parklets (which I like).

Hoping they open

Huge supporters overall. We have a family and we find that Park is a lot more pleasant to walk around and dine at. Hope they continue!!!

I am MUCH LESS LIKELY now, given how you've changed the streets, to visit and shop in Alameda, although I have been a faithful shopper in Alameda since the mid 1970s. I also have some mobility issues, so having to park far away and walk very far is a problem. If you close off some streets to traffic entirely, that will certainly keep me away. I guess I will need to find new places to go for services, such as my long-time hair salon. I would be afraid to eat food in one of the on street establishments for fear of being hit by a runaway car during dinner (as has already happened). So glad that I am now retired and no longer work in Alameda!

I am nervous about public space being permanently given to restaurant seating. Biking is unsafe on park and Webster - either add lanes to those streets, or to the next parallel street over.

I am physically impaired. It's not user friendly for me anymore

I am strongly opposed to keeping this parklet set up in place. It was a mistake to do it in the first place. Please observe the traffic jams that are currently happening. We are not like other cities so please don't compare Alameda to other towns. We have a beach that draws a lot of traffic to our town. The main way people get to the beaches is down Park and Webster streets. It is hard even get to Park street to shop now. If I don't have time to walk there from my house I avoid the area which isn't good for businesses on those streets. Please remove the parklets and restore Park and Websters parking to how it was pre-pandemic. I think that safety should be our #1 priority. How will firetrucks get through the traffic jams? Thank you for listening to and addressing my concerns.

I am supportive of efforts to get us out of our cars, and to travel around town by foot, bike and bus. I appreciate space being set aside free from car traffic. I notice that we are not talking about scooters in this survey, and that the scooters which were left around town by Lime and other companies are no longer here. I think that is a good thing for now. The problem with scooters is that they are a threat to pedestrians on sidewalks, and they are threatened by cars in the street. So where do they go?

I appreciate that Alameda is taking the time to re-work the whole islands roads transportation and structure, I walk slot and think that there are alot of areas

where it is dangerous walking including the street I live on, Pacific Ave near Grocery Outlet(so dangerous) also Lincoln Ave is used like a raceway. People rarely go under 40 mph. And no one checks this. I have crossed the street in several locations including near Franklin park, I almost got run down. It is as if stop signs are a suggestion. Also bicycles on the sidewalks really stinks, where are the people who are walking supposed to go?!

I appreciate the support the city gave these businesses to stay open.

I avoid Park Street as much as possible. Outdoor dining is not an option for me most evenings in Alameda anyway. Park Street and Webster Street both had nice improvements being made with new trees and street lights. There was finally a charm to both streets and seemed as if it was only going to get better. I now have no desire to visit Park St. particularly. If you stop to parallel park traffic backs up. How do emergency vehicles get around cars? There is nowhere for cars to pull over so they can get by. I imagine this will hurt businesses, as if they haven't been impacted enough already.

I basically like the concept but am concerned about traffic that will move to outlying streets. I personally do not want bike lanes on either Webster or Park. These streets are too busy for bike traffic, bike cyclist at time don't follow the rules of traffic anymore than cars.

I believe the parklets and restriping detract from the charm of our main street shopping districts. The parklets and barricades are really unattractive. But most importantly, there are strong tones of ableism that pervade many of the arguments for reducing vehicular and parking access to these shopping districts. For me, that has been the most disappointing aspect in the debate surrounding this issue. The entitlement and ableism from the able-bodied community members has been discouraging. The lack of access has kept me from patronizing businesses that I used to support.

I believe the slow streets should be removed at this time, so traffic can try to get around the Webster and Park street bottle necks. The bike lane at Grand and Otis is awful.

I bike in Alameda, often with my toddler and four-year-old. I appreciate you thinking of bike lanes on these busy streets, but I'd also be happy with bike lanes parallel to these streets. For example, a bike lane on Oak would be close enough for easy access to shops on Park.

I choose park st restaurants for to go much more frequently than in the past b/c the 15 minute parking let's me find a close spot to do pick up. Even if expanded again, keep the short term parking please

I do think that traffic is essentially deflected from the major streets into side streets now. For instance, coming into Alameda, I used to turn right at Lincoln and Webster. Because that is now reduced to one lane, turning right at that light can take an extra cycle. So I turn on Pacific and then 6th. It seems more thought should have been added into those types of decisions.

I don't feel safe dining in parklets and some of them look ugly and dangerous. Restaurants that had outdoor spaces like Linguinis and Star pizza never had many patrons sitting outside in the past. I hope the city removes them.

I don't feel safe dining in the parklets because they are too close to vehicle traffic. The reduction in parking is also inconvenient when we want to get food or go shopping, and this would also cause a hardship for the elderly or disabled who would not be able to walk longer distances to Park St. or Webster by having to find parking far away.

I don't like that it creates more traffic, but I also like that it makes the areas more vibrant which draws more of a crowd for business which is good. I would to see the parklets somewhat uniform or standardized, but MOST IMPORTANTLY built for safety.

I don't drive on Shoreline any longer, as too many people park and open their car doors without checking oncoming traffic. Too dangerous for drivers. Also can't get down Park Street or Webster with the reduced lanes and parking. The opinion is still out on Otis Drive, but Alameda has become very difficult to get around in. It may be great for young bicyclers, but for seniors who need autos to get to shopping and doctors, friends, etc., the street changes are too difficult. The seniors of Alameda have supported and paid into this city for many years. We are not gone yet - give us some consideration, please.

I don't like this white plastic cones on around park and San Antonio street, it's hard to turn either way.

I drive, walk, bike, shop, and exercise on Park Street and support the new configuration.

I enjoy the slower pace of park street and really love the outdoor dining.

I feel safer driving and walking on Park & Webster streets, but biking is pretty confusing and doesn't feel any safer.

I feel sorry for all the small businesses that have been impacted by the lack of parking as the focus seems to be on helping restaurants.

I feel that the park lets and reduction in street parking have made it even more difficult for people that live disabilities. As someone that drives a wheelchair accessible vehicle I found it difficult to park on the street pre Covid, because spaces were limited because trees, parking meters, bike racks, too high curbs, etc gave me less options for deploying my wheelchair ramp. The park lets have made it impossible for me to park.

I feel they are currently underutilized. Large stretches are just empty parking spots. If they were used for outdoor seating, parklet shopping, or even pop-ups, it would be a much better use and provide a more community feel. It feels incomplete or disjointed with its current usage.

I find the parklets extremely INCONVENIENT. I like by Webster (Pacific Avenue) and it's already crowded as it was pre-pandemic. Not to mention the parklets are also UNSAFE for both the diners/shoppers and drivers and pedestrians, especially for young or new drivers driving around Park St or Webster. The outdoor dining can be (and has been) hit bc those are simple wood barriers against in-coming traffic and guess who gets blamed??? The drivers. It's hard enough as it is to maneuver around bikes and pedestrians who j-walk much less eliminating double lanes. I did NOT agree to buy my house here and let it be clogged by traffic. Those who "dont mind it" most likely do NOT live by these affected areas.

I fully support the commercial streets program and think it should be given an opportunity to continue. I would be okay with more streets like the half block of Alameda.

I greatly support adding outside dining and pedestrian oriented spaces. But we need to plan well and invest in infrastructure, not just ad hoc spaces.

I had a business on Park St for 35 years and was on the PSBA board for at least half that time. I commend the city, staff, and DABA for moving so quickly to restripe the streets and offer the parklets to merchants. In the olden days, we would STILL be having meetings and arguing about the concept.

I HATE the slow streets. How about making my street a slow street too...we've had way too much traffic on Park Street for a long time but nobody cares. Instead you're looking at building more at South Shore???

I have a concern that the businesses that spent on the parklets just adds to the burden of the pandemic, but much too much of the two streets were given over to accomodating the parklets. Perhaps using part of the street and part of the sidewalk could be a consideration. In addition to the businesses cost of the parklets, with little or no parking on the impacted streets it was easier to shop elsewhere.

I have a hard time walking so the street parking was necessary for me. I don't spend my money in Alameda small businesses anymore because I can't park close enough.

I have basically stopped using businesses on Park and Webster because of the pandemonium of trying to get down those streets. I especially miss going to restaurants there.

I have enjoyed the outdoor seating and space many times and hope it continues. I will be less likely to frequent businesses if there is not outdoor space to enjoy.

I have lived in this town for 75 years. It is turned into a place that I no longer love. Lets get rid of the slow streets!!!!!! Traffic that once traveled on those streets are now going on the other smaller streets at a fast speed. The parklets are a menace to traffic...Causing accidents and near misses!

I have very little faith this survey will matter at all. I live in Alameda and feel the commercial streets program was a good idea during the heart of the pandemic to support local businesses. It has increased traffic and the availability to get around with increased in traffic on neighboring streets.

I hope these changes help with the traffic on park street

I just don't want to eat in the street. I think the accident at La Penca on Santa Clara is a sign of what could happen. The sidewalks are plenty to allow some cafe dining. Get rid of the parklets. Park Street is SO dangerous to drive on now. My car was hit being parked in a legal spot there and my insurance company didn't believe us. We had to document with pictures and a receipt from the business to prove the accident.

I know this isn't directly related but if the homeless problem isn't taken care of then none of this matters. That is the biggest reason I shop and dine elsewhere is when I see someone doing drugs nearby.

I like that these changes might promote more walking and bike riding and less cars. Better for the environment and healthier all around.

I like the changes and would like the parklets to become permanent fixtures. More bicycle fixtures too, please!

I like the idea of parklets and have used them in SF, Oakland & Alameda over the last 15 years. Some are better than others. I'd personally like to see fewer per block, but with some better safety and design standards.

I like the idea of the area on Alameda Avenue because it is a Safe ped zone and eating area. I won't eat in the parklets because they aren't built safely and I anticipate the first death with a driver plowing through. The slowing of traffic just makes the commute back up worse and frustrates impatient drivers more. The implementation of parklets was done cheaply without real investment in aesthetics, safety and traffic flow. The impact to parking has made me less likely to spend money on the streets. The bollards you installed are not protective and will result in a death when someone plows through them. They should be reinforced underneath with cement or steel. I could support shutting down an

area too. for eating on weekends and creating a true ped zone but only weekends. City Hall continues to make moves that exacerbate traffic and congestion and reduce pedestrian safety. Focus on things like the sideshows and lack of traffic flow and public safety issues you've created.

I like the idea of the parklets but I don't feel safe on Park or Webster. Santa Clara and Central feel better, a little more room for drivers to correct before causing damage

I like the outdoor seating on sidewalks but don't like parklets using parking spaces. There was a parking shortage already (which is why we built the parking garage) so now it'll be even worse. All the changes with our streets and bike lane and barriers are ridiculous!

I like the Parklets because they make the street look more lively. However, some of them seem dangerous especially the ones in intersections (for example the one in La Penca). I don't feel comfortable eating there and try to avoid them because of the fear that a car out of control might crash there. Parklets in the middle of the block are safe for me, I'm OK eating in those.

I like the parklets but I don't like how they cannibalized the bike lanes. The bike lanes were a fantastic addition to Park, but now the street has gone back to being pretty dangerous for cyclists.

I live and work in Alameda

I live and work in Alameda, but that was not a choice.

I live in Oakland, but my child goes to school in Alameda and we spend most of time/money there. The traffic on Park and Webster has become so congested that we (try) to avoid those streets altogether. This CAN'T be good business, as I'm sure we are not the only ones to do so.

I live on Park Ave and our parking is horrible!!

I live the changes since Covid with outdoor dining and I am also hopeful that Slow Streets continue like they have voted to continue in Oakland.

I live within 2 blocks of Park Street - does that count?

I live within walking distance to Webster, but farther than 1 block

I love Alameda

I love Alameda, we moved here two years ago and rave about it to friends out of the island. I would love to see the downtown areas (Park Street and surrounding streets) be kept better, namely the commercial blocks closer to South Shore and those closer to the Park Street bridge. There is a lot of seediness.

I love all the changes made during the pandemic and think they should all remain in place. They make the city safer and more comfortable.

I love having so many more outdoor dining options but still don't feel comfortable riding my bike on those streets

I love how Commercial Streets have beautified Alameda during an otherwise highly stressful time: thank you!

I love it all, as long as it keeps our community happy and thriving and safe. Please put the same efforts into everything; police, bikes paths, schools, parks, architecture. Thank you for asking.

I love that we are giving the street back to the people instead of for cars. I also enjoy the park lets because now I am able to bring my dog to eat dinner with me.

I love that you can eat outside, and that it gives Alameda more of a community feel, but the way it's currently designed makes it really hard for cyclists. It's a tough call... I'd be happy to have single lanes in each direction, and parking and loading.

I LOVE the changes, especially the Webster corridor since I live a few blocks away. Having more outdoor seating is so vibrant, fun and takes advantage of our fabulous weather!

I love the Commercial Streets program. I hope that one day we can close Park Street to through traffic, especially around Central Ave, and have an even more beautiful, vibrant, family friendly commercial district.

I love the community feeling of the parklets!

I love the ideas behind the commercial streets program, but the road feel congested and a little chaotic now. There's too much going on and it's a little stressful to use as both a pedestrian and driver. I think with some thoughtful improvements the road would work much better for everyone but I hope we de-emphasize cars and support a better pedestrian experience.

I love the new look and feel of both Park and Webster streets. It feels more welcoming to pedestrians and is a great enhancement of the small town feel of Alameda!

I love the outside dining areas and park lets. Would feel a little safer if there were stronger blockades in case of a car crash.

I love the parklets for dining. I hope we keep them.

I love the Parklets, but hate the slow streets. They are dangerous because everyone drives on them regardless.

I love the parklets, but it is dangerous for a bicycle to have to make our ways around them and not be impeding traffic. It is a bit scary to ride when there is traffic and I end up on the sidewalk which is also not kind to pedestrians!

I love the program but I know it's a particular problem for disabled people to not have parking where they are going. Maybe find ways to increase disabled parking spaces around these corridors so it's not a hardship for those folks.

I love the program! I have felt very safe shopping on Park Street and dining on Alameda Ave. during this pandemic. When driving, I don't mind taking Broadway to Clement St in order to use the Park St bridge. I do not feel comfortable biking on Park, but I do use other side streets including Versailles as alternatives.

I love the program. Alameda is beautiful and it is nice to be able to enjoy it.

I love the short term parking on Park St.

I love these changes to Park and Webster. They make the entire commercial streets feel like community streets.

I LOVE this program so much, it's hard to describe how emphatically I like it. I love traveling, but being kept in place by the pandemic, I didn't feel so restricted because I was able to go and take in lovely walking areas in my own town! I love it, please please please keep and expand this program!

I love this! Such an improvement for safety of traffic and vitality of street life. Let's keep it going.

I only recently was comfortable with eating outside my home and was hopeful to use a parklet. It's been a slower process for me, but I love, love, love them!

I particularly love the Alameda Ave closure! That street wasn't that widely used and is a perfect example of thoughtful use of space!

I purchased my home in 1996 and raised my family of four children here. I would like to have four lanes to travel on Webster and Park streets. It allows traffic especially to run smoother and faster. Please return it back to normal.

I really enjoy the changes that have been made. I live near Park Street and the reduced traffic and parklets make it feel so much more vibrant and alive. I've dined in the parklets countless times and really hope they're here to stay. Having 10 full tables instead of two parked cars is such a win for local business and residents. There is enough parking in the garage and surface lots, the spots aren't missed. I know there is commotion about traffic, but Broadway is right there and a much better thoroughfare than Park anyway. Maybe Oak could be improved as well to better handle new traffic patterns. I support the idea of bike lanes, so long as they aren't set up like Telegraph where the lane runs between the sidewalk and parklet, that is unfriendly to cyclists, restaurant workers and patrons.

I really enjoyed the 1/2 block closure of Alameda ave. Traffic could still flow through the parking lot and the space provided a very pleasant pedestrian area for dining and socializing. I would love to see this become a permanent change. Perhaps it could even be converted landscaped garden of sorts where people can still congregate.

I really like the Webster Alfresco dining area and wish Park St had similar

I really like this program and hope it continues. The Alameda Ave parklet should be improved with more permanent facilities (I know the Masonic Hall residents have complained about noise but I've only ever found it busy in the early evening and it's a wonderful feature for the community). My only concern with continuing the parklet program is ensuring all businesses have equal opportunity and access to parklets. As a daily cyclist down Park I would appreciate the addition of cycling facilities, ideally not with parking between the bike lane and traffic lanes as it hugely reduces visibility and increases the odds of cyclists being doored or hit by right turning cars. Please consider traffic lane-bike lane-parking lane layout. Shoreline path is one of the most dangerous bike paths in town.

I really appreciate the traffic digest and short term parking. It's made me more likely to use Park Street when I do drive as it's far more manageable to get parking for a restaurant pickup.

I really love the outdoor dining and parklets, but I do think if they are to become more permanent, the more temporary looking ones should be improved for aesthetics.

I really love these changes! Please keep them all. I love the slow streets too

I recognize that the rapid pace of change in food delivery apps (DoorDash, UberEats) makes it very difficult to set effective public parking policy. Thank you for being very responsive, and we must continue to be responsive in the future. We don't want to go back to the pre-pandemic setup, where Park St. was on its way to being renamed "Double-Park St." for all the DoorDash/UberEats drivers double-parked there. That was dangerous. Please, no matter what you decide, keep pedestrian safety as the #1 top priority. Thank you.

I skateboard to Bart to get to work. The slower streets make me feel MUCH more safe.

I strongly disagree with continuation of lane closures for parklets and other pandemic modifications. The development on the island continues with expanding population and no corresponding expansion in infrastructure. The streets and parking should be returned to its pre-pandemic configurations. The loss of parking and traffic congestion due to these street modifications are a substantial impediment to visiting and spending money on the Park and Webster street corridors.

I support changing some of the 4 lane roads to 2 lanes with the middle lane option (the Broadway model). But it seems some of the other changes in roads and intersections were designed by people who don't actually drive a car. Grand and Otis for example. The pedestrian islands are a foolish addition in the name of safety that only leads to traffic. What is the goal? Heavily increased traffic is the result

I support most anything that increases pedestrian and bike traffic and reduces car use. I love the new pedestrian/bike trail between Minton and Constitution. More of this! I also like the changes on Shoreline and Otis.

I support the concept of the parklets to help businesses stay afloat during the pandemic, but they came at a serious cost to traffic flow on the island. They need to go away now.

I support the limited traffic on both park and webster. I like the parklets but support neighbors pleas for better established quiet hours. And I think parking enforcement should actually enforce the 15 min limit if those spaces are kept limited.

I support the parklets and have been to several, but they are an eye sore right now. I'd love to see them be a more permanent looking and architecturally appealing and sound.

I think for Park Street, parking is a bigger issue than usual. While it is great we have one lane for park let's, it's still tough to have some street parking.

I think it makes are city look trashy and over-crowded. All you see are cars. Will never dine in a parklet. See no reason to eat with cars at my shoulder, with their exhaust and noise polluting my socializing/dinner space. My idea of dining out is not sitting in a semi-dirty, noisy area, not being able to hear dining companions.

I think it would be a good idea to close Park St. from Lincoln to Encinal permanently ( or at least during the warmer months) and make that whole area a pedestrian mall with tables, entertainment and arts/crafts booths.

I think most parklets should remain, unless they are in dangerous areas or near dangerous intersections

I think sections of Park and Webster streets should be closed off on weekends, similar to what is done in Europe.

I think that the City should proceed with caution. Give it a little time after the insanity of the pandemic craze. Two months is NOT sufficient time to make a final decision.

I think the changes are nice, and should continue. I think that parklettes however should be required to match an aesthetic... some of them are horribly ugly and mostly just plywood.... I also think they have made it far more dangerous for bikes in these areas.....

I think the dining areas should be safer, i like the vibrancy it brings to the area, but I don't feel safe eating there next to the cars

I think the parklet in front of Daisy's is beautiful but I don't see the point of it since that's not a restaurant and you can't really sit there. The same goes for the karate studio on Park near Santa Clara. I think if parklets remain they should be only for restaurants.

I think the Parklets add a festive environment to both Park and Webster streets attracting people to the business districts and should be made permanent.

I think the parklets are fine if they are helpful to the businesses but they need to look better. The City should create a uniform design plan for all of them so they don't look like such a random mishmash of structures. They could improve upon the look of the Downtown area looks if there was more guidelines provided to create a cohesive look that benefits the downtown area.

I think the parklets are wonderful, I especially like the Alameda Avenue street closure. It should be made into a permanent ped mall.

I think the parklets should continue to until the winter when dining outdoors becomes unpleasant. I enjoy the outdoor dining. And I want the hospitality and retail businesses to have increased capacity to recoup some of their pandemic losses, but I think the road congestion is too much.

I think the people that live near the parklets should be consulted. The backup on park street with reduced lanes may raise issues with emergency vehicles and trucks. People already don't bike down park street, so i would be in favor of 4 lanes again if the parklets are removed.

I think the short term parking is being abused. People aren't dropping off and moving they are parking and staying. I've gone places for an extended period, after having searched for proper parking, and noticed the same cars on the street when I returned to the area.

I think the slow streets should be reopened. We were told they were for the duration of the pandemic only. Reducing lanes and parking makes it impossible for seniors and handicapped to frequent Park or Webster. Parking is impossible now as is walking a great distance. Cyclists and pedestrians are entitled now and do not follow the rules of the road. Areas are becoming gridlocked. Thank you...

I think these have all been good additions to the city, especially during Covid, but things need to be adjusted as people are out and about on foot and driving more again.

I think they have made Park and Webster a disaster. Park Street looks trashy and cluttered. Webster looks a little better. I wouldn't eat in a parklet, especially near a corner, for fear of a car running through it. People have no patience for people trying to park, especially in odd spaces. Traffic is backed up blocks. I just plain avoid the whole area, which sadly means going off island to shop or dine.

I think those streets should be completely redo: widen the sidewalks for outdoor dining, to anticipate for more foot traffic, provide some short-term parking at strategic points, and bicycle lanes. Park and Webster should have a New Master Plan. Only a complete redo can turn the strips into an ideal settings for businesses to booms, safe for pedestrians, vehicle traffic can still flow. Something like some settings in Paris or Italy. The improvement will be more inviting and enhance the quality of life to city's residents. Current parklet configurations are piece-meals work during the pandemic but it's time to consider big vision.

I think two lanes is okay it does slow the traffic, but the buses would need a turn out or they continue to stop traffic. The restaurant & retail needs to come off the street, we need the parking returned. Please consider adding some NO Left Turn signs at Park and Pacific (into the shopping center).

I Think we are still not clear of pandemic so to help restaurants it should remain temporarily

i think we should eliminate parking meters as that revenue could be offset by increase sales tax proceeds

I think you ruined this town with the "parklets and short term parking spots

I tried a couple of parkletts but they felt very unsafe and were very, very loud with cars speeding by. Also the slow streets ( Versailles, pacific, etc.)need to end now too, they served their purpose but now seem unsafe.

I understand that these zones are mostly commercial and the businesses already have it hard with skyrocketing rents, but these measures don't take into account the residents who live above these businesses. I live above the Alameda Ave street closure and we are constantly bothered by the trash and rodents these dining options bring to our building, not to mention the additional noise (now street performers going until 9pm??) and possible exposure to Covid variants. Now that there are more parklets around, I don't see that the Alameda Ave closure needs to remain.

I want to applaud the creation of the Al Fresco Dining Park at Webster and Taylor. The events are wonderful and much appreciated!

I want to see street's return to pre-pandemic status

I was really happy to see the city implement this (I love the slow streets too and hope they continue!). We should do what we can to make Park and Webster Streets more enjoyable for pedestrians, patrons, and diners. I also really liked the parking lot on Webster that was turned into a dining/entertainment area. I always felt that should have been a park(with a gate to close it at night - like you see in Paris) but the current use is the next best thing. It should also be beautified and made permanent.

I will not dine in the parklets as I think they pose a safety hazard. Already, there has been an accident on the corner of Santa Clara & Park. Also, I don't want to dine amidst air pollution generated by the amount of traffic generated by the cars, particularly on Park St. Alameda Ave. definitely needs to be restored to a thoroughfare since it is presenting a problem for tenants in the apartments. Closing it to the detriment of the health of residents and the use of more law enforcement at night does not justify its use as a "parklet". I have empathy not only for the residents but the landlord(s). There is already an affordable housing issue and it's unfair to make the units unmarketable due to the nighttime noise level of those who won't adhere to the rules. I definitely avoid driving down Park St. to avoid the backups during peak times. I have empathy for the delivery drivers who have little choice. I'm curious how many fender benders there have been.

I wish a significant stretch of Park St was pedestrian only. I was in Santa Barbara and Ventura recently and both made the main drag car free and it was the best option for dining and biking.

I wish the city would do something to encourage more biking and walking to Park and Webster streets. Traffic gets really backed up near the Park Street bridge, so I think some changes need to be made to the program, but I like the more community feel. That said, I have been nervous about eating in parklets because of news around the country of cars running into them. Also- can the city look into doing something about ALL of the empty storefronts? That actually seems like a bigger issue.

I wonder if it would make sense to just expand the walkway and include a curb protected bike lane like they do in Munich. The parklets wouldn't be as big, allowing for some tables but not taking up a whole lane .

I won't shop those streets until they're returned to the old normal.

I worry about accessibility for older adults and people with disabilities - I really liked a lot of the changes, but I felt they still favored convenience for cars and pedestrians who walk over all other forms of mobility.

Some of the temporary parking on Park Street created congestion which was stressful. Why not allow short-term parking on Oak or Park Avenue or other nearby streets and take the pressure off of Park Street?

In fact, I would love to see huge sections of Park Street become people-only - like we do during the festivals...THAT is the kind of experience I'd like to have. A lot of New England towns are like this.

I would encourage the creation of a "theater district" for Park Street that would shut down all traffic for four blocks or so on at least Lincoln through Encinal Avenue. Increased parking with an additional parking structure like the one next to the theater so that people can easily park and then enjoy the restaurants, the shopping and a nice walk.

I would ideally love to adopt what European towns have which are closed off to car pedestrian areas for dining, shopping, etc. I'd love to see that for park street like we do when we have festivals. However, if that doesn't work, I think what we have now and maybe adding more of is it great. It would definitely keep people around more, which helps businesses.

I would love to see parts of Park St closed off entirely for vehicle traffic like they have done in Santa Barbara

I would love to see restaurants and bars who want to keep their outdoor spaces make them permanent. They should however make sure they are more level and kept cleaner (especially bars). I like that Webster and Park are down to 2 lanes. It would be great if the city could redesign them with wide sidewalks and 2 lanes of traffic (the parts of Webster with wide sidewalks are great.

I would love to see these streets become more friendly for bikes and pedestrians.

I would prefer Park St. and Webster Street be open to shoppers only with cars parking nearby but not on the streets.

I would shop more on park street if I could more safely bike down park street. I can't remember the last time I drove on park street (just perpendicular through it). It's totally under necessary for able bodied people - this is a pedestrian corridor and should be treated as such

I'd like to see the city incentivize business to make the parklets more permanent in design. Some businesses spent the money to make them very inviting while others are very haphazardly built. I love them and prefer to eat outside most of the time. Regarding the lanes and striping—please consider turning the entire length of Park street from Buena Vista to Otis a two lane road. Park street traffic and shuffling for space starts are BV and it's way too chaotic for the lanes to be in consistent start to finish.

I'd like to see the parklets made a little nicer, like the ones dive seen in Walnut Creek.

I'm in favor of more walking and biking in Alameda! If that means driving and parking on different streets, that's ok with me. I realize that it's complicated though!

I'd like to register my support for the parklets being made permanent. Yes, there is a slight delay and inconvenience to traffic. I don't care. The delays are minor, and Webster shouldn't just be a street you drive through to somewhere else. Taking advantage of the West End's great weather should be something we do as much as possible. Keep the single lane of traffic. Give restaurants, bars and even shops the opportunity to expand their service outdoors. The commercial corridor is MUCH more fun and vibrant with more people out. It may help to have certain (very lightly defined) standards for parklets so they don't degrade over time, but otherwise PLEASE keep this fantastic improvement to Webster street. There is plenty of parking even with the parklets, and the drop off/pick up 15m spots alleviate many of the complaints you would otherwise get when people just want to run a quick errand.

I'd like to see the city invest in making the Alameda Avenue area more appealing and attractive, and the parklets, too, could be made more attractive. Definitely want them all to stick around, though - really nice to have more outdoor dining options in Alameda.

If only our retarded city council could figure out how to deal with crime on Park St. Hopes and prayers and BLM posters supporting terrorist groups are not working.

If restaurants want to have a parklet they should pay additional rent to the city

If the Partlets were well designed and closer to the restaurants than in the middle of the streets, then I would reconsider. Look at Star Pizza on Park or Jolie's on Webster, the parklets are beautiful and the sidewalk is between the parklet and street. The servers do not have to cross foot traffic to serve the food.

If the streets aren't returned back to normal (pre-Covid) then I'll probably never shop on Park or Webster again. It's also time to discontinue slow streets!

If you keep the outside seating then provide some standards around them. Look at Danville. They really made there's very nice and built them in to the designs of the downtown. Ours look cheap and half put together. If you do it, do it right or don't do it.

I'm fed up with lane closures, particularly on major thoroughfares, that restrict traffic flow, especially as Alameda continues to encourage developments that add dramatically to that decrease in traffic flow. The plan for infrastructure improvement is non-existent and the quality of life has diminished significantly.

I'm glad that Alameda is taking steps to make our streets more walkable and bike-friendly. I hope the city will not be afraid of creating specific areas that are for pedestrians only, separate from main thoroughfares.

I'm in favor of the parklets on both Park and Webster - bigtime! I also like the change from 4 lanes to 2. Parklets need to remain because we are headed into fall and a 4th resurgence of the new variant, and these are still needed!

2 lanes will slow down traffic, which is good. Perhaps folks will consider using alternate streets other than Webster/Park when possible.

My hope is that parklets can somehow owners will invest in the parklets and make them look nice (lighting/heaters), now that they have some confidence that they will remain in play.

I'm not happy with the changes being made to our streets. I understand why they were made, and if they helped businesses, then great. Frankly I saw that businesses made accommodations all on their own without modifying the street. They took over parking spaces and provided tables. That worked OK for the interim, but I'd hate to see the modifications you've made be permanent.

In my opinion, the more pedestrian and bike friendly the commercial streets are, the more inviting and desirable they are to visit.

Inclusivity for older and disabled people means easy access to disabled parking and public safety. The increase in muggings terrifies elders.

Is this survey available in Spanish?

It allows small businesses to thrive by increasing foot traffic. The Alameda community will flourish by promoting walking around business districts and interacting with fellow community members.

It doesn't seem like people use the short term parking for their intended purpose. I love outdoor dining, but dining on the street in a parklet is not how I not how I would enjoy dining out. The cars are too close. And finally, the congestion along Park and Webster is terrible to navigate and an eyesore in town.

It had done wonders for my sense of safety during the pandemic. It also makes the most of Alameda's wonderful weather.

It is a great program during the pandemic. When the pandemic ends and Alameda Theater and nearby businesses reopen to full capacity, the congestion resulting on Park Street and surrounding areas if the Commercial Streets program remains will be devastating.

It is a mess. Park Street is an arterial thoroughfare with Traffic controls. When traffic is diverted to non arterial roads (as it is) it becomes more dangerous to pedestrians. There seems to be NO CONSIDERATION for the disabled in this community. I live one block away and haven't been to Park Street since all these changes went into effect,

It is a safety hazard to be dining next to cars. It also takes up space from the sidewalks and parking spaces. Cars are always double parked and people are crossing the street, not in Crosswalks. If the city keeps Park and Webster this way, there needs to be police monitoring the streets and ticketing people.

It is difficult for many seniors and disabled to navigate the parklets and with the loss of parking and two lanes of traffic made it more difficult to shop on Park and Webster.

It is fine by me. I am not upset with what has been done.

It is wonderful to be outside. Reduce cars and bring a loop bus between park and Webster!

It seems very premature to think about dismantling these when the pandemic isn't even over yet and outdoor dining might be a huge boon to keeping cases down or absolutely required by the state if there's a winter surge. Also, restaurants get extra seating which is only good for popular spots

It very likely saved my business as it allowed me to operate outdoors. I was able to tremolos my team. Super helpful

It was always very surprising to me that Alameda, with such beautiful weather doesn't have outdoor dining spaces. Parklets are great and should stay. They add life to otherwise boring street. They also encourage businesses.

It was ok during the pandemic but I like the City as it was.

It would be great if the two blocks of park street was totally closed off, only access for delivery vehicles in the early AM

It's madness! Those streets are a mess and it's only made the parking situation worse. I spend a lot of money shopping and dining in Alameda but I will stop because I can't even park to go to any of the places along those streets. It's confusing and an absolute mess. Get rid of it please.

It's overall positive. But Alameda in general needs more rule enforcement.

It's been really great to see the city adapt to the pandemic and find opportunities to enact some forward thinking revisions to the use of the city right of way. I hugely support the reduction in number of travel lanes and think it greatly enhances the quality of pedestrian space, and hope it helps our local businesses and community thrive.

It's UGLY, UGLY, UGLY. Park and Webster were actually fairly attractive streets, notwithstanding the City's massacre of the trees, but now both streets are hideous. And you will not solve the aesthetics problem simply by replacing those awful plastic barrier things with some permanent installation. It will still be ugly. Just put it back the way it was, please. I avoid walking on Park or Webster now, and will not walk there as long as the streets remain such a mess.

I've lived in Alameda for over 25 years and previously commuted by bike to work in Oakland. I love the bike lane availability that now makes getting to Oakland so much easier! Rather than making Park and Webster streets bike-laned, the availability of truly secure bike parking at South Shore, Park or Webster streets would be more welcome.

I've lived in Alameda for over 35yrs and these Parklets need to be removed from Webster St and Park. With the Cities policy of wanting to add new housing on the Westend and Central Alameda traffic is absolute horrible. I live one block off of Park St and the traffic has increased and there are times that I can't even PARK in front of my home. lets not forget that I pay property Tax's which a portion goes to the City, plus the Mayor and Council members don't live in my neighborhood so they don't live it like I do.  
The bottom-line GET REID OF THE PARKLET'S!!

I've noticed traffic gets much more backed up on Park St. and Webster St. since temporarily converting them to one lane in each direction. I get around primarily by bicycle and with only one lane in each direction it is now much more difficult for motorists to pass me as I ride in the middle of the lane to stay out of the door zone. When these streets were 2 lanes in each direction, motorists would simply change lanes to pass me. hope they are returned to their original configurations ASAP.

just awful

Keep Parklets permanent

Keep slow street.

Keep the parklets! It's good for business, makes alameda more enjoyable. The street parking and additional driving lanes are unnecessary.

Keep the parklets! More bike lanes!

Keep the parklets, but make them better-looking.

Keep the Webster Street al fresco area and find more opportunities to do projects like that.

La Penca has too much street dining space. Please reduce to be equitable with other dining establishments.

Less cars! More walkable streets!

Let streets be streets

Let's focus on small businesses and what they need. We need to take care of them so we don't lose them to the devil chains

Let's get things back to normal.

Long term study and adjustment of these street changes is essential. We got plenty of unexpected improvements, but also negative impacts from these programs. Please keep up the public engagement. As a person who loves biking around Alameda, I welcome the changes to Park and Webster streets, but also recognize that there is still much more improvement to be made. At present there are more bike lanes in the city, but we are still missing critical sections of bike lane along Park and Webster streets that significantly reduce safety and impact people's choice to bike more. Example: park st from San Jose ave to Otis. Just painting a bike on a high traffic, single lane road does not provide a sense of safety and impacts people's choice to bike vs. drive. Biking along park or Webster in the main commercial area does not feel safe, so I usually have to use side streets which does not help increase the likelihood that I will convert more car trips to bike trips.

I'm looking forward to a vibrant and inclusive Alameda with mix of transport options that encourage environmentally friendly choices. Keep up the good work so far.

Love 2 lanes and parklets...I feel more safe eating Outside and it helps our small town feeland

Love all the changes mentioned in this survey! Keep em coming!!

Love anything that is more pedestrian/bike friendly!

Love the parklets and especially the slow streets too!!! I use those all the Time to run, bike with my kids, etc.

Love the parklets, I go to park to enjoy businesses and simply use Broadway to avoid traffic on Friday evenings, there seem to be plenty of alternative routes.

Love the parklets, the outdoor dining and shopping. LOVE that Park and Webster aren't freeways anymore w/ cars flying. But... many of them are eyesores! I know it costs so much to do it right but we need standards. Also, safety issue. I worry about injury from cars when dining on the street. There are tons more angry drivers because of the traffic and no police presence. Police make no traffic stops anymore.

Main note is if this becomes a permanent thing, the structures should be of higher quality. Some are mere tents. Aesthetic improvements would be ideal

Major European cities all have a charm because they have tight alleys and outdoor dining places. In the long run we can all be proud of this kind of look for our two main Alameda streets. Plenty of other streets for the cars. I'm actually hoping that Willow and Walnut become one way. But that's another topic.

Make a section of Park Street pedestrian zone no vehicles from 11am to 10pm

Make it more permanent, landscaping, etc.

Make Park and Webster have no parking so it's easier and faster to drive down the street and would allow for more business space. There's plenty of parking elsewhere.

Make parklets look better, less plastic. Tomatina and Pappo ones are nice

Make parklets permanent and find funding to construct level and safe spaces

Make streets more well lit, make parklets and car bumpers more attractive and safe from ongoing traffic/accidents. Clean sidewalks more often.

Make the parklets prettier!

Making changes to promote a healthier and more social lifestyle makes me proud to live in Alameda. Making streets safer and outdoor areas accessible and inviting is amazing. Take lessons learned from this tragic pandemic and use them to make our lives better! It's win-win as far as I can tell.

Many of the changes made during the pandemic have made the streets more unsafe. I'm speaking as a pedestrian (I love to walk) and a motorist. It is hard to see pedestrians. Park and Webster have a clown alley vibe - snaking through them is tricky and dangerous. The re-do of the Otis-Grand intersection is truly dangerous. The bike lane on Grand curves and make it seem as though bikes are turning right on Otis; having bikes then proceed via the crosswalk on the opposite side of pedestrians (not at all where one expects to see a bike moving quickly) is terrifying. All the concrete added is not helpful. It's hard to believe a civil engineer with a traffic certification was involved in these changes. They are confusing and dangerous. The changes on Park and Webster are similar. They are poorly done and need to be rethought.

I would love to see more pedestrian-friendly areas in Alameda. But the changes made so far are unfriendly to all. This seems to have started with the nightmare that is now Shoreline. Because of the need for parking on that street and restricting traffic to only one lane in each direction, I have seen drivers taking dangerous actions to get around cars that are parallel-parking.

The changes you are making to a city not designed for bike traffic seem at odds with the rapid pace of adding housing which will inevitably increase vehicular traffic. Not everybody can ride a bike (I can't). In my opinion, the emphasis on bike traffic is creating a mess. It's as though you have chosen bike fanaticism over sensible traffic safety, the kind the expertise of a trained professional would offer.

Thank you for listening

Maybe do a weekend program of a full park street closure from 10:00AM-8:00PM where people can meander, meet and enjoy park street (of 5-6 of those blocks). Retail can also have tables and chairs beyond their parklet and area. Some coyotes do this and cities in other countries like Denmark do this.

More bike friendly streets please, otherwise keep up the good work!

More family friendly young kid options. Could have a designated kid hill/play area in the parking lot by the burrito place on Webster. Its a nice outdoor eating situation I'd like to see made permanent. if that is a private lot, it would be nice to have something on Webster like the public eating area by Alameda museum.

More of Park and Webster should be closed to vehicles, or maybe have sections on one lane going one way only.

More Police is what this city needs! Stop wasting money on stupid projects!

Most changes like this are inaugurated with the idea of producing a desired result, e.g. pedestrian safety but are never re evaluated to find out if that happened. Please follow up.

Move the parklets next to the businesses and put the sidewalks next to the street.

My biggest frustration is the parking. Patrons should not be taking up residential parking. It's infuriating because it's ridiculous to have to park your car and pay in the parking garage and walk to your house when patrons should be doing that

My granddaughter and her family live in Paradise, CA. The city fathers decided to remove 2 of the 4 lanes in the main shopping district to accommodate parking for the businesses there. Then the camp fire happened and with only 2 lanes out of town people burned to death in their cars trying to get out. Because we're an island we need to be able to evacuate in case of an emergency like a drastic earthquake or something else. These parklets need to be removed for the safety of the citizens of Alameda. And the slow streets thing needs to go back to normal

My wife is currently pregnant, and outdoor dining is the only way we feel able to safely visit our favorite restaurants on Webster (we were at the Canasta Kitchen patio just a few days ago). We are both vaccinated and feel well-protected against severe illness, but any infection that mounts an immune response is a potential risk. I'm sure we're not alone - this program is a boon to anybody with a compromised immune system. Plus, in such a beautiful place, the al fresco dining has been delightful!

Need enforcement... need patrols

Need parking spaces on the streets for handicapped

No consideration for bikes and handicapped who must travel by car.

No matter what gets decided, i applaud the flexibility of the city and I hope we keep experimenting and evolving.

Noise and exhaust from vehicles driving by the seating are the main drawback for me. I live on the east end and try to walk to Park St whenever I have business there. I would love to see more people walk or bike to restaurants or shopping, like Europeans do.

None of this makes any difference if there are still huge housing complexes being built and only a few 2 or 1 lanes to get out of Alameda. Maybe try thinking about the long term rather than short term gains!

Nothing to add

Open all closed street s that were closed.

Open up our city, masks should be optional, fix the homeless problem! Stop building with no parking!!

Other (not only senior) Alameda friends and I have talked about how we avoid Park Street now. It's too busy with signage and people right next to the road. We do not feel comfortable driving or parking on it. I miss being able to drop over to the restaurants now that I have had my shots and am going out again. Park Street may be getting more business now, but it's no longer senior friendly. I do like the dedicated turn lanes when I must use Park St.

Otis Dr and Grand St. should be returned to how it was before.

Otis drive between Broadway and high street needs to have some street calming in place. This section is like a raceway each and everyday. I the speed feedback signs as cars are passing by and the speeds are 39 and above. The post speed limit is 25 mph.

Outdoor dining and shopping rocks!! Perfect in our climate here!

Outdoor dining is safe, necessary as the pandemic lingers, and well-received by Alamedans. (Though it is kind of unpleasant to eat amid auto exhaust).

However the traffic impact on Park and some sections of Webster makes it very difficult to navigate these thoroughfares by car. Is there some middle ground to consider?

Outdoor dining seems so unsafe as cars/buses/etc can easily hit innocent diners. Parking is crazy tight now and moving around my neighborhood (I live very very close to Webster) is a legitimate nightmare. Parklets and outdoor dining were both phenomenal responses to COVID but please let's just go back to the way things were. So much tax payer money has already been spent on bicycle lanes and now this? Let's please stop. I didn't sign up for these new changes when I decided to move near Webster.

Outdoor shopping and dining is a big plus, I prioritize eating out where I can eat outside. I enjoy the added huddle and bustle of outdoor parklets

Outdoor structures are varied (no standard look), so dining spaces are unattractive and can look very ghetto. Traffic is now atrocious as things get back to normal. Allow outdoor dining on sidewalk. Build a parking structure for Webster Street businesses (parking can be terrible). Because outdoor dining is allowed, the structures are varie structures

Overall I support all these changes and hope they continue; however, I don't feel the current solutions are safe and do not support the simple extension of the existing without safety modifications. The streets seem so much more unsafe than in the past as far as delivery drivers darting across the road into traffic. Extra anxious drivers still not a custom to the changed traffic patters. I would suggest permanent "Changed traffic conditions ahead" signs installed on the far ends before entering Park and Webster Streets with suggested detours. Also a posted reduction of traffic speeds to 15 mph within these blocks.

There is still a safety concern for people in parklets as I feel the majority of the barriers are not enough. Businesses should all be required to have the more sturdy water-filled barriers added.

What is the possibility of rerouting AC transit while still serving those who depend on it. This is done during the Park St Fairs, Webster St Fairs and Car shows in the past.

Accessible parking should be made a priority on both park Street and Webster St at multiple locations. This community seems to have been overlooked entirely. I have not seen any reserved parking.

If you could close of these sections of the streets to any vehicular traffic at designated times of the day that would be ideal. Yes, I realize restaurants who still rely on delivery service workers would not be very happy without a solution for them.

Overtime I would like to think that these outdoor spaces will become a more beautiful visual experience. I'm thinking Paris outdoor cafés and that feel you get when you're walking down the street when there's lots of pedestrian traffic. It could be lovely

Park and webster are total shit shows now. Traffic was amready awful. Now there are less lanes and more housing (another unnecessary thing, with more coming). And the police in alameda don't work or don't care as car block intersections and run red lights to get across or onto park. This town is becoming horrible to living in and it's because our city council sucks goatballs and is controlled by the fucking "alameda Peep". Let's make this town better and get rid of the Peeps and upgrade the city council to people who actually care about maintaining this town/island. We are not set up for being a city like SF. Most of the city is on landfill. We don't need more housing and less ways out of town. Please return the Main Streets to 4 lanes for traffic flow and stop adding housing.

Park and Webster Streets are main roads to and from Alameda. These streets should not be reduced.

Park and Webster Streets look like a flea market with these "parklets". It really looks junky. Give us back our streets.

Park let's, if not assiduously maintained, soon become unsanitary. Also, since many of them are raised to make them level with the sidewalks, they provide crawl spaces which make excellent breeding grounds for vermin.

Park St. has really gone downhill. Many empty storefronts, dirty streets and sidewalks and parklets for businesses are efficient and look awful.

Park St. is looking especially depressed these days. Lots of empty storefronts, graffiti, dirty sidewalks and streets and lots of slow moving traffic much of the day. The street itself is uneven in many spots, filled with asphalt patches. Overall, Park St. is not a pleasant experience. Webster St. has more variety, easier to manipulate and has a more intimate feel. The parklets detract and are mostly empty during much of the day.

Park St. Is traffic nightmare

Park Street has become a disaster. This is the major artery off 880 in the N-S direction and traffic is generally horrific. In particular, the intersection at Lincoln and Park is a nightmare with people from all directions running yellow lights and blocking the intersection as it throttles down to a single lane. In addition, it seems to have only benefitted the homeless, giving them more space to hang out all day and makes shopping and dining along Park Street completely uninviting.

Park street is a bit scary on a bicycle. The short term parking really makes it easy to make a stop, spend some money, and get going! I am much more likely to shop on Park street if there is likely to be a short term parking spot I can use.

Park Street is a CLUSTERFUCK. Poorly done.

Park Street is a disaster. I like the parkletts - but everything else about the street has been changed for the worse. Please put it back to that was before the street change. It is truly a nightmare

Park street is a mess but I like the idea of it. Webster seems less messy as there are more four lane areas.

Park street is extremely busy and congested since the parking spaces are blocked for businesses. Cars are double parking and blocking the traffic. It is very unsafe for drivers and pedestrians. I try to avoid using park street as much as possible

Park Street is now dangerous to drive down. It's congested and looks horrible.

Park street looks awful with the white poles. Parking is too limited and confusing. Parklets are a great idea if they are next to the restaurant and then there is sidewalk before parking. But having them right next to cars is ugly, dangerous and really not enjoyable. I will not go on one again. I really feel park street has been ruined as it is and avoid going there now.

Park street looks dirty nothing is uniform including garbage cans in the street. All the white plastic

Park street traffic has gotten significantly worse since this program was implemented

Park Street was awful before but now absolutely intolerable

Park Street was crowded before the pandemic. Making it a two lane road made it even more crowded and creates heavier traffic. Park Street doesn't need bike lanes.

Parklets were great during the pandemic, but not for long-term. I try to avoid the shops and now go out of town because the atmosphere feels safer than shopping in Alameda. Too close to traffic is very unnerving.

Parking and shopping on both Park Street and Webster is difficult now and reduces foot traffic to the small businesses. Please go back to normal -- the way it was before.

Parking has become difficult, especially around Webster St on Farmer's Market days. There are too many short-term parking spaces for the volume they are currently doing, now that more indoor dining is open. A few parklets on both streets are fine, but there are other options for outdoor dining areas, and given the cool temperatures/wind on many evenings, outdoor dining is often not that pleasant.

Parking is now harder in the park street area so I avoid the businesses there. Webster is more accessible with the reduced lanes.

Parking is so hard with the parklets

Parking is terrible on Park and Webster streets with the parklets. They were a terrific help during the pandemic, but should be removed now. It is challenging to park to shop in a store or go into a restaurant. Alameda has limited parking and to remove the on-street parking permanently will negatively impact businesses. I am frustrated every time I go to Park and Webster streets and can only imagine how businesses must feel.

Parking on Park Street or Webster Street is difficult. If I can't find parking, I don't shop there, or eat there. I head to Panda Express or So. Shore, where I can park.

Parklet safety is a concern. Vehicle accidents can and do happen. Parklet should be a bit more elevated from vehicle traffic.

Parklets and street dining add life and interest to downtown Alameda. I also like the Alameda Avenue closure; it's nice to see the people there.

Parklets are a better use of space that increases the quality of life of the residents of Alameda, it provides more outdoor safe spaces.

Parklets are great, but they should all be made to conform to a design standard. This would unify the feel and provide an identity to Alameda. As the parklets currently exist, in all different designs, it looks haphazard, uninspired, and frankly a bit trashy.'

some of the land closures away from parklets (ex: Park and San Jose, Park and San Antonio) do not appear to provide any function, other than to confuse pedestrians and drivers, I suggest they are removed. If they do stay, please see that the unsightly, trashing looking plastic things are replaced with something better.

Parklets are unregulated and are unfairly distributed amongst businesses. They were helpful during the pandemic but return of street flow is more important.

Parklets need to conform to an architectural and safety standard. If the city is going to allow them to exist it should compensate current owners to bring up to some sort of acceptable long term design and safety standard.

Parklet is not a bad idea. But with less parking spaces, people who don't live nearby would simply avoid the area. People parked on the areas where the cars were and was a no parking zone. We need the space for parking. More dangerous, illegal u turns are being made, more jay walking on the 2 lane blocks. When it was 4 lanes, this was safer and didn't happen as much. It is a hot mess!!

Please consider making all of Otis Dr 2 lanes with a suicide lane in the middle. The traffic has been horrendous and people are now hitting speeds of 45-50 daily making it too dangerous to cross the street. It's becoming untenable.

Please consider reducing the lanes on Otis Drive, between Broadway and High Streets, from 4 lanes to 2 lanes. I have lived on Otis Drive for 16 years and over the past 5 years, traffic and speeding has increased dramatically on this stretch of road. It is a 25mph zone, but I see traffic regularly achieving speeds of 35mph and in excess of 50mph. In addition to homeowners, there is a park, and school that need to be considered. It is no longer safe to cross the street in the highly visible crosswalks.

Please continue utilizing these areas for community rather than driving and parking. Thank you!

Please continue with the commercial streets as is or better yet, expanded. Also improve bicycle facilities so people can bike to this two streets.

Please don't create a traffic nightmare.

Please get Webster and Park Street back to their original streets!

Please just stop this sort of thing. The parklets are a horrible idea that was necessary during the pandemic, but they really do not need to be anymore. The re-stripping almost lead to at least myself getting into a wreck. Look, you want less traffic in Alameda...then stop making more and more and more high density housing. None of these ideas proposed are going to do anything less then majorly screw things up. Just stop already.

Please keep other slow streets in the city! It's such a wonderful thing for families.

Please keep parklets and safe streets alive!!!

Please keep people with disabilities in mind. Some of us need car access to shops and restaurants.

Please keep progressing toward more bicycle lane accessibility and outdoor dining and parklets. I realize people need their vehicles to get to work but we need to encourage more public transportation and less cars. Alameda residents need to wake up and keep up with the future

Please keep the outdoor spaces! I have a business off Park st and live in the west end near Webster.

Please keep the parklets! Let's make them as attractive as possible. They will make our city more beautiful, more livable, more enjoyable and bring more revenue the businesses!

Please keep the parklets! Less traffic, more options for dining, lots of effort from restaurants and businesses to make it happen. Would actually love it if both Park and Webster St were completely closed to car traffic.

Please keep the parklets!!

please keep the parklets. They are the one good thing that came out of COVID. They activate the streets and make you feel like there is a street fair happening every day!

Please keep the slow street on San Jose Ave.

Please keep up the good work in making Alameda a great place to live. Thank you.

Please make it harder for cars to illegally park in/around the bollards on Park St.

Please make these areas safer and more appealing. We have a LOT to learn from other local communities about these set-ups. Currently it looks shoddy and isn't very safe and both Park and Webster.

Please please please keep parklets. And let Town Tavern keep its outdoor tables too.

Please return the streets back to normal. I cannot stand the amount of double parking and near accidents I always see. Please stop the madness and help ease the traffic! Clearly you intend to keep building housing so having the main roads from 4 lanes down to 2 is pretty stupid

Please return the streets to normal. The park let's cause a lot of traffic and it's ugly.

Please stop

Please support the local businesses, including restaurants. Let them reap some rewards from additional capacity from retaining parklett.

PLEASE, Stop the insanity! We need these businesses, and the process was necessary during Covid but no longer. If continued, the City of Alameda will kill these businesses and remove the tax base that we all depend upon for essential governmental services.

Public street space should not be used by private businesses when full indoor capacity is allowed.

Park Street is VERY congested during busy times of day.

It seems there is little, at best, enforcement of the short term parking restrictions. Some short term parking spaces with enforcement might reduce the constant double parking on Park Street that occurred pre pandemic.

Put the lanes back to how they were pre-pandemic. This is good but for quieter streets, not main ones.

Really appreciate the city taking quick decisive action on ways to improve for Alamedans what was generally a really hard year. And surprise! We found out about some new concepts and ideas that are pretty great to keep

Regarding Parklets, I think they were a good idea in the height of the pandemic, when small businesses needed all the assistance they could get to continue operating and when traffic was significantly less. And, in light of the threatening Delta Variant where we may face another "shut-down", I believe the City should leave them in place for another few months as we have invested a lot of money into these reconfigurations and may be needed again. However, in the long-run, with the growing traffic associated with more and more housing and businesses in Alameda, these streets should be returned to their previous 4-lanes. Suggest the Council reevaluate in another 4-6 months. I would also like the Council to seriously consider REMOVING the Slow Streets in town, as they appear to be under utilized and also impede the flow of traffic. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Remove slow streets.

Remove the slow streets

Return it back to pre-pandemic configurations. PUT THE BENCHES BACK in front of wes cafe. My residential street has become a highway. People are cruising through the stop signs at 40-50mph, routinely. There's no law and order anymore. Where is the traffic enforcement? Seriously. Alameda is becoming a Sh\*t Hole. Sideshow car events on the base all day and night and at the intersections of our neighborhoods. I don't want to listen to that crap 24/7. Is that acceptable to the board and mayor now? 25mph in town... Where's the enforcement? Please, let the police do their jobs. Also with the vagrancy. Its getting out of control. Let the police, police. Please. For those of us who pay crazy high tax in this town. Please provide what we expect for that money.

Return things to pre-COVID!

Re-working Park and Webster without bike lanes was a major error. The city's two main commercial arteries must have bike lanes. I do understand the accommodation was made for restaurants during COVID, but we all knew COVID was temporary. The restaurants could have been giving the parking lane and perhaps one lane of traffic for temporary use, to be scaled back upon reopening, when proper bike lanes could be installed. Instead the way it was done was really shortsighted & poorly planned.,

Separate topic but I can't find anywhere to pass this on.

Please get rid of the Slow Streets. I live in Pacific and the number of times that traffic gets held up while we all figure out whose going to go/get out of each other's way plus the reduction of people using it like they had been makes many of the neighbors on our block feels it's done it's (very useful) job.

Should follow lead from Downtown Santa Cruz. Also, Park St. should have a Farmer's Market.

slow streets are great

Some dining establishments have obviously given thought and invested in their outdoor dining spaces. Uniform standards with an emphasis on enhancing the overall beauty and feel of the area is important. Sidewalks are filthy and some areas with trees are full of weeds and trash. Perhaps a hanging garden design along Park and Webster would help unify the commercial districts.

Some of the park let's are quite underutilized and can be better absorbed into the parking and biking system. With indoor dining returning, these park lets provide advantage to some business and not others. This should be more closely reviewed. I support shared outdoor spaces such as alameda avenue and parking lot use on Webster for community use.

Some of the parklets look more "put ve together"/nicer than others. If the program continues, it would be nice to have some guidelines for what the parklets should look like. Perhaps we could have grants to support businesses that need/want to improve their outdoor space.

Something should be done about controlling pedestrians to some degree to allow right turns since the lanes are singled up and it impedes the flow of traffic. I'm all for taking turns - give the pedestrians a turn but also give the vehicles turning right a turn.

Specifically Cafe Jolie is taking advantage. They are taking up SIX parking spots. 4 on Webster and 2 in the parking lot. One for the dont parklet and one for their personal car. They live right there, they need to park their car IN THEIR OWN DRIVEWAY. I support parklets but not business that are being rude and selfish.

Speed limit should be reduced to 20 mph in the business districts of Park St. and Webster St.

STOP building more multifamily homes ... STOP !!!

Streets are for cars. Sidewalks for persons. It's not that complicated.

Streets should be designed for people, and not cars. This has been so great - I go to Alameda Ave most weekends for breakfast with my family. Please make it permanent!

Streets were originally designed for safety. Return them to safe designs.

Temporary parklets and bulbouts make it difficult for seniors and disabled to find easy/safe parking and access to shopping. They were constructed in temporary fashion and look very disorganized and junky. Makes more unsafe for pedestrians with less space for cars...often cannot see ped's from the car. Too jammed up of space with mixed use of foot traffic, bikes and cars.

Thank you Alameda for implementing the parklet program!

Thank you! These pedestrian-friendly changes are greatly appreciated.

The "short term" parking for pickup on park street and Webster st is a joke. People use them for regular hours long parking. I stopped trying to order food for pickup on park street because parking is a nightmare. The parking zones need to be enforced

The amount of traffic on our streets is already increasing regardless of the pandemic and with all the new housing being built, to take away lanes from our most busy streets would be a disaster. Please do not make current changes permanent!

The barriers look cheap and plastic-y. Replace them with something permanent and more tasteful.

The big problem is the lack of parking. I do like to walk to Park street, BUT since people just run stop signs now with no consequences, and often speeding at 50 mph ( according to electric signs) I have not been walking to Park street every day like I used to. I have a 1.2 mile walk with several stop signs along the way. And where do the elderly park? Honestly, once i am in my car, I will usually go off the Island to eat. Please start enforcing traffic violations again, so that our household feels safe to walk to Park street and support local businesses, or, have advertised parking lots.

The Change to Webster and Park street helped keep some of the shops, restaurants and store open for the last 16 months - I do not eat at te Parklets because they do not feel safe and who want to eat and smell the cars going by? Its time to remove them and get Alameda back to they way it was. Then people can get back to work and continue with they lives as usual

The changes to Webster and Park St. were done in response to the pandemic. There was ZERO input from the community or neighbors of Webster. I live in the block off just oof of Webster St. The traffic is nuts with narrow lanes and reduced parking. Bikers and scooters frequently use the sidewalks on Webster because the street lanes are so narrow. The parklets are not really being used by restaurants on Webster but bars. I can think of two restaurants that are using a parklet for outdoor dining. The dispensary that you so generously placed on Webster/Haight St. (against the wishes of the neighbors) has daredevil speeders pulling in and out of non parking spots with zero recourse. I have lived off of Webster for 27 years. We were finally seeing some businesses and vendors that are drawing people to Webster. It looks like a dump with banged up parking pylons and no space for safe traffic and bicyclists on the street. For the pandemic I get it, we needed to make some adjustments and try and boost outdoor dining. But not anymore. I try and avoid Park St. at all costs. The side roads are seeing an increase in traffic and impatient drivers so you have created a mess around both thorough fares in and out of the Island. We need off-island people to come and spend money here and they are not.

The changes were OK for the pandemic but both Park and Webster have terrible traffic issues with only one lane. I understand the help it provide but we need to be aware that people actually drive on this island.

The City needs to (1) stop trying to add bike lanes all over-just a few targeted streets (2) stop trying to remove parking spaces and (3) remove the "safe Streets" blockages-they make things more dangerous for pedestrians, bicyclists, and cars.g to remove parking spaces.

The city should allow the parklets but need to improve the layout. Should extend the sidewalks and not put tables in the streets.

The city should continue park let's and continue to allow dining/bars on the sidewalk areas. It makes for a more vibrant, fun pedestrian experience.

The Commercial Streets program has been an unmitigated disaster for Alameda residents. It has increased traffic delays, caused backups, and resulted in more dangerous streets (see, e.g., the accident that happened when the drunk driver hit the parklet on Park St.). Increased traffic delays means more cars idling, which means more greenhouse gases. If Alameda really is a green city, it should try to reduce traffic delays by restoring Park St. and Webster St. to four lanes so cars can get where they need to go safely and without delay.

Further, once the pandemic is over, people from outside Alameda will want to drive into Alameda to visit our shops and restaurants. Let's face it--there's very little good public transit into Alameda, so those customers will be driving. Once they realize what a nightmare traffic is because of the Commercial Streets program, they'll turn around and take their business elsewhere.

Please, do the right thing for Alameda's residents, businesses, and the planet: restore Park St. and Webster St. to the way they were before the pandemic.

The commercial streets program results in increased street safety, while also benefiting local businesses and promoting increased access to them for Alameda residents. I strongly support continuing this as a permanent program.

The Commercial Streets program, in response to COVID, should be returned to the way things were before COVID. I find it unsafe to park on the short term parking area when I get out of my car. The street closure for outdoor dining makes the street look messy and it's unsanitary to be dining outdoors with cars driving by. A lot of street parking is also lost and I avoid visiting businesses on those streets for this very reason.

The congestion was out of control before covid. With less parking, I avoid Par and Webster

The constriction of these two streets has drastically stalled traffic ad diverted it to adjacent streets. It also restricts emergency vehicle passage. The parklets are potentially unsafe and an eyesore. Any benefit to some restaurants is a loss to others who have less parking. I would like to see Webster and Park returned to the previous configuration.

The council and planning dept do not seem to be addressing the vacant store fronts on Park St especially. With all the new residents forecasted for the city and with it huge traffic issues, vacant retail spots will "drive" the folks to Alameda Landing.

The dining park lets, if retained, should have standards so that they look more attractive. Currently they look rather shabby some of them.

The diversion of traffic creates bigger problems in residential areas. The back log of traffic on park street creates intersection blockages during peak commute times.

The downside of the outdoor dining parklets is that they feel a little unsafe with regards to traffic. If any of them become permanent then I think they should have a permanent perimeter that makes them really obvious to traffic on the street. Metal railings, reflectors, signage etc. Perhaps Rumble strips on the roads in parklets zones to slow down the traffic. Thanks!

The intersection of 5th St and Haight Ave is dangerous and either needs a stop sign or no parking as you approach the intersection from all directions. It's a blind intersection made blind by cars being able to park right up to the intersection.

The lane reduction is confusing, feels unsafe for pedestrians, looks disorganized, makes getting around the area harder and I avoid whenever I can. I prefer to go to places with more space where I can see what is around me.

The lane reductions also cause LOTS of problems for police and fire trucks to get thru. You also get angry motorists who keep trying to "squeeze" in, vs. 4-lanes which allowed more fluidity. The bulb outs also make hard for delivery trucks at times.

The lane reductions on Park and Webster streets have made the streets more dangerous for pedestrians (harder to see from vehicles when pedestrians are crossing the street), for diners (who should be behind restaurant walls instead of in the street subject to being run into by cars), and for vehicles (cars parking and leaving parking spots enter the traffic lanes). The lane reduction has also made two of the main streets in Alameda much more congested and slow.

The lane reduction was a dumb idea and a waste of money, It is time to undo it.

The narrow lanes are dangerous. The short term parking is confusing. The charm is gone from the downtown. I really dislike it. Also dislike the "slow streets".

The only gripe I have are the aesthetics of the bumpers barriers that separate parklets and temp parking spots. If we have something more aesthetically pleasing maybe there wouldn't be so much push back from the community. It would give a more polished look.

The outdoor parklets and dining are great but business will lose potential customers because parking is near impossible. A lot of elderly get dropped off or park at businesses within their walking range and by having them park 2 blocks away, they cannot make the trip thus, lose out on potential customer. That's just 1 example. Secondly, traffic has been extremely congested even during non-commute hours along Park St and Webster St. Drivers have the need to make up time by speeding after leaving the general populated area and end up speeding elsewhere on the island, which in turn causes safety concern.

The outdoor sittings make both street look friendly and inviting. I specially like the outdoor sittings in Cinema Grill, Star pizza, outdoor dinning at the parking lot on Webster street.

The pandemic made us have to adapt. But now things are getting back to normal. More cars on the road, more traffic. And with all the new building it's going to be impacted even more. I totally avoid Park & Webster. Because of the traffic jam and people doing stupid stuff!

The park let's should have more consistency in looks; some are attractive and well built; others look messy.

The parklet program is absolutely brilliant; please keep all parklets on Park Street and please expand the program by helping restaurants build more parklets. We love the parklets and enjoy them: please do not take them away from us!

The parklet's are looking a little worse for the wear. Not sure how well restaurants will be

The parklets add to the vibrancy of the town. I've lived here for a few years and it feels so much more like a neighborhood through the ups and downs of the pandemic. We are not sure if we are over this yet, and if we will just go through variations of covid closures year over year. We should continue to find out how we actually build back better. would love to see our local business thrive after such a hard year.

The parklets and short term parking have vastly improved Alameda, have made me frequent more Alameda businesses and have improved the quality of life for myself and my family. I hope they continue well after the pandemic.

The parklets are a welcome improvement to Alameda's already impressive walkability. As a European expat, I have struggled to understand why there wasn't more outside eating options, given the good weather and these changes are a good move in this direction.

The parklets are too loud. I feel like I'm going to get hit by a car at any moment

The parklets are ugly and unsafe and should be removed.

The parklets seem flimsy, especially with cars whizzing by quite fast. I felt vulnerable dining in one

The parklets were a fine solution during the height of the pandemic, but are now becoming obsolete. I do appreciate the closure on Alameda Ave, and the Healing Arts Garden/Afresco Dining Park on Webster. These spaces have provided additional gathering places in open air settings, and it's been great for the community - with minimal disruption to the area.

The parklets were good during the pandemic but now they should go so we can get our city back to normal. They impede on the city events coming up like the spring festival and art and wine festival on Park St. and the Webster St. festival. The 4th of July parade will be difficult to view with the parklets and it will reduce the safety area between the participants and the crowds.

The parklets were nice during the pandemic, but now it just seems to clutter those streets and I avoid going to them.

The parklets were great for the pandemic. There just seems to be way too much traffic congestion and driving feels more dangerous.

The restaurant parklets that have been established directly over and/or restrict access to the City storm drain inlets along Webster Street can not continue as a permanent condition. The parklets occupy public space so any continuation should be considered in that context that the permanent/long-term establishment of those parklets is a public subsidy to private enterprise. There should be a rigorous, site-specific permitting program for any commercial parklets seeking to remain on a more-permanent basis. Short-term parking conditions should continue if the City/APD can effectively commit to actually and effectively enforcing those parking conditions/restrictions.

The safe streets are ridiculous. They are public streets and should be open to everyone. I am sure not everyone who lives on the streets are in favor of it. I know I would not want my street to be a safe street.

The short term parking has reduced the amount of time I spend shopping on park and Webster street. Now I zip in and out rather than strolling to window shop.

The short term parking spaces caused confusion and the street should be re-curbed with a focus on a straight driving path and safety for street crossing and dining and visual beauty for outdoor dining/shopping

The short term pick up spots are very helpful for door dash and other delivery drivers

The short term pull up drop off parking spaces need to be monitored- they are useless if cars park in them for half a day. Beyond annoying. A hostess or employee of the restaurant should be out there to ensure no one gets out of their car and leaves it there!

The short-term drop-off/pick up parking areas are not policed, and are abused by some users. I have been stuck in the single-lane portion of Webster behind a delivery truck stopped to drop inventory. Had to drive into oncoming traffic lane because of the backup that was forming behind the truck. Delivery situations were not thought out in deciding on eliminating traffic lanes.

The slow street program on Pacific Ave. Has been great. I would like it to continue.

The slow streets have also outlived their purpose. I live on one, and while it's nice that cars don't drive much down the street. But now I have people walking and biking right down the middle of the street and I have trouble getting in and out of my driveway.

The Slow Streets program also helped slow traffic. Would love to see some permanent measures taken to slow traffic due to the dramatic increase in speeding on the West End and parts of the East End. I felt so safe during the pandemic to walk in the various slow street area that were blocked off -- lets learn from this and extend permanent safety improvements to neighborhoods asking for them -- it will help save lives!!!!

The streets should be opened more for auto traffic and not discouraged. Personally with the crowding and negative attitude of the city towards people getting around by auto I personally prefer now to shop off island.

The streets were bad before, now they are worse. Alameda has big problems - high crime, racist attacks, out of control sideshows at the Point, chronic abuse of traffic laws (speeding, double parking, illegal U-turns, etc.). We don't need to clutter up major streets as they are now.

The town is a mess. I now go to Oakland to shop. Give us our streets back

The traffic to cross Park Street or travel down Park Street has become very difficult. Webster is not as bad but still tough. Trying to shop or dine in either of these areas as we return to more normal routines will be impossible. If I can't park I might as well travel off the island to places where parking will be easier.

The various residential 'slow streets' that are currently blocked off should also be returned to regular car traffic. If Alameda would like to pursue such changes for reasons other than pandemic, they should be returned to their intended use first- after that any change in function should be approved by vote of Alameda residents first.

The way the city set up the parklets looks bad and feels dangerous. If it were to continue the sidewalks should be extended not tables in the street. The way it is now creates a difficult flow to traffic.

The wording of this questionnaire is prejudicial. It is easy to spot that it is pro-parklet. A professional firm should be hired to re-run the survey without loaded questions.

There are some major flaws. Fix the traffic and parking. Make i

There is a both/and solution in which traffic lanes can be reduced from 4 to 2, traffic can be mitigated and there is still ample parking on the street. It seems the changes were rushed. Driving down Park/Webster has become a nightmare, mostly because of folks turning left or double parking. Either outright ban left turns, or find a way to make dedicated turn lanes. Keep some of the parklets in place, but the tents, tarps and pallets aesthetic should be replaced by longer-term structures. Net-net, consider the impact the businesses if folks begin avoiding the area due to traffic and lack of parking.

There is less parking around town. The city is removing parking places all over Alameda. Yet the want to increase housing with NO place to park. Not every one will riding bikes.

There is too much congestion and I have avoided businesses because it's too difficult to access them. I work in a shop on Webster St. Parking is impossible especially during the farmers' market. Drivers going in and out of the few spaces ave difficulty because of the backed up traffic.

There needs to be a police presence

There really is a critical parking problem throughout the Island of Alameda that needs to be resolved. Coming up with a parking resolution is also a critical problem. What to do? What to do?

There should be less cars on main streets and more outdoor eating, green space beautification.

These changes have been great. Please keep them!

These pandemic changes made these streets a better place to congregate and shop and safer for my kid.

These programs make getting around Alameda HORRIBLE, which leads to frustrated citizens and less people visiting from outside the city. Please repeal these programs.

These street changes are innovative and great for the community. Please make them permanent.

These streets feel so much more alive these days than they ever have. Keep it up! And please add biking space to Park. It's crazy there's no bike lane on the main drag.

This has increased traffic on my street. Cars speed by trying to avoid the congestion and have no respect for the surrounding neighborhoods. We have dog walkers, elderly, children of all ages playing, dancing in the park and I have witnessed myself several close calls.

This is a great program to enable small businesses to thrive and recover faster from the pandemic, and ultimately set them up for longer term success as a destination

This is an amazing program and a good step in the right direction for Alameda's commercial corridors. They might not be perfect, and maybe should be altered, but we should never go back to what it was before.

This program has been an abject failure and ruined my experience in Alameda.

This program help to get people out of their cars and on their feet interacting with each other outdoors. It decreases the time we spend in our vehicles and makes for a livelier community. Studies show that people spend more when eating outdoors, not only at the restaurants but at neighboring businesses as well. Promote this!

This program was a great response to COVID, but please don't let it be hijacked by anti-car activists. It is already hard to drive and park in Alameda, removing more lanes and parking will just make the situation worse, harming businesses over the long term.

This town has become even more amazing with the parklets and need to continue this program forever. Gives a great town center vibe that encourages gathering.

This was a bad idea that was poorly implemented

this was never a worthwhile endeavor.

This was to help the restaurants but I think it was at the expense of the non-restaurant business. Seem as if the "short term" parking is being used for regular type parking and not turning over. I suggest talking to the other merchants and see if they have been affected.

Time for these to go, have made our already congested main thoroughfares even more troublesome and

Time to open up the streets. Park St and Webster St are very unattractive now, parking is impossible, and ultimately this will hurt businesses.

Too many changes for bicycles the city leaders have ruined Alameda please stop!

Traffic flow is a serious problem in Alameda. One example is Broadway. Turning left is very difficult backs up traffic. This is true of many crosstown streets. The intersections of Park and Central and Santa Clara are dangerous to pedestrians, bicyclists, and cars making turns. There should be times when ONLY pedestrians can cross and times when ONLY cars can cross the intersections. High Street is very difficult to travel on because it is narrow, especially at the intersection with Otis Dr. Cars traveling south on High and wishing to turn left to go onto the BFI bridge have a difficult time doing so if a pedestrian crosses the street. Sometimes only one car can cross the intersections per green light. There are many other streets that have similar issues.

Traffic has become horrendous and the current lane reductions are squeezing more cars into less space. Hard to get out of town in a timely matter most times.

Traffic has been terrible on Park St. ever since the 4 lanes went down to 2. Also looks so junky with the barricades and parklets. I do not feel safe eating in the parklets being so close to traffic. Remember a woman got hit in the La Penca parklet. Lauren's Closet is losing business because people say there's no where to park. Restore the street to 4 lanes and remove the parklets!

Traffic is out of control. Doing day to day errands is ridiculous here

Trouble in River City

Turned streets into an obstacle course

Unclear on whether/how/when paid parking on Webster or Park Streets will be monitored or enforced.

Very big eye sore and increased difficulty getting on and off the island.

We have been the victim of a hit and run on Park street due to the increase in traffic and confusion with driving lanes. It's unsafe for drivers and pedestrians!

We IMMEDIATELY need an additional tunnel or bridge on the West end in light of all the recent and future development. It is UNSAFE to ignore this. Please make the bike bridge a multi-vehicle bridge or tunnel.

We live 6 blocks from Park & Central, easy walking or biking distance. Webster is only 1.5 miles away by bike, foot, or transit. Non-auto access should be enhanced and encouraged with secure, supervised, and covered bike parking every 1-2 blocks.

we live within a block from one of "Alameda Slow Streets" and would love it. Having said that, we would like to see speed bumps added to these streets as there are vehicles that travel well beyond the speed limit on these streets. It is very scary to see these cars driving close by especially when we are walking with our children.

We love the slow street on Pacific between 9th and grand! Please keep that as our other options for bike rides with kids are Buena Vista and Lincoln. People speed very fast down those, which is why Pacific being slow is great

We need MORE BIKE PARKING everywhere! I do not want to lock my bike to a street sign.

We need more lighted crosswalks

We need more outdoor dining options. Anything the city can do to facilitate is great

We need more parking on/around Park

Webster and Park Street reduction is helpful although it would be nice to see more consistent parking versus Parklet pull over spots for take out or force them all to relocate to behind the main street

Webster taylor events are very loud and annoying

We've (my family, and network) been longing for more street dining for decades in Alameda. It is a huge asset and it would be a sad shame to forgo this opportunity to make permanent such a community-fostering cultural amenity. All the most desirable cities around the world incorporate this street dining feature. Please don't return to a cars over people perspective on our common public spaces.

We've lived in Alameda for over 40 years and think such changes are long overdue. Keep up the good work!!!

What are the traffic implications for this during normal times? The current set up is incredibly ugly with the barricades and haphazard look. If we are going to do this then: 1) there needs to be a reasonable and well thought out traffic remediation of where the cars go (parallel streets are not set up for this as of now), and 2) please redo the sidewalks and roads so they look paved and respectable for our downtown. The streets are so chopped up and sidewalks are unattractive. See Burlingame as an example of a city that got it right.

When COVID-19 came, some burdensome emergency measures were necessary. But now much more is known about the disease, there are treatments, and there are vaccines. Time for the "emergency" measures to go!

When thinking about parklet design for permanent installations, it's important to incorporate features that allow the stormwater to flow freely to the storm drain inlets.

Where shops haven't yet taken advantage of possible parklet space, curbside parking should return. Some of the away from curb parking should remain to allow for parklets to remain where they exist. But some of the old parking should be reintroduced wherever possible.

While I appreciate the more pedestrian elements of Park and Webster, might we be better off closing the streets for several hours a day instead?

While I do appreciate the added benefit to businesses to have outdoor dining in parklets, I believe they should be reduced in number and some of the street opened back up to driving and parking.

While I support helping restaurants get past the impact of the pandemic, I feel long-term, the added hassles getting around and the added difficulty in accessing all businesses in the altered areas will be a negative overall. Still, while the pandemic has eased, it is not yet fully thing of the past, so taking further changes slowly is not a bad thing. As a cyclist, I always tended to avoid riding on these streets anyway due to traffic and lack of bike lanes, but as the changes have forced more cars onto adjacent streets making them less bike-friendly and doing something to offset that by adding more protected bike lanes in these high traffic areas.

While you are at it, get rid of the slow streets.

Why is the city REDUCING the amount of lanes for cars yet INCREASING the housing? Why all the bike lanes? Disabled cannot ride bikes. Most Alamedans don't want to risk their lives in the tube or east Oakland. We need to reduce the traffic not the traffic lanes

Winter & cold temperatures are coming, don't like eating in the cold

Winter is coming so there won't be many people using the outlets anyway. Return it back to normal.

With less parking, the businesses will suffer.

With the amount of housing proposed the city council should seriously think about infrastructure. There is no enough egress as it is on the island and getting around will be ridiculous. Businesses will not thrive.

With the closing of 2 lanes on Park Street I haven't tried to shop/dine on Park Street. The closing of the lanes has made it horrible to drive up/down Park Street.

And, when will the streets you've closed reopen? I live off of Versailles and it's hardly used for what it was intended for!

With the reduced lanes, people can no longer double-park, which was a welcome benefit.

Would also like to see ways Alameda can help prevent crimes.

Would like to see roundabouts started ASAP on Sherman and Webster. The speeding is really bad here and dangerous! And have caused the loss of human life.

You can't change Park and Webster without also thinking about how it effects traffic flow on surrounding streets.

You really need to figure out the traffic situation. Lito good traffic on 2/5 of the entrances to the island is ridiculous. Figure out how to make the traffic flow better.