

From: [Elizabeth Foster](#)
To: [Kathy Kleinbaum](#)
Subject: B street closure feedback
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 1:49:35 PM

I would like to encourage San Mateo to rethink extending the closure. It is most unfriendly to those with special needs who want to patronize the stores there.

I went to pick up food from a restaurant on B street today and it was most inconvenient not being able to park in front. I had planned a quick pick up while keeping an eye on my teenager who has a disability and cannot be alone for long. Instead I had to make her put on a mask and walk a block with me to get the food that we had ordered.

Thanks for considering!

-Liz

From: [Garrett Williams](#)
To: [Kathy Kleinbaum](#)
Subject: San Mateo B Street for Pedestrians
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 3:44:22 PM

Hello Kathy,

I saw some signage posted for closure of B street in downtown San Mateo. I am glad to see our city moving towards a more pedestrian friendly downtown. I hope we can close B street to car traffic in the long term and expand the amount of B street that is reserved as a space for pedestrians.

Thanks,
Garrett Williams

From: [Prodan Statev](#)
To: [Kathy Kleinbaum](#)
Subject: Comment on pedestrian-only zone on B Street
Date: Sunday, January 10, 2021 2:19:27 PM

Hello,

I strongly support the proposed pedestrian-only zone in downtown. I live and work blocks away from B street and will enjoy being able to go on walks in the new pedestrian zone. I would also be more likely to support the businesses around it.

I think we should quickly adopt more permanent pedestrian-only zones around downtown, taking examples and best practices from other cities in the US and worldwide. I think we should create more of a boulevard-style downtown.

I hope you adopt this pedestrian-only zone permanent and without delay.

PS I also don't believe you should have to ask the citizens every time you make a change like this. It slows things down and you're elected to make choices for us. I know this is a bigger change.

PSS we need a lot more housing in San Mateo County. we need to remove height restriction and we need to make apartment blocks and high density housing legal to build. We also need to dramatically speed up the approval process by removing the ability for locals to oppose new buildings.

From: [Yoav Azaria](#)
To: [Kathy Kleinbaum](#)
Subject: Initial Study Comment
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 2:13:27 PM

Hi Kathy,

In accordance with the notice I received, I wanted to express my enthusiastic support of keeping B Street closed for outdoor dining.

That stretch of road has become an almost daily walk for me, and it's among my favorite things in San Mateo. I am also a driver, and I feel the trade-off is more than worth it.

If the city's intention were to make the closure permanent, I would be thrilled!

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Thanks,
Yoav

From: [Eric Stern](#)
To: [Kathy Kleinbaum](#)
Subject: Comments on proposed B St. project
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 3:17:49 PM

Hello Kathy,

I saw the signs posted downtown asking for feedback about the road closures in favor of outdoor dining and foot traffic.

I'm writing in to indicate my support for making the closures permanent, or at least extending them. I really like the increased accessibility of the downtown area when on foot, and haven't found the closures particularly bothersome when driving.

One of the things that brought me to San Mateo several years ago was the downtown area, and when I was recently able to purchase a home here, being within walking distance to downtown was one of my main criteria for finding a suitable home. As such, seeing downtown become more walking-friendly has been an incredibly welcome change.

Thanks,

Eric

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From: [Martin Wiggins](#)
To: [Kathy Kleinbaum](#)
Subject: B Street Closure - Initial Study/ Neg Dec Comments
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 10:24:53 PM

Dear Ms Kleinbaum,

I have reviewed the City's IS/NegDec for the closure of South B Street in downtown San Mateo. I have the following comments:

1. The word "not" appears to be missing on pages 10 of 22 (does NOT decrease groundwater supplies...) and 13 of 22 (does NOT result in substantial adverse physical impacts...).
2. The letter "r" is missing in "control" on page 18.
3. This NegDec appears sufficient to confirm that there are no environmental impacts caused by this proposal, and the document appropriately notes how the proposal actually helps support the City's vision for downtown.
4. As a local homeowner and parent who lives within walking/biking distance of downtown, I think this proposal has unequivocally positive environmental aspects such as the increased safety for pedestrians especially children, and for cyclists. The current pilot program has proved out for me it's positive impact by allowing me to more safely walk and cycle with my children along South B Street. I have observed cars moving more slowly as they notice the barricades and signs, and the effect of traffic calming is to slow cars and increase the odds they will see pedestrians more quickly and act with more care. I also own a car and occasionally drive downtown and the current pilot closure has not impacted my ability to move through downtown or to find parking. In my own experience, I think the closure could be improving air quality - prior to this cars often were backed up on South B, just idling in traffic rather than moving on. I suspect more drivers are utilizing the garages now, knowing they won't be able to continue to circle the block looking for a spot. I have not noticed an uptick in cars parking along our street, suggesting this closure is not pushing cars into surrounding neighborhoods to find parking. Without the idling and honking cars, noise has been reduced along B Street - I have not noticed an increase elsewhere. I would concur with the document's statement on Page 9 that the project could lead to more people walking downtown and therefore reducing GHG's - this has been the case for me personally.

I support this plan!

Thank you,
Martin Wiggins

From: [Tracy Duong](#)
To: [Kathy Kleinbaum](#)
Cc: [Mark Ture](#)
Subject: Re: Adoption of Resolution for Temporary Street Closure
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:37:53 PM

Dear Kathy,

My name is Tracy Duong. I live in San Mateo with my husband Mark, and two kids. We love walking around downtown San Mateo. We are really enjoying the street closures and decrease in traffic of South B Street area and downtown in general. We think that outdoor dining makes the ambiance more lively. We feel it's safer going around with our kids in the stroller. We would like to add our voice in support of extended or permanent street closures.

Thank you.

- Tracy