

## Question 5 Comments: Alameda Avenue street closure

Other: Add a couple handicap spot near Oak st. Improve parking enforcement.
Other: Add a parking structure to existing lot between Alameda and Central
Other: Again - it's a good idea but it's now so FUGLY.
Other: Again, please leave it until the pandemic really is over before reassessing/removing.
Other: Again, public property given to a restaurant I now I have pay to utilize. How is this legal?
Other: Attracts homeless population
Other: But again, it would be good to have it look intentional and nice
Other: Causing a lot of congestion and double parking on park street.
Other: Did not know about this
Other: Didn't even know it was closed.
Other: Due to low traffic this is a more logical place to close than some, but there aren't any nearby restaurants that I want to eat at so it doesn't do me any good and the loss of parking is a problem.
Other: Every time I have been in the area I see people using the space. Illegal parking on Park St in the crossing area should not be allowed. Unsafe for pedestrians with all the illegal parking in this area.
Other: Fix it up! Geez, look at some of our surrounding communities and take notes.
Other: Folks, you are ruining this town with all of these street closures. Or if you have to, limit the closures to weekends. Also, if you are going to permanently convert streets into dining areas, then those restaurants which utilize those spaces should have to pay market rent. Otherwise it is a conversion of public property for private commercial use.
Other: Great idea but need more restaurants
Other: Great idea to a congested street.
Other: Having public seating at the height of pandemic was fucking irresponsible. Shame on all of you.
Other: HC2: I woul like to see it beautified and used for more organized music, activities, farmers market, etc.
Other: I believe this the safest option but wonder how it would impact the fire/police emergencies.
Other: I didn't know about it
Other: I didn't know about this, but want to utilize it now that I do!
Other: I don't find it at all appealing.
Other: I don't use Alamefa Ave
Other: I don't use it as a outdoor seating area but do enjoy seeing the bubble machine on Friday evenings
Other: I enjoy the outdoor seating space at some Restaurants. But there ls also some traffic congestion caused by some outdoor seating areas.
Other: I have not been to it, buy I feel it is a better option than the park let's.
Other: I have not seen it
Other: I HAVE NOT SEEN IT SO AM UNAWARE OF THE CLOSURE.
Other: I have not used this area but "local" has been closed, too. It would make a great covered, secure, *staffed* bike parking area.
Other: I have not used this space but it is definitely safer from cars and I hope it continues. It could be developed into a more charming area.
Other: I haven't used it, but don't mind losing this street. If it allows surrounding businesses to stay afloat, I'm all for it.
Other: I kind of like it, but I miss having places to park and generally avoid Park and Webster street because I can't find parking.
Other: I like the concept overall- outdoor dining gathering spot- but is there another good spot? It seems a much used street is closed and residents were bothered by noise.
Other: I like the idea of more pedestrian-friendly spaces like this as long as the noise and changes in traffic are not problematic for folks living and working on that block.

Other: I like the idea. However, if it remains there needs to be time constraints for those that live close. Also, you need to figure out how to police the area since our APD is severely understaffed.

Other: I like this and think it should be utilized more with added seating since it's pretty limited right now.

Other: I LOVE it!

Other: I love this area, but I wish the tables were sanitized in between users or that there were supplies there to sanitize them myself.

Other: I support reclaiming more streets from cars, including a permanent slow street along San Jose (entire length)

Other: I think it should be kept closed and turned into a pedestrian plaza without the outdoor dining hodge lodge look.

Other: I think it's good for street fairs, but not year-round or for extended periods of times.

Other: I think small streets side streets are fine to close to use as outdoor seating. But to take away parking and take away lanes on the main busy street isn't smart. It causes a lot of traffic and mess. Now with park street only having one lane on both direction, I will never drive down that road during peak hours. And while it's only 1 lane people still double park! On a one lane street!!

Other: I think that Romero & Sons restaurant has been poorly impacted by the closure of that street.

Other: I think that's a good idea to have that available

Other: I think this is a perfect place to keep the Parklet open as long as we reopen the rest of the streets on Park Street

Other: I think this street is by far, the most important change to keep post COVID. This ROW is of very little use for mobility for cars, its parking can be replaced with thoughtful restriping on it, on Park, and on Oak

Other: I think this will make an especially big difference when school resumes.

Other: I thought this was a GREAT idea. It should be beautified and made permanent.

Other: I use the area to eat when doing take out on Park St

Other: I use this space a lot. Adding some greenery, color and nicer tenting would make the space even more inviting

Other: I want it to continue and to be made more beautiful

Other: I was super happy about it until I read about one of the disabled neighbors living around or above the Masonic Temple. While it looks great on paper, I don't know how well received it is by people living around there.

Other: I would like to see a better situation. If you look at Alley & Vine, it's a very pretty outdoor setting.

Other: I would like to see Alameda Ave. closed but monitored so people aren't frequenting that area late at night

Other: I would like to see an investment in the experience.

Other: I would like to see it made permanent with repaving, landscaping and permanent seating areas.

Other: I would like to see it turned into a pedestrian square with more permanent seating, perhaps an art sculpture or planter with benches, etc as well as picnic tables. Would also be better with more shade or trees as it feels very exposed in the sun.

Other: I would like to see some more support given to this area, such as lighting for the evening. Also it would do better there if businesses nearby were open, such as The Local

Other: I'd love to see it expand with permanent structures and more picnic tables (now that social distancing has stopped). It's a fantastic sense of community - I set up my laptop and enjoy lunch/ work at minimum 1x per week, there are families and teens enjoying the same space. It's fantastic!

Other: I'd like to see it made permanent with greenery and possibly a kid hill and play area.

Other: If and when public high school returns, alameda high students could use this space to hang out and socially distance better during the lunch period

Other: If it stays, the street might need more leveling or flattening out as some areas slope so drinks spill.
Other: It doesn't have a nice vibe. It feels random and unsanitary.
Other: It might be a good permanent option but the street and sidewalks around there are filthy and not conducive to actually enjoying your food in that area.
Other: It needs longer hours in the summer!
Other: It would be amazing if there were actually more seating options, otherwise it looks cheap.
Other: It would be great to see dedicated bike lanes on all streets, perhaps make Park Avenue a one way street moving away from Park Street toward Oak?
Other: It's an awkward "zoom-through". I don't mind it partially blocked. Slows traffic down and makes it safer for pedestrians standing waiting for a light change.
Other: Keep as an outdoor dining area, but... with distinct/enforced hours of operation
Other: Keep it and consider using it for special events/concerts in addition
Other: Keep it closed, but make it a pedestrian park/ walk through for all citizens, not for the convenience of private businesses , A gathering spot , not a spot for private business to expand
Other: Love it. We have too much dedicated car space. Do more.
Other: Love this - it's great for the high school kids too. Make the park street barrier a big planter with trees
Other: Make it a real nice eating park or remove it.
Other: More tables, better lighting, music on the streets
Other: Needs to be developed a little. More greenery, more street facing business.
Other: Nice idea but with no sunlight due to the tall buildings it tends to be cold and windy at times in the shaded area.
Other: Of all of the changes, this one is best suited to becoming a permanent change. It feels like a town square that was hiding in plain sight.
Other: Oh I love it! This has been one of the few places that we could go to and be outside and enjoy the space. I know there's been some issues with the neighbors, but I think restricting it to certain hours makes sense. But I Thank it was a great decision, and I hope it continues
Other: Park and Webster should be completely closed as well, with gardens and 100% safety for pedestrians, families, and cyclists.
Other: Perfect section to be pedestrian-only.
Other: Perhaps closing on weekends only? Fri-Sun.
Other: Please add string lights and a stage for live, local musicians
Other: please be mindful of residents!
Other: Please do this more!
Other: Please keep it. It is the best use of that street. The bubbles, tables, community building. It's great!
Other: Please keep the street for sitting and somehow change the awkwardness lighting
Other: Please reduce hours to discourage noise.
Other: Quit taking away our streets! We have to get around town somehow! Cut off the developers instead!
Other: Reduce the size to parklets on sides of the street and allow for through traffic
Other: Remove this seating area as it has caused great harm to the tenants living on this street!!!
Other: Same comments: done without an iota of aesthetics.
Other: See above. I'd like to see it used more or returned to a through street.
Other: See previous comment
Other: Some sort of umbrellas or shade
Other: Terrible. Causes more traffic on Park Street and more cars double park

Other: The city did not handle the requests (made for health and safety reasons) of several people who live on that block. The dining area is a good idea but the people who live there should have first priority, and the area needs to be maintained better - theres tons of trash and it's super messy.
Other: The city ought to experiment for a limited time with weekend closures of certain streets. It seems to have been beneficial in other areas. Continue the program if it works here.
Other: The less cars the better. Take this opportunity to encourage cycling in Alameda.
Other: This actually does seem to work, but it's not sustainable or doable on the other streets. The city needs to create more parking before they eliminate parking. They need to create an alternate off the island before you reduce the acessibility. It's city planning 101
Other: This area has been a positive. It does not seem to negatively impact cars, pedestrians or parking. This area might be a nice addition to the Park St area.
Other: This area, if properly outfitted with appropriate safely mechanisms can be a nice addition along Park street.
Other: This does not seem to impeded traffic.
Other: this one i like and support keeping it more than the ones on park street.
Other: This was a bad idea that was poorly implemented
Other: This was a crucial through-street to get into and out of the parking lot at Alameda Ave. and Central Ave. Closing it off has increased traffic and confused drivers, without any significant benefit.
Other: Today I watched a beer delivery truck make a 6 point turn to get back to Oak street after a delivery. It's fine to close the street a few times a year but businesses lose customers when access is limited.
Other: Turn it into a plaza with pavers, flowers, trees and picnic tables.
Other: unclean, unkept and the weeds are growing. Tables are unclean not a nice place to eat. Open up the street and parking spaces!
Other: Very few people are utilizing the Alameda Ave. dining area in my observaion.
Other: We use this area a lot and I was going to make the suggestion but somebody finally added legs to the picnic table to make them level and usable! Thanks
Other: 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.
Other: While I've not used it for eating I love that there isn't traffic on that street - it was suer busy and contentious before
Other: Would like to see more streets that emulate the Alameda Ave street closure
Other: Would like to see more trash cans though.
Other: Would love to see this utilized more as the healing garden space on Webster with live music and/or community events
Other: Yes, more car-free spaces please. Dining next to traffic and cars is horrible and Alameda Ave. is a bit of a respite from the direct exhaust, engine revving, and honking.