

Question 6 Comments: Short term parking

Other: Again The more parking spaces that are being removed is taking away that much more business from the Merchants on Park Street and Webster Street
Other: All parking except short term parking should be removed from the streets
Other: all parking, including short-term, should be on cross-streets to Park and Webster.
Other: Are there handicapped spaces for shoppers that would be inconvenienced by having to park in a garage or parking lot away from the store they want to visit? There should be.
Other: are you kidding? people parked there for LONG term. people did horrible park jobs...loved the nose in just wherever they wanted.
Other: As a Senior with the parking reduction I am unable to shop and dine on Park or Webster.
Other: Chaotic. I avoid both Park and Webster. I'm not alone in this.
Other: Did not know about this
Other: Did not notice
Other: do not have an opinion, neutral/ did not know about or use these
Other: Don't care
Other: Drivers are parking anywhere they can fit and not following the signs.
Other: Encountered some confusion from folks who thought these spaces were for dropping off or picking up passengers ONLY. More info education needed for these designated spaces where a driver may park to pick up an order from retail shop or restaurant.
Other: 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.
Other: Fewer cars is nice, but many places aren't accessible for disabled people. Also the bike lanes need to be improved (and allow roller skaters).
Other: Good idea but absolutely not enforced
Other: Have officers give tickets to people that still double park if this continues especially on park street where there's just 2 lanes and people can't go around.
Other: HC1: consider building parking structure in front of movie theater
Other: I am neutral on this one.
Other: I did not know about it. I usually bike around town
Other: I did not realize there was separate short term parking. Maybe it was not clear? Maybe I bike and walk more?
Other: I didn't notice. No opinion.
Other: I do not know anyone who really understands how this is supposed to work. It is not labeled well. Cars swerve up to the curb abruptly looking for signage on the few times I was walking there during the pandemic. Get rid of it!!
Other: I don't own a car, so have no opinion. However, I support anything that encourages Alamedans to visit business districts without bringing their cars along.
Other: I find the current parking situation confusing.
Other: I find the parking setup very confusing as to where you can park long term vs. short term.
Other: I found them useful, but don't really have an opinion on their future
Other: I have had issues with handicapped-stickered vehicles parking in these spaces long term. And again, the pandemic ain't over yet.
Other: I have never noticed them! Where are they?
Other: I have no reason to use them. I stay away from Park and Webster as much as I can.
Other: I have noticed these spaces are often used for long term parking, and are not being used as intended.
Other: I haven't paid attention to this because I'm usually on my bike or on foot
Other: I like it but would like parking enforcement !
Other: I like it if it is monitored. Most cars are staying much longer than 15 minutes

Other: I like it. short term makes more sense for these corridors, especially since there are multiple parking lots very near by Park street. If they remain some need more enforcement or clearer no parking indications.

Other: I never drive on these streets

Other: I see cars parked there for much longer than the posted limitation. If the city continues the program, there should be active enforcement and ticketing.

Other: I see some cars not using them as short term but parking there long term which defeats the purpose

Other: I still couldn't park by Garden Cleaners on Webster when I needed to. I guess because Uber drivers and Grub Hub delivery people hog the spots.

Other: I support it as long as it is actually enforced by parking officers. It frustrates people even more when people don't get tickets and will just park there all day

Other: I think it is a good change for these busy streets BUT longer-term parking signage should be clearer and right now the parking on Webster is very confusing. The signage and lines need to be fixed to be consistent and clear.

Other: I think its an eyesore and dangerous and takes up spots for regular patrons!

Other: I think it's very important to have these spaces for delivery drivers especially. Unfortunately there are still people who are double parking in these areas, making a two lane street not work well.

Other: I think parking shouldn't be in the busy pedestrian areas for safety

Other: I think the short term parking should be increased to 30 minutes

Other: I think there should be exceptions when Farmers Market is happening. Even before the changes it was hard to find parking, now it's worse.

Other: I was and am confused about how the short-term parking is supposed to work. It seemed complicated to me to try to park between a bike lane or parklet on one side and one lane of impatient drivers on the other. I never attempted it.

Other: I would like to see the short-term parking turned into more parklets and not devoted to cars

Other: I would love if park st where there is the short term parking was closed to all cars...allowing more seating, pop ups, etc. The area would be so much better for families than the car ridden/loud music/tire squealing place it is now.

Other: I'm not actually aware of this

Other: I'm not sure I know what these are so no opinion

Other: I'd prefer park St be pedestrian only and shut off completely to cars.

Other: If we keep the parklets I support retaining some spaces for temporary parking. It is very difficult to pick up takeout in non-covid times too so having 5-10 minute parking in areas will keep cars moving.

Other: If you do offer short term parking it should be managed and people should be ticketed if they stay longer than the time limit.

Other: is anyone enforcing the time limit? time to either eliminate it and/or enforce parking laws

Other: Is there any way that we could build additional parking garages close to Park and Webster? People do need to park their cars, and there are limited spaces on the side streets. Plus a garage would allow for more existing parking to become short-term or designated handicap. Right now we have a problem with people double parking on Central Ave near Park St, especially near the Starbucks, which is dangerous to other cars, bikes, and pedestrians. Maybe that parking lot next to the bank could be built up into a garage? Are there other nearby lots that could possibly become garages?

Other: It favors some businesses while taking away parking from other businesses. Win some. Lose some. Unfair!

Other: It is what allows access for handicapped folks who need street parking as they are not restricted to 15 minutes!

Other: It seems like some spots are still used for long term parking and it doesn't seem to make it easier to park on Park street. I think there should be a mix of 2h and drop off parking.

Other: It should 100% be removed and feels unsafe to the diners on the side of the road.

Other: It should be converted to metered parking.

Other: It was a terrible idea and unorganized. Restaurants did what they wanted to do with no instructions

Other: It was good but it seems the short term parking is too many spaces... can probably be reduced significantly and return the other spaces to 2 hours.

Other: It was horrible in the pandemic and definitely doesn't make sense now.

Other: it was never only used for pickups!

Other: It was never used for short term parking and people misused it. Causing more double parking than ever and improper parking in no parking zones. People like uber eats were doing uturns in the middle of the street causing traffic and almost causing accidents.

Other: It would be easier to have this located off of park st.

Other: It would have worked a lot better if there was actual enforcement. I have never seen any enforcement and much of the traffic on Park/Webster is from people driving around in circles looking for parking.

Other: It's great but isn't enforced

Other: It's a complete disaster, remove it.

Other: It's confusing in that it's not clear where you can park short term.

Other: It's fine, IF there's enough space to accommodate protected bike lanes and short-term parking. Prioritize clean efficient movement on the street, not car stopping. You get what you build for.

Other: It's okay, but it tends to create double parking in dangerous areas on the Street.

Other: It's really helpful for quick jaunts. I get the idea that our parking enforcement is non-existent anyway, so I'm not sure if it matters. People don't usually pay meters on Park. We massively undercharge for Park/Webster street parking though, considering that there's a giant parking garage next to Park. Front door street parking should either be more expensive, or more time limited. Put in permits for residential parking to mitigate.

Other: I've noticed that if the short term parking is full, cars will stop mid-travel lane, turn off their car and go inside to pickup their food, etc. Not cool. Where are the cops when you need them? If you say something to the driver then you're at risk of getting bullied or beat up. No common courtesy.

Other: Keep it to discourage merchant owners from using it as long term space.

Other: Make the short-term parking live parking and have the stores deliver to the cars. Cars without the driver should be towed immediately.

Other: Make them safe bike lanes

Other: Many people just park there for long stretches

Other: More enforcement is needed.

Other: most people did not limit their parking to 15 minutes.

Other: My husband and I rarely found a space to use for drop off or pick up since the vehicles that were in them were parked there for more than 15 minutes.

Other: N/a

Other: Need to enforce upon those that violate.

Other: needs to be balanced approach

Other: Never really worked. Saw a lot of cars parked in those spaces for long term.

Other: No body paid any attention to "short term" designated parking. People had to park... So they did, wherever they could in the city's ill conceived scheme.

Other: No longer needed.

Other: No one on Webster uses it as short term parking. People have run over the bollards and park there for hours, creating dangerous driving obstacles.

Other: no opinion

Other: Nobody pays attention to that restriction. People park in the short term parking and pickup spots as if they are unrestricted long term parking. And I think that's fine. They should because there are very few places to park.

Other: Not all of the striping makes sense. You see people improvising parking spaces, and frankly they're often quite reasonable. We could fit in a few more than is currently striped.

Other: Not aware of this/don't drive

Other: Not helpful for anyone with disabilities who wanted or wants to do business in Alameda. Parking is too far away from the stores and drop off/pickup is not useful in most cases.

Other: Not sure. I don't really use and find parking with the cones challenging.

Other: Not used as short term parking for most people. They park long term just as before. Return the street to the way it was before.

Other: Offer free parking somewhere else. Promote walking, biking.

Other: On Park st it took too much space away from traffic. I'd prefer no parking and better flow of traffic.

Other: One spot for wheelchair parking/access?

Other: Only if the restriction is enforced

Other: Parking is a huge waste of precious land in our business corridors. Why have ST parking without any enforcement. Double and illegal parking is still a mess. Parking in crosswalks and daylighted intersections is rampant.

Other: Parking was already limited before and people still park in them longer than supposed to anyways.

Other: people abuse it...park for more than drop off/pick up

Other: People don't use it for short term

Other: People still park where they shouldn't and double park which creates a safety issue

Other: People would park illegally into the crosswalks due to limited spaces, park long term and added to issues with bicycles passing or block bike lanes entirely.

Other: please consider counting usage. make a decision based on real usage

Other: Please enforce time limits.

Other: Please make sure it is enforced... but please also consider where long-term parking right by businesses can be. It is much harder to park for the long term than it was. MUCH! And don't forget that some disabled people need to be able to drive themselves and park right outside a business.

Other: Please make the spots clearly marked.

Other: Remove all the parking and make more space for parklets

Other: REMOVE IT. Remove the striping maze, the ugly white cones. Stop uglifying Alameda

Other: Removed, or maybe less spots. Just one or two per block. They aren't monitored so they don't do much good anyways.

Other: Short term parking is used for long term parking (and even then is not sufficient, as cars park in additional areas). We need more parking like the CVS parking lot imo

Other: Short term parking seems very logical when eating indoors still is so risky. I really like this option right now but once things settle back to normal I think it is important to let people park for longer so they can eat and shop.

Other: Short term spots need signs reminding drivers to watch for bikes, since those drivers are always in a hurry and at risk of running over someone

Other: short term? that's a joke. People park there period. It's not enforced.

Other: Short-term parking helps promote the businesses' ability to offer take-out and pickup, which enables them to serve far more customers than they could otherwise.

Other: Should have allowed them at parking bulbs.

Other: Some of them were confusing as sometimes it lacks clear marking that is dedicated to the short term parking

Other: Some should be turned into 2 hour handicapped parking.

Other: The amount of food delivery cars waiting causes unnecessary congestion and safety hazards.

Other: The drivers of uber eats, etc park illegally to pick up and make unsafe turns/U turns. Not sure these are really working

Other: The parking stalls now on Webster and Park Street are honestly so confusing I don't park (or shop) there now for fear of getting a ticket. I can't tell which is a parking spot, for example.

Other: The short term parking is confusing, and it is not being enforced. The police are not actually doing anything to improve traffic or parking. I'm disappointed.

Other: The short term parking is great but its not clear where it is because the striping and in the middle of the street makes it confusing as to where you can and cannot drive to the curb..

Other: The time limit abuses are rampant. No monitoring is non existent.

Other: There needs to be an effort to isolate short term parking spaces away from bike lanes. My husband was nearly hit while biking with my 18 month old and 3 year old in tow because people move in and out of these spaces so quickly

Other: These spaces should be actively enforced

Other: They should be removed. They are not enforced and there is no access for Disabled or Mobility Impaired.

Other: This is great for food pickup.

Other: This needs to be policed as people seem to just park there permanently.

Other: This program should be enforced if kept, but these parking spaces should be dedicated to bikes (curb protected bike lane) and pedestrians.

Other: This was a bad idea that was poorly implemented.

Other: This was poorly enforced and richly abused. It should be removed.

Other: Time limits need to be enforced on these.

Other: Unenforced and often abused. Time to go.

Other: Use for drop off/pick up should be enforced. Spots are full and people must then double park and block traffic or find a parking spot and walk a long way.

Other: Using spaces in city parking lots for short term parking would be helpful. The parking doesn't have to be clustered in front of the business and might prevent some of the congestion on Park St

Other: Very much needed, but needs to be supported by very clear signage and enforcement. At the moment it gets chaotic and safety is reduced by the number of delivery and takeout pickup drivers that are flowing through park and Webster streets.

Other: Very needed. signage failed, lack of enforcement made it useless after a month

Other: We need more/better parking enforcement -- poor enforcement negatively impacted this program.

Other: We really need to have more parking law enforcement.

Other: While I was never able to use this because none ever available I believe it to be a good thing. Just sad that people can not honor the time limits.