

Versailles Slow Street Comments

You need to add stop signs at Versailles and Gibbons. Please add stop signs there. It would make it so much safer.

Would like a connection to Pacific via dedicated bike lane or other method. Need better visibility when crossing Broadway, Tilden, and Park.

Works well

With our children attending Edison Elementary and commonly biking to school, maintaining slow street status on Versailles is a top priority!

Windsor Drive and Marina which connect to Versailles should be made slow streets.

Why wasn't Pearl St selected instead of Versailles? The street is already limited at Fernside. Seems like you made some thoughtless decisions all aeijnd

Why pick the BUSIEST north/south street in the area to be a slow street? Makes no sense.

Whenever I've been on this slow street when I'm walking or biking, I rarely see anyone else use it. It's just not needed.

When the City announced they would rotate the streets to another street, the residents on the next street complained and it never happened. They apparently didn't like the program. It was wrong for the City to select slow streets without any input from the residents. This could apply to all streets.

When non-slow streets cross a slow street, there should always be a stop sign for the crossing (non-slow) traffic. For example, for Santa Clara Ave and Central Ave.

We walk on the sidewalk when on this street. Too many unpredictable and regular speed cars still on it. See very little use since the lockdown times when the extra space was more well used.

We walk from our house on Windsor to Versailles with our toddler and I feel a lot safer. I wish Windsor was a blocked slow street at the high street bridge so that we could safely walk from Windsor to Versailles and back as one connected street. Especially since her school will be over there and dangerous drivers come from high street all of the time.

We still need to slow cars down on this street. An all-way stop sign at the corner of Versailles and Van Buren would be very useful.

We LOVE this slow street and would like to make it permanent!

We live in the 1300 block of Versailles Ave just up from the hardware store at Encinal Ave. Parking is difficult for the customers there due to the placement of the barrier, but it seems traffic has not been altered too much because of the hardware store. Catch twenty-two situation and I have no suggestions for you. 🙄

I'd like to see traffic diminished more, but don't want to cause the store a loss of business.

We live about 2 blocks from the southern end of this slow street. When it was originally installed, I took my kids to walk and ride their bikes in the middle of it. It was a great feeling of freedom. We still walk in the middle of the road, but no longer ride bikes. There isn't a ton of traffic, but there are just enough cars and larger pickup trucks that I feel obligated to always be watching. It's less stressful to stick to sidewalks and Krusi Park. When my kids are a bit older, we'll probably make more use of the slow street itself. Another small issue is that the road has a somewhat steep crest. It's best to walk or ride a bike in the exact middle, which doesn't help with keeping distance with a passing car. I wish I had 100% positive things to say about this slow street. Some of the details may be worth rethinking for this slow street, but I would very much like this type of project that prioritizes walkers and cyclists and kids to

We like to walk on Versailles and it is a great way to cross the width of the island with less concern about being run over.

We are taxpayers and should be able to travel on any street in Alameda. So, take down the barricades. These are not private streets.

Was already a slow street, seems like nonsense

Very inconvenient and disruptive to normal (not heavy) neighborhood traffic

Very few people use this street anyway since they have put in so many stop signs. Not sure it matters if it is a slow street

Versailles was the wrong street. Pearl would have been better. Pearl gets less traffic normally. The intersection at Pearl and Fernside is hazardous to cross. Versailles and Fernside is way safer. I don't walk much because of foot issues so car is my main way around town

Versailles was never a street that was frequented by walkers so it did not increase the number of people using it. It HAS negatively impacted Pearl Street by causing all to use that street. With summer programs and school open it is now even more of a disaster.

Versailles was a stupid pick. Pearls traffic was already limited due to how the traffic is done at Fernside. It makes it difficult to get off the Fruitvale bridge and get home. You can't turn onto Pearl anyway so it would have hurt that traffic less. Also the surface on Versailles isn't smooth. The block of Buena Vista in front of Edison has a beautiful surface for roller skating that would have been an

Versailles to Encinal should be open but maybe keep the slow street near Edison school central and Buena Vista

Versailles slow street slows down traffic for 5-way intersection with Central + Gibbons

Versailles is often used by cars looking to go fast and avoid Broadway to get across the island. I love the program and would love to see it made permanent. I ride my bike with my daughter in a child seat and feel a lot safer with fewer cars.

Versailles is a needed route for school access and cross island travel.

Versailles between Encinal and Otis is the worst street you could have chosen. The two parallel streets are more appropriate since they are narrower. Versailles is an appropriate street for car traffic between Encinal and Otis, the parallel streets are much less safe...or, you could nominate Park Avenue.

Versailles at Santa Clara needs a safer crossing

Versailles as a slow street and not any of the others is kind of unfair. Rotate the slow street with Pearl and other adjacent streets. The barriers are mobile so it can be done.

Vehicle Traffic near Edison school must be better controlled., especially with in class school starting in the fall. Cars drive down Versailles too fast and twice I was nearly struck in the intersection crossing Versailles at Fernside because of turning traffic. A permanent barrier at that intersection is needed, speed bumps on Versailles also

Useless and dangerous

used this street to drive to Encinal Hardware and also connect to Encinal

Use this street regularly as a walker, biker, and driver. I see minimal use of the slow street as intended. The volume of walkers is only slightly higher than before the street was slowed, and could easily be handled by the existing sidewalks. Vehicle traffic is slightly down overall, but many who use it as a north/south cut-through are still doing it, simply driving around the barriers.

Use it to bike!

Unsafe

Traffic trying to avoid Versailles spills onto neighboring streets and those cars speed even faster.

Traffic on Moreland has seemed to increase 3 to 4 times since the Versailles slow street has been implemented. Several cars a day drive 40 MPH plus. This did not happen before. Several young children walk to & from school along Moreland Drive. Several young children cross across Moreland Drive to & from school. This is a dangerous situation for young children.

Too many drivers simply drove quickly around the barriers and did not modify their driving behavior. I couldn't believe what I saw.

Too many cars still going through on Versailles from Central to Encinal, and going too fast. Not enough was done to make this a slow street. Even though it is permissible for me to walk, bike and play in my street, I feel only a tiny bit safer doing so because drivers continue to drive fast all the way from the freeway exit at the High Street bridge to Gibbons, to Versailles, in order to get across the east end of the island.

People simply ignore the traffic barriers as they are not placed well (especially the one in front of Versailles). This was never of any practical value and still isn't.

This was created as a temporary program, I don't see pedestrians/bikers/neighbors using them any differently than other streets in town, people use the sidewalks as usual. People on those streets are becoming territorial about the PUBLIC street space, moving barriers to make it harder for the cars that must access and expecting a benefit (less cars) no one else enjoys.

This was a really bad choice for everyone who lives in the area you took away the easy way to get to the fruitvale bridge and more importantly nob hill you could have easily closed all of those narrow ass college streets and pearl and done a lot better but instead you closed the one street comfortable to drive on that could get you back from the store the worst part is I'm not sure if I ever saw someone utilizing the "clear" (a bunch of people just drove around the barricades) road ways and walking in the streets as intended long story short Versailles slow streets was a complete disaster for us and I think that bare minimum you should move the slow street to pearl if not shut it down completely

This street should have never been a slow street, since it is a main artery in town. This has diverted traffic to parallel streets not designed for the amount of traffic. PLUS SUPER DANGEROUS TO MAKE A LEFT ON TO FERNSIDE!! Please remove the safe street from this one!!!!

This street is too long to block it off.

This street is too close to vital arteries on and off the island. Keeping it makes traffic on the other streets more difficult to navigate.

This street is generally a thoroughfare for vehicles. I don't feel safe on this as a slow street and there are other adjacent streets that are less utilized for vehicles. Making this a slow street actually makes it feel less safe because families assume they are safe walking/biking but vehicles are continuing to zoom down the street.

This street already was slow. I'm not sure it made it too much slower. I think this one is fine.

This slow street should continue down to Windsor and marina, and make a turn down one or both streets for school safety and neighborhood safety- cars fly off the high street bridge and use these streets to bypass fernside.

this slow street is popular st to go to fruitvale bridge and shopping center. hate it

This shouldn't exist.

This program has brought the neighborhood together. Keep it!

This one is the nearest my house and is convenient to use.

This one is closest to me and I did use it at the beginning of the pandemic, but now we just play in the parks.

This one I think is unnecessary. There is not much traffic there to begin with.

This is the Slow Street I have walked and biked most often. With the passage of time I have found cars don't slow down while driving on this street and it appears that non-resident traffic has increased.

This is the only street with a tricky intersection (at Central) that seems dangerous for cyclists and drivers because it's a three-way intersection. I don't know how this could be fixed. Maybe it should be moved over one street?

This is the only one that has impacted my normal driving routes. I'm fine keeping it as a slow street if other people have been using it, but would like it to return to normal if other people aren't using it.

This is the only one that feels more like a community, the street is narrow, and it's less of a thoroughfare. I would still use this one and I do see the neighborhood using it for kids to bike around.

This is the most ridiculous slow street of all. It was already slow. But now it's become a pretentious children's art show street gallery forced upon everyone who walks near. Their inflated egos must be the size of the moon.

This is still used as a cut through to Fernside by a lot of vehicles. Walking and bike riding on this street has increased significantly whereas it's the only North South slow street so we need to slow traffic down and divert to Pearl etc

This is right next to Edison school, and a lot of parents who drive to school are in a hurry. These barriers are dangerous and you end up going around them because you have they block the school drop-off zone on Versailles (Versailles at Buena Vista). Versailles is used as a "shortcut" to avoid the lights going up/down Broadway, since they run parallel. I really hated having these barriers on Versaiiles.

This is perfect for kids to bike and walk given it is next to Edison. But it is not always clear this is. Slow street for traffic turning onto the street at various intersections which can make it dangerous with kids biking

This is another Slow Street that we use at least once a week - we like how it's become very friendly for folks just passing through.

This is a street used continually to access some of the major cross streets not to mention Ccess to the achool

This is a school street. Makes things difficult for all

This is a major artery and with traffic resuming... it is unsafe and unrealistic to keep everything on

This is a main way to travel from the Fernside District to Nob Hill. I thg diverts traffic to narrower streets that are less safe. Edison School is smack dab in the middle of this slow street. Please clear from Santa Clara to Fernside. If you were to keep track of those using the slow street you would find few

This is a main thoroughfare traveling from Fernside to Otis and has diverted a lot of traffic onto narrower, quieter streets who I'm sure do not appreciate the additional traffic. If this street we're getting more use by bicyclists and/or pedestrians, or just children/neighbors hanging out, I may feel differently, but at this point it seems like it is not getting any use.

This is a bizarre choice for a slow street since it pushes traffic to Pearl which has much worse crossings of Central, Santa Clara, etc. Get rid of this. Versailles is supposed to be a minor artery.

This has improved the speeding but needs more to slow cars

This has created a very bad situation for Moreland Drive- we have loads of cars speeding up the street. In addition to this we are getting all the delivery people as well. I want this slow street stopped unless you decide to alternate streets.

This has created a great community on the street where children play, July 4th party and is used by lots of people who do not live on this street

This has been fantastic for our neighborhood! There is a better sense of community, more smiling and relaxing. Please keep this one!

This goes by critical intersections near Otis and Edison schools. Kids are safer when this street is slow. It would be great to have a more permanent slow street here, since it already has bike sharrows.

This comment applies to all slow streets: they divert even more traffic to adjacent streets while creating quiet areas for others. Why? where's the net benefit when the burden is just shifted? What wrong did the adjacents community do to deserve this?

This causes a big use of Pearl which doesn't have stop sign to cross main Avenues like Versailles. Almost got in two accidents because Encinal n Central are main thoroughfares to cross!

They make intersections more dangerous for pedestrians and drivers. Too much traffic originates on each block for them to reduce traffic noticeably. They give kids the false impression that it's ok to play in the street.

They Don't work after 2 yrs traffic volume and speeds are back to what they were pre-pandemic. Drivers race across Island at 40 + MPH and drivers have little regard for pedestrian safety. Someone is going to get seriously hurt one of these days.

There should be more than one slow street in this direction.

There needs to be exceptions for the block between Central and Encinal and the block adjacent to Edison School.

There are sections that lack barriers, so cars tend to drive quickly on them. It's so nice to have this right next to Edison.

The Versailles slow street is bisected by a whole bunch of really busy streets. To me, it sort of defeats the purpose. Maybe focusing on another street would be better.

The streets should be rotated

The slow street results in increased traffic on adjoining streets and often results in frustrated drivers who take out their frustration on the road. Additionally, the barriers cause near miss events where they cross intersection with people going around the barriers encountering the oncoming traffic head

The slow street is ill-placed. It blocks a 4 way stop causing cars to use other streets to get across Encinal ave. I know some drivers who are more comfortable using that 4 way stop intersection to get across Encinal ave. Also, I shop at Encinal Hardware and the barricades are a pain to deal with.

The Slow street has nurtured an even more sense of community between the neighbors. Kids are out on the streets playing together/ biking together, NOT cooped up inside in the screens. It's been a wonderful thing. Please please please don't take it away!

the sidewalks are plenty

The markers for slow streets are barely visible and cars still fly through here. It gives you a false sense of safety while walking in the street. I would not let my children run around in a slow street given this danger. It's also incredibly dangerous to cross the slow streets at certain intersections given the lack of stop signs going perpendicular directions (e.g. Central and Santa Clara).

The intersection with Versailles, Central, and Gibbons needs a blinking light for safe crossing. This is a busy intersection.

The city should make every intersection or a four way stop or add small island to make the intersection a round about

The Central Ave intersection is already super dangerous and having cars/bikes turning in unexpectedly when you're trying to get home is very nerve racking.

The amount of traffic that is pushed onto my street (Moreland) which is in same direction as Versailles and is not designed for traffic (single lane with cars parked, I am surprised no one has been hit as they fly down Moreland at 35/40 mph. Un safe not designed for this. Why was Versailles chosen? A better one would be PEARL as less traffic.

The "Slow Streets" should rotated to other streets throughout Alameda

That street is very useful for auto traffic. Use a different street.

Take it away

Stupid

Speed bumps on this street would. Be amazing. Bay view has some great speed

Bumps that make it so no one can speed!

sometimes tough to cross Santa Clara and Encinal

Some intersections need to safer crossing

some barricades need to be move because of traffic

So nice to have, especially walking the kids to school at Edison

So much nicer to use than scary noisy Broadway. More options for bikers going the short way across the island please.

Slow streets do not make the streets safer. Due to the increased traffic people become annoyed and angry which then creates a potential for road rage. Also slow streets promote children to play in the streets which could lead to potential life threatening accidents.

Slow streets are demonstrations of municipally granted privilege for the residents which live on them, offer no real benefit to a city loaded with parks and set-aside fairways for bicycles. That exclusive privilege simply pushes higher traffic on adjacent streets as no one is driving less or slower. Since APD has been gutted, no one is really enforcing them anyway, so the barriers just cause a hazard getting around them. If anything, traffic (cars pumping out carbon while going nowhere) and high-speed stunt driving has only skyrocketed in the past year, despite all the poorly considered "traffic diet" schemes, so this has all been a triple fail for the City.

Sidewalks and streets need work to make flat, even, better signage and occasional APD to slow traffic

Should not be a slow street. It's a main corridor

Should have never been on a business corner.

Should be extended to Otis.

Seems silly to have this slow street here.

See Pacific Slow Street comment.

See pacific

See comments on Pacific.

See above

Santa Clara and Central crossings are dangerous because they are unprotected and people speed on Santa Clara and Central. Please do something about speeding on both Central and Santa Clara.

same as above

same as above

same as above

Same as above

Ridiculous to create a privileged class of residents who can make a public street into a private driveway. The adjacent streets only get more traffic.

Reopen all slow streets

Remove the slow street on Santa Clara privatizing public roads not in the best interest of taxpayers

Remove immediately we have shit to do

Remove barriers

Remove all and choose other ones, let other streets have a chance

Remove

Remove

Reducing traffic, especially around Edison School made it much safer to walk and ride bicycles.

Putting slow street on a business corner is ridiculous when truck access is constantly needed for deliveries and pickups.

Plan better next time an move it to a residential street where it may be better received.

Pull out the barrariers more

Provides a nice safe corridor for kids going to/from Edison but does make it marginally harder to drop off kids and then get on Fruitvale to get to the hwy for work on days we don't walk. Not a deal breaker - still a great thing to have that street be safe.

Privatizing public streets in the name of environmentalism and traffic reduction is absurd. It is not fair.

Prior to slow streets we would see giant commuter buses (google/Apple) use our street to avoid Broadway, and in doing so keeping our children in doors. The slow streets have opened our community in so many ways to our children and neighbors

Plases change Versailles to Pearl!

Please remove

Please make it permanent.

Please make crossing busy intersections easier!

Please keep this a slow street. Too many drivers zip thru here before. It's very nice to have it as a slow street.

Please keep this a slow street! We just need help making sure more cars stay off!

Please connect to Gibbons Dr. to create a network.

Please can we get some law enforcement on the Slow Streets to warn or cite the automobile drivers? They are empowered and now in the habit of ZOOMING a down slow streets, as well as running stop signs. At the beginning of the pandemic and when 'slow streets' started cars were more respectful. NOW, it's like the Wild West on these Slow Streets, and ai have never seen an APD patrol car on them. In particular I find that turning off Versailles onto Santa Clara is a VERY HARD Left turn and hard to get across.

Permanent signage and barrier that is visually appealing should be put in place.

Perfect for walking and biking with kids.

People take no notice of this at Versailles / Encinal it is quite dangerous at this 4 way stop to go around the barrier and miss people. No a good street to use with the business there.

People still drive on it all the time. I almost feel bad being in the street even though my young kids are on a scooter and bike

People still drive down it, especially the part near Edison Elementary. Need a way to really prevent cars from driving down.

People sometimes use this street to speed up to Otis. Please do a traffic sting to get some money for the city and dissuade bad drivers

People literally sit in the middle of the street with lawn chairs and don't allow people who live in Versailles to go through.

People just drive around the barriers and act like it's a regular Street. Pointless.

People are not using them for the intended purpose--I never see bikes, scooters, walkers in the middle of the streets. And, taking public streets for private/limited/localized gains is not equitable. It is inconvenient to the many for the benefit of the few.

Pearl or Mound would be better

Parents dropping kids off at Edison for school activities or summer camp make unsafe decisions to drop kids off at the entrance which is on the closed street. I walk and frequently cross these "Slow Streets" and find this idea a false sense of security. If this street remains closed the drop off location for parents should not be on this slow street side.

Our family and kids love this slow street and we spend hours here every weekend with their friends biking near the school. Having this place to ride safely has been such a gift over the past year, as it is the kids' only way for safe socializing with social distancing. My concern is that over time, the signage and barriers have been removed (especially at the intersections of Buena Vista and Lincoln), making it more dangerous for us to walk and ride here. The thru traffic has increased to normal volumes and drivers go through this street at top speed even with pedestrians and bikers visibly in the road. The neighborhood still needs this street, and we need better barricades and big signage reminding drivers

One of the silliest. There is a park/school playground on Versailles.

One of our kids is learning to ride his bike in a safe way on the street thanks to this Slow Street.

Once Versailles became a slow street people started using Moreland Drive. This street is only 3 blocks long to begin with. This created huge increase in traffic of both cars and delivery vehicles. Most of these vehicles are traveling well over the speed limit. There is going to be an accident and someone is going to get hurt.

Now that school has started, I'm seeing students using this slow street to get to school.

Now that Edison school is back in session, the slow street barriers are creating more hazardous traffic conditions and confusing driving situations.

Not used as much as before. Cars still speed down the street. Very unsafe turning onto street with barricades up.

Not much traffic on this street, so does not make any sense to block it from traffic

Not a community street but rather a street for the high priced homes on the street

None of the slow streets actually slows down enough cars that do make their way onto the street. It prohibits and restricts ingress and egress but then it doesn't seem to make a difference in terms of automobile speed.

No longer necessary

Nightmare for leaving the island adjacently

Never seen this one.

Never see anyone in the street.....all on side walks...not being used as a slow street

need to maintain current barrier. some have been damaged or shoved to one side. Please keep. it slows down traffic around the area

Need permanent barricades or posts to prevent thru traffic. Cars still cut down this street and drive 30+

Near the intersection of Central, people are parking cars in the traffic lane (just past the barricade) and have added a basketball hoop...never see anyone using it, and personal property should not be placed on a public street

My parents live on this street. Cars still speed down the block - I would not feel comfortable letting my child ride a bike or walk in the street without being ready to jump out and be visible to oncoming traffic.

My home is on Versailles and I love being on a slow street and walk it more because of it. I hope you keep all the slow streets, but know about my own street more than others.

My 6 year old learned to ride his bike here. Please don't close it down!!

Much safer for kids walking/ riding to Edison School. Cars used to barrel down the street from Fernside to Santa Clara. I recommend removing the barriers on Burns Vista and Lincoln to allow parents safer drop off and pickup. Overall it has reduced speeding cars on this street

move this slow street to Pearl Ave and create well designed barriers and signage for all slow streets.

Most experienced with this one as a driver and Encinal Hardware customer. Please keep it.

Maybe a stop sign at busy intersections, like Central

Many people use Versailles as a transition point from Gibbons and Central because Versailles has stop sign's in both directions at Encinal Avenue. Parents use Versailles dropping and picking up their kids at Edison School. Lastly there is a hardware store at the Versailles Encinal corner, the signage makes it hard for costumers to park on Versailles.

Many drivers completely disregard the slow street barriers and signs. There should be enforcement so that slow streets can be safe streets

Makes zero sense to have the main north/south street between Broadway and High closed to thru

Makes driving a nightmare and puts pedestrians at risk of accidents.

Makes a dangerous intersection at Versailles and San Jose even more dangerous. Cars are ignoring the stop signs and speeding on San Jose. Especially treacherous for pedestrians. I live on the corner of Versailles and San Jose and was not even given the courtesy of advance warning that the barricades were going up. It makes backing out of my driveway on Versailles very difficult, if not downright dangerous, because cars turning onto Versailles have to come over to the wrong side of the street because of the barricades where I'm trying to back out. Some blocks have been closed for illegal parties and on 4th of July illegal fireworks.

Make the slow street barriers more permanent like Berkeley ca. Streets

Make the barriers more appealing.

Make it clearer here, and on other slow streets, cars are to avoid the street or at least go slow. Make parallel streets less likely to be race tracks for those off slow streets by creating speed bumps or slow down circles.

Make it a permanent slow street. It's great for the walking/biking community. And stops cars from using it as a direct expressway by Edison school. minimizes and slows cars down. Cars speeding down Versailles when not a slow street makes it dangerous for everyone else.

Make crossing at Santa Clara and central easier, especially important for Edison school and high school

Made sense during the pandemic, but now all traffic goes down Moreland, which is much narrower and not designed as a through street

LOVE the slow street on Versailles. I live on Versailles and walk it daily. Instead of being an expressway, promote a community, safe walking zone, and very beneficial to the community. Keep the slow street on Versailles permanently!

LOVE it. Would be better if cross traffic at intersections were calmed (slowed) where that traffic intersects the slow streets

Love it. Residents drive slow enough, no need for speed bumps. Just the barriers in place at the end of the blocks seem to work.

Love it, although we've had a terrifying close call with a car trying to cut through and swerving around the barrier and barely missing my child riding her bike (on the correct side of the street)

Love it! We have a community of kids playing in the street daily and it has greatly reduced the number of jerks cruising 45 mph down our street as a shortcut across the island (which was the norm, before, and incredibly unsafe - we used to have big trucks and google buses even use it as a shortcut and everyone sped). Now I see people walking and biking all the time up and down the street. It feels so much safer and has created community. More slow streets, please!

Live near this area...it is rarely used for...street parties (?), street gatherings, street wanderings. Not a great idea teaching children unsafe middle-of-the-street biking habits that will not serve them well in the real world of sharing the road with cars! We have seen these very bad habits transfer onto NON slow streets...even the ADULTS are biking incorrectly! Make people register their bikes and pass a test showing they know what they should and should not do when biking ANYWHERE. Unknowledgeable bikers can be as dangerous as unlicensed auto drivers.

less crime

John Knox White needs to get laid rather than think up new ways to screw up Alameda.

I've only used this once or twice because it's not my neighborhood

I've only used that one once or twice, but also agree a little more signage might help.

I've noticed the slow streets are not being used 95% of the time by people. Open it up to back to normal traffic.

I've no doubt that my comment about Pacific Ave is the same for Versailles.

I've never been on this one, but I live on the West End.

It's too long. A slow street makes sense by Edison school but to cut off all of Versailles from through traffic has been a hindrance.

It's such a nice street and again forces me, as a driver, to use streets designed to carry more traffic in and out of Alameda

It's made an already notoriously dangerous interaction more dangerous, there is speeding and a disregard for stop signs. I have witnessed ambulance & other first responder vehicles being impeded by the barriers, which necessitated that a first responder leave their vehicle to move the barrier. There is more noise, trash & vandalism since the barriers went up in addition to parking violations. Large biking parties have loitered and left trash and damaged landscaping while using private properties as rest stops. There has also been more problems with crime, the barriers are used by package & catalytic converter thieves as "blinds" or "hides" to conceal their activities and to stash or discard stolen items. The barriers are taken advantage of by illegal firework violators who block off entire blocks for parties, sideshows and fireworks displays which could all lead to fires in a drought impacted community.

It's been amazing for the kids - for walking, biking and just generally playing in the street. Previously cars would come flying down the street and while still some do, for the most part they now have a place to play. Thanks for doing it!

It's nice for kids and non-auto individuals who walk, bike etc. I think the road blocks can be improved. It should extend to Otis.

It makes no sense to have the busiest car street in the neighborhood be prohibited for cars. It just moves frustrated drivers to adjacent streets that are not designed for it and creates more dangerous traffic making turns because there is not a good alternative that is a straight drive from Fernside to the neighborhoods north of Otis.

It isn't respected. Cars fly through still.

It is not fair to the rest of the people who do not live on this street. This is a long street and there are businesses on Encinal and a person cannot park their cars on Versailles to shop at the stores

It impacts getting to/from businesses.

It has so little traffic, why bother? I've never seen anyone walking or biking on it.

It diverts traffic to other streets which increases congestion on some streets. There is a reason for all the streets to be accessible because they better distribute traffic.

It causes people to drive on other streets at a much higher rate of speed and drivers also ignore the slow street signs anyway

IN NEED OF MAJOR REPAIRS.

Improved look

Improve visibility / safety crossing busy streets

Improve the look and keep them

i'm okay about making these slow streets, but there are far better ways of doing so than putting barriers (which I've noticed that not even the POLICE abide by them, let alone delivery drivers/FedEx/Amazon.). As a resident of Versailles, it's ridiculous to be required to veer off of Versailles, drive down Pearl, and then turn again, when I want to get to Encinal hardware. instead of barriers, I would totally support TWO speed bumps on Versailles (These don't make sense on blocks with two stop signs bookending it. Proposal: one speed bump between the stretch from Calhoun to San Jose, and then one between Buena Vista and Fernside)

I'm not sure how this will work with the elementary school next to it. It might make Pearl traffic too

I'm not seeing any increase in walkers, bikers or runners.

I would like to know if there have been fewer accidents at the Central Ave/ Versailles Ave/ Gibbons Drive intersection because of the slow street on Versailles. It's a terrible intersection with frequent accidents. I live close by and seems like fewer accidents but wondering if anyone had looked into this.?

I witnessed a car nearly hitting people on slow street...the individual lived on a slow street....and paid no mind to the people or the barriers. And it has increased dangerous traffic on nearby streets as people get frustrated navigating /changing course

I wish this was one lane and filled with an avenue of trees and plants.

I wish there was a safe and obvious way to connect Versailles with South Shore. It is one of the few north/south safe streets.

I wish it were safer to cross Central Avenue at Versailles - this is a busy and dangerous intersection where cars come from 5 directions. In fact sometimes I skip this slow street altogether when I'm on a bike ride because I don't want to deal with this intersection.

I walk this street several times each week. I can go several places and run lots of errands on foot by using it. I appreciate being able to avoid busy streets.

I walk on Versailles all the time. It is great to have a quiet street to walk on and allows for more appreciation of the street environment without having to contend with a lot of traffic.

I walk down this street often and it's nice sometimes to be able to walk in the street. Seems like we don't really need the slow streets anymore, but if you keep it just make it more "official" - better

I use this slow street very regularly with my small children. We love a safe place for them to practice bicycling, and it's a great connection between a couple of playgrounds

I use this slow street practically every day with my bicycle commute to work.

I use this one the most and see cars constantly ignore it as a Slow Street. Love it though

I use it regularly but there are plenty of other routes available to get where I want to go.

I use it daily

I think Versailles should continue up through marina Dr, so bikers can use our street to get to the high street bridge. We have a significant number of issues with fast cars using our left turn on Marina to bypass the light at high and fern side. This connection would be a win for everyone!

I think this is the most respected and safest slow street. I often see kids out playing, which is so cool

I simply love it.

I see lots of cars speeding

I see cars using it all the time, signs aren't clear if they are open to all cars or only residents living on that street. I don't feel safe having my kids use the slow streets.

I really do appreciate the Slow Streets, and am so grateful that I've had the opportunity to ride and walk along Versailles without having to feel so worried about cars.

I love this one and want to see it made permanent and do more to discourage drivers from driving on it.

I love this east end pathway and. enjoy seeing all the families (particularly near Edison School) using it. There are not barriers at every intersection, however, which causes problems for users who expect vehicles to be made aware, but do not realize they are negotiating a Safe Street intersection. No barriers above Fernside.

I love the Versailles slow street for its sheer length. It makes a beautiful and SAFE daily skateboard ride.

I love that this reduces the complications for cars at the intersection with Gibbons/Central and the basketball hoop! This is a no brainer. Well done.

I love how I can get all the way from Otis to Nob Hill Foods without dealing with traffic. Would be great if it were easier to get across Central Ave.

I love a block away and as an adult learning to ride a skateboard, it's wonderful!

I live one block from Versailles. I've gotten used to having to take an alternative route- not a big deal. I just don't think the goal is currently being met. I see people go around the barricades for through traffic all the time. I also would not feel safe having my young children bike/walk in the street-- there is still a good amount of car traffic. I think it creates a false sense of security and safety.

I live on Versailles, and we have enjoyed the slow street. My main concern is the number of parents I saw driving to and from Edison. It seems to undermine the whole concept of the slow street to have lots of cars on it during times when kids are going to/coming home from school.

I live on Versailles, and I love this slow street. I would not like to lose parking on the street because I live in an apartment with no garage or driveway, but I think the street traffic could be slowed down and the crossing at Versailles and Central be made safer. I enjoy walking and my boyfriend enjoys skateboarding on the street. It is nice to see families out for walks and rides on Versailles.

I live on Versailles between Encinal and Central. While there are fewer cars, many of the cars using the street speed. The barricades do not have the sign that says "not open to through traffic". The barricade by Encinal gets moved back so more cars use the street and become irritated with children playing or walking on the street.

I live on Versailles Avenue and am in support of the slow Streets Program. This program has fostered a sense of connection and camaraderie in my neighborhood that is good for the overall safety and health of the community.

My experience has been that people are no longer heeding the "closed to through traffic" signs. Because of this, I feel there is a false sense of security among children, bicyclists, and pedestrians using the Slow Streets. Can Slow Streets have a 15 MPH limit, like in a school zone? And/Or can police begin patrolling and enforcing these basic safety laws?

I live on Versailles and work from home, so my observations are very data-rich:

- first observation: I only see people walking/biking down Versailles Ave once every week or two. It certainly is not getting used very much for the slow-street intentions.

- second observation: I have seen at least 3 or 4 "close calls" where cars would be trying to enter Versailles and swing wide to avoid the barricade BUT another car was approaching from the other way and hence some tense head-on situations happen. This is dangerous and just a matter of time before someone is seriously injured.

- three: since I live on Versailles but cannot use Versailles any more, I end up often on College Ave and Moreland Dr (since they are parallel and open), but those streets are much more narrow and harder to spot hazards (such as children playing) not to mention playing chicken with oncoming cars. I certainly would not be happy if I lived on one of those streets and saw traffic increase because Versailles is shut

I live on Versailles and it's tricky making a turn into the street because there are some bikers that come racing through the intersection without slowing down and we both have to go through a narrow opening. Same problem for when a car is coming out of the street and I'm trying to turn into it. I've had a couple close calls where we're both trying to go through a narrow opening at the same time. Also, I've seen cars stop respecting the signs and just blaze on through multiple intersections on Versailles like it's a regular street. Doesn't seem like it's being enforced.

I live on Versailles and I love the slow streets safer for children and adults near Edison. Please keep it

I live on Versailles and have absolutely loved having it as a slow street. I walk on it all the time and it has made the street much safer by slowing and reducing traffic. Please keep it slow!

I live on this street on a block that is very long. People walk down the middle of the street blocking traffic for the people who live here.

I live on this street and it's been a pleasure to see how it brought local residents together and encouraged families to exercise outdoors. The biggest impediment to our using it has been the occasional speeding cars down the street in defiance that can make us feel our kids are not entirely safe. I would be 100% for speed bumps and more aesthetically inviting barriers / signage on this street.

I live on this street and do not see people using it any differently than if it were not a slow street. People rarely walk or do other activities in the street, they mostly stay on the sidewalks like on any other street. Cars still use it as a through street all the time. It is very inconvenient not to be able to drive down this street as it is a common street to use through this part of town. It would make more sense to move this to a smaller street like Moreland or get rid of it completely. Alameda already uses good traffic control and the 25 mph speed limit to keep the community safe. This change has felt

I live on this block of slow streets. My observation is lots of cars ploughing through nothing slow about them. Additionally families letting their kids free movement on the street. I have young kids and want them to run free but it's a slow street not a closed street. I've seen a number of close calls.

I live on 1300 block of Versailles. We have enjoyed less traffic and seeing lots of bikers. However.... 1. Getting to Fernside to access the Fruitvale bridge is now making Pearl the street of access choice, putting more cars on Pearl and making it take longer to cross Fernside because of a line on Pearl to wait your turn. 2. If Versailles and Pearl are the best East End choices for SS, then the streets should trade of years. Even/Odd. 3. Because Gibbons ends at Central, we still observe plenty of non residential drivers using Versailles to access Encinal. 5. Why is Versailles/Central//Gibbons not a 5 way stop sign? Crossing Central is always a dicey situation on bike, walking, or driving. Automobile traffic needs an interruption between the loonnngggg stretch from High St to Broadway. The 5 way is the perfect place. No other 5 way in the city is like this. Please emphasize this change.

I live off of Versailles Avenue. It is the most logical street for me to take to get to work. This makes me go out of my way and a very convoluted path when there's a perfectly good street that I can't use. The barriers make a difficult and dangerous when other cars want to turn while you're turning. I think the slow streets are ridiculous idea.

I live next to the Versailles slow street and can confirm that it's been utilized by all of our neighbors on a daily basis. It's been particularly welcome given the way Lincoln (intersecting with Versailles) can serve as a high speed thruway for some cars. Given the high volume of students walking to Edison, I expect this is having a positive knock-on effect in terms of pedestrian safety.

I have yet to see residents actually "enjoying" the benefits of the slow streets on occasion there is 1-2 pedestrians walking on a Sunday afternoon, but given the minimal usage it becomes dangerous because drivers are not prepared for people to walking down the street.

I have walked down Versailles a lot this past year and a half and find that having this as a slow street is a waste. It is very rare to see anyone playing or out in the middle of the street. All it does, is make it more difficult for people to get to Edison or to other streets because Versailles is closed to thru traffic.

I have seen drivers nearly get into an accident crossing Santa Clara from opposite directions because neither one could signal their intentions to continue straight on Versailles and both had to cross over to the wrong side of the street to do so.

I have never understood the "logic" of redirecting vehicle traffic from main thoroughfares to smaller, narrower streets that were never intended for significant traffic. I'm sure the residents who live on those narrower parallel streets really appreciate all the increased traffic over the last 18 months. Please end this ridiculous program now.

I happen to live in College Ave, which is parallel to Versailles. At first the increase in traffic on my street was very disturbing. We and our kids/pets weren't used to it and it felt dangerous. However, I was enjoying walking/biking down Versailles because it felt so safe. But the traffic on College, and the safe/community feeling on Versailles, died down quickly because people in the neighborhood started completely IGNORING the slow streets signage! Sometimes I see kids playing/biking in the street, with cars speeding past! I can get used to increased traffic on College if I can enjoy a safer/slower/quieter Versailles. It's not really working right now.

I find that more and more cars are ignoring the signs and using Versailles to drive on. I like the idea but think that it is time to change the location

I enjoy that this gives my kids a safer route to get to Lincoln School/Bay Farm island

i dont like it

I don't get there often but I've biked on Versailles and it seems like a nice street.

I don't see any people using the street for recreation activities like it was initiated for.

I don't feel there are enough visual signs on each block to let cars know they are on a slow street.

I detest this slow street as it makes crossing intersections very difficult as a driver and a biker. I feel it pushes car traffic onto other streets that are less able to accommodate the cars as well as Versailles did before the slow street.

I believe this creates confusion and slows traffic flow.

I actually feel very unsafe walking in the slow streets. Cars still zip around the barricades and it is not at all safe to be in the street.

Horrible. Many drivers speed up between barricades. Some drivers swerve along the street now. There is no enforcement. Barricades direct bicycles and pedestrians to deep drain entries at corners.

Horrible idea. Needs to be removed.

Hopefully this will make it safer for Edison School children going to and from school.

Having all of these streets closed off make it difficult to drive around town.

Have not had a chance to enjoy yet.

Hardly ever see this being used for what it was intended. However during school hour drop offs and pickups I'm sure it's safer. Having said that, it results in motor vehicles going on other adjoining streets and results in less spare the air and more gas consumption. The adjacent streets east of Versailles are not through streets and suggest that the safe street be limited to the Edison school Versailles frontage.

Hampers the traffic of auto flow through this area and makes it very difficult for those that use cars as their primary mode of transportation. Have never seem this street used for the reasons the city closed

Great way to get from across the island. Also a nice way to connect to the fernside bike path

Good one.

good access to high street and fernside.

Get rid of it. If you want to slow down traffic, enforce the speed limits. These streets are magnets for muggers.

Get rid of it!

Folks still use the street as a thoroughfare and some that do actually drive pretty fast. I see fewer families using the full street now and I would guess that it's because the streets are not as safe as the promise. You cannot really relax knowing that you and your family are protected.

Folks are in constant violation here. There is no one around to provide enforcement this making walking here dangerous

Feels so much safer for kids and families walking to school

Extend the Versailles slow street to Marina Drive and extend along Marina Drive to High Street. Marina Drive is a one lane street and non-residential vehicles drive too fast.

Extend it across the island, to connect other slow streets. Versailles/Otis and Versailles/Fernside intersections are not ped/bike friendly.

Expand.

Excellent and effective!

Encouraging people to walk down the middle of the street is dangerous.

Easy to walk.

Drivers still use the street even though it's closed off. Some of them are speeding. Speed bumps and more permanent barricades would help significantly.

Drivers just ignore it. It creates only the illusion of safety.

Don't use Versailles that much but it always pretty slow when I drive it I can see that being a slow

Don't use this as much but I'm all for it if the resident like it.

Does not work

Do not support.

diverts too much traffic to other streets

Dangerous to have cars & people both in street. Barriers require traffic to drive on wrong side of road. There WILL be an accident and the City WILL be responsible.

Dangerous situation

Dangerous intersections where cross traffic doesn't stop is a big problem. I was with a child who got hit by a car here.

Dangerous intersection as it is. When you go around the cones it creates more confusion and makes parking harder for businesses.

Dangerous and go through a commercial district

Connect it with the San José slow street

Connect it to San Jose and make network.

Concerned that once slow street distinction is removed that children in my neighborhood will be cautioned and retrained that streets are not a open and free playarea.

closing Versailles, a popular north-south street that drivers use after crossing the Fruitvale Bridge, turning on to Fernside and then right on Versailles, diverts traffic to my street, Moreland, one block away. I have to use Pearl to get across Santa Clara and Central, which is much more dangerous because you simply cannot see around vehicles parked too close to the corners on either street.

Change barriers to be more obvious. Could use Berkeley as a model.

Cars still travel on this street. For children told not to play in the street, the slow street is confusing in practice. Some drivers speed on adjacent street to make up for lost time on slow streets. Road rage is real and dangerous.

Cars regularly speed and run stop signs on Versailles. The barriers have helped greatly, but wish they were more permanent.

Cars don't respect it, the barricades are often moved

Bikers/scooters don't use them. They will instead ride in the middle of the (non-slow) street one block over. So what's the point?!

Believe there were some acts of violence on this slow street. Not sure what to do about this, but there should be some alert.

Barely used, Street is slow anyway without special designation.

Awful!

Awful

Auto traffic is diverted.to Gibbons which is narrower than Versailles, making it more dangerous for drivers and pedestrians alike.

As someone who lives on Versailles, I've enjoyed the decreased car traffic and seeing many more families use it for biking, walking, skateboarding, and playing with their kids.

As I indicated I think it would be reasonable to give other streets the opportunity to become slow streets. This particular street doesn't strike me as one that needs slowing down

As a frequent user of this slow street, the biggest issue is people ignoring the barricades and using it like their personal highway. It's not a large number, but frequent enough that you'll see it pretty much every time you walk the street. The intersection at Santa Clara could use a stop, and the always hazardous 5-way intersection at Central needs to be addressed for pedestrian safety in any event. I've seen complaints that this street forces people to go out of the way (by all of one block), but Versailles was never designed to be a thoroughfare to and from the Fruitvale Bridge, even if people got used to using it that way. Better to have commute traffic on High and Broadway.

Another terrific street to walk, a really great area as well. Hope this remains

Although I don't live at the East End, Versailles is a very obvious and needed north/south pedestrian connection for this part of the Island.

Almost the only north/south slow street. Has conflicting use with businesses that are adversely affected. Has dangerous intersection -- Versailles & Central -- that is made more dangerous with the street barriers. San Jose intersection is also potentially dangerous along with Encinal.

Almost nobody uses this "slow" street. Easily accommodates the few bikes and guess what there are sidewalks which pedestrians used before without any noticeable crowding

Almost got run into another car coming around the corner

Almost been hit by cars speeding through here. The slow street make absolutely no sense any more. Do away with them!

all intersections should have 4 way stop sign, very dangerous without

Add stop signs coming IN to the slow street, and remove stop signs ALONG the slow streets. Consider speed bumps?!

Absolutely love and appreciate it! My kids have learned how to safely ride in the street on Versailles!

A slow street next to Edison school makes zero sense. The cars are all diverted to Moreland and it creates more confusion. Now that school is back in session this should end or get relocated

211 Santa Clara Avenue

1621 San Jose Avemie

1621

1372 Versailles Avenue I live here and really LIKE Versailles as a slow street.

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.Keep it forever!

.It's old news now. No one uses this. Get rid of them I

Traffic diverted to Moreland Dr. and more often than not comes SPEEDING down the street'

Because intersects with Santa Clara it is dangerous. I was riding with a child who rode out in front of a car and was hit. Luckily he was ok (scrapes and minor concussion).