



Messages Received in Response to the Pedestrian Mall

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From: Starmie Taylor [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 11:41 AM
To: Crystal Mui
Subject: San Carlos Downtown Pedestrian Mall

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Hello Ms. Mui,

My husband and I have lived in San Carlos since 1988. We have watched San Carlos change through the years; some changes have been acceptable and helpful, but some have not been acceptable and helpful, at least to us.

When I was younger, I would have had no issue with the pedestrian mall downtown San Carlos. But, since I am older and handicapped now, I have issues with the loss of parking spaces and ease of accessibility to certain stores on Laurel Street. And, the parking garage does not help the handicapped.

Often there are not enough back door parking spaces to aid in accessibility.

Has the city considered more handicapped parking spaces on Laurel and behind stores? Has the city considered a free handicap shuttle that runs inside the pedestrian mall on Laurel? Has the city considered making restaurants move their outdoor seating areas off Laurel and creating the space being the businesses in the "alleyways" and restoring Laurel Street to its original design?

I would appreciate hearing from you.

Thanks,

Starmie Taylor

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From: Nancy Oliver [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2023 9:00 PM
To: AdvancePlanning <AdvancePlanning@cityofsancarlos.org>
Subject: Re: Proposed Pedestrian Mall at 700 Laurel Street

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I know everyone is hung ho for this pedestrian mall.

But I, for one< will probably not be visiting most of the stores there.

I have back problems which affect how much I can walk. And the parking is too far away for me to get there easily.

I can get in to the Bank of America because they have a lot. Sometimes, if I'm lucky, I can find parking close to the Hallmark Store. But beyond those two establishments, I just cannot come. I'd sure there are many of us "oldies" who are in the same position.

So if you go ahead with the mall plan, those businesses will continue to be cut off from a lot of us.

Nancy Oliver

From: [Brian Morearty](#)
To: [*City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Support for the formation of the pedestrian mall
Date: Saturday, November 11, 2023 6:53:09 PM

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Hello,

My contact information is [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. I live at [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

I am not a building owner on the 700 Block of Laurel Street, but am a San Carlos resident.

I support the formation of the pedestrian mall. I've lived in San Carlos for 25 years. My wife and I raised our children here. Laurel Street is walking distance from our home and we love walking there. Since the pandemic, when the 700 block was temporarily closed, we've really enjoyed the feel of that block. I think making it a permanent change would allow the city to make visual improvements to make it an even more attractive and pleasant place to walk. I also appreciate the parklets on Laurel. Even though most people are ignoring the risk of COVID now, I still feel safer with outdoor dining. I'm assuming the pedestrian mall would allow outdoor dining to stay.

I'm sure some store owners are concerned about shopping or parking access. On the few occasions when I've driven instead of walked, I didn't notice increased difficulty in parking from before.

Thanks,
Brian Morearty

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