

From: [Rachyl Pines](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council; State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: Keep State Street Car Free Please
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 11:16:23 PM

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Rachyl Pines, PhD

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From: [Dana Denton](#)
To: [Santa Barbara City Council](#)
Subject: No cars on State Street
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 11:04:26 PM

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If someone is counting please tally me in the keep the State St promenade
Use the extra \$ to further enhance
Thank you
Dana Denton

From: atenrok@gmail.com
To: [City Clerk](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: Approval of the State Street Master Plan (11)
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 10:59:33 PM

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Dear Mayor Rowse and Honorable City Council Members,

As a resident of State Street neighborhood, I am writing to express my strong support for the State Street Master Plan. I believe this is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to transform our downtown into a world-class destination that prioritizes people, local business, and community health.

While I support the overall direction of the Draft Master Plan, I want to emphasize my firm position on the following points:

Permanent 24/7 Car-Free Status: I advocate for the core blocks of State Street to remain permanently closed to motorized vehicles 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Reintroducing cars, even on a limited basis, would compromise the safety and "third place" atmosphere that has revitalized downtown over the last few years.

Motorized access should be strictly limited to emergency vehicles and essential city maintenance. We should resist the pressure to allow delivery trucks or ride-share vehicles during daytime or evening hours.

Bicycles and Pedestrians Only: Our downtown should be a sanctuary for active transportation. By keeping the street dedicated strictly to pedestrians and cyclists (with appropriate lane separation), we create a sustainable, quiet, and safe environment that encourages residents to linger and shop.

A car-free State Street is not just a "nice-to-have"; in my opinion, it is an economic and environmental necessity for a resilient Santa Barbara. I urge the Council to be bold and choose a design that puts people first.

Thank you for your time and for your dedication to the future of our city.

Sincerely,
Oleksandr Korneta

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From: [Sarita Vasquez](#)
To: [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: State Street Master Plan comment
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 10:34:32 PM

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My very first concern is 1) If the City is facing budget constraints is it fiscally responsible to take on a project of this cost? That in and of itself, seems fiscally irresponsible. 2) Bollards and closing down the street from 10am-10pm - seems like you might as well save the "bollards and their cost" and keep as is. 3). How about opening cars back up to state street before inviting in such a costly project. It's been a while and a significant % of the community supports this choice. Let's do half of summer with it closed and half of summer with it open - and then let the citizens take a vote. After all, the city should not just be making busy work and find more ways to spend money rather - you should hear from the community and try both so they are fresh in our minds, then let us take a vote. The matter could be decided by the end of Summer with the will of the people speaking. Seems fair.

Thank you.
Sarita V

From: [William Giang](#)
To: [State Street Master Plan](#)
Cc: [Will Giang](#)
Subject: State Street Proposal Feedback
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 9:40:28 PM

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To the City of Santa Barbara:

Regarding the State Street plan in <https://statestreet.santabarbaraca.gov/>, I would strongly recommend against open traffic after 10pm.

Traffic during those times even on weekends, doesn't have enough vehicles to justify opening up the lanes. The funding and organization is better suited to have a single mode rather than a time differential which would cause confusion and collisions.

Additionally, increased car traffic releases carbon monoxide into nearby businesses, which has historically decreased revenue and life expectancy.

The key takeaways are accurate and very well thought out. The plan to increase foliage and green spaces is a welcome change.

Please also encourage businesses to have longer operating hours. Most businesses close after 9 or 10pm which reduces traffic to other businesses.

Organizing events would incentivise patrons to linger. Street fairs, art exhibits, musical events are highly recommended if they do not disrupt local businesses.

Improving theatres would create more incentives for other businesses driving demand around showtimes. Staggering showtimes across theaters would create a cycle of pedestrian traffic to drive business revenues.

Pop ups are popular because there is demand. Local storefronts are closing because creating a pop-up is cheaper than establishing a fixed location.

Turn the empty storefronts into a shared space for surrounding businesses. Shared seating is available for bars and restaurants in the more popular destinations.

For business locations with historically low success rates, rezone the building into medium density residences. Commercial buildings are plentiful. Successful businesses are rare. Everyone wants housing.

Mixed-use buildings, especially those with housing, are a requirement for maintaining healthy downtowns.

Thank you for reading. Appreciate all the work you do to create such a more vibrant city.

Keep it up!

Best of luck,

From: [Christine M. Thomas](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: Car free State Street please
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 6:52:15 PM

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This is just a comment in favor of keeping the State Street promenade completely car free 24/7.

There is no good reason to open it to car traffic, and many good reasons to keep it closed: safety, prioritizing foot traffic, clean air. It does not make sense to open it to car traffic precisely at night when people are leaving venues in the dark! Leaving cars out of the picture would also allow the street to be more accessible to foot traffic and the disabled by not necessitating obstacles like curbs, bollards, and striping.

Thank you. I am delighted with the other aspects of the plan. I think this is a great investment in the continued vibrancy of our city.

Christine M. Thomas
Goleta

From: [Kelly R. McAdoo](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [Nicole Grisanti](#); [Tess Harris](#)
Subject: Fwd: State Street Solution
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 5:42:39 PM

Kelly McAdoo
City Administrator
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Cc: "Kelly R. McAdoo" <KMcAdoo@santabarbaraca.gov>, Cass Ensberg <cassejd@gmail.com>
Subject: State Street Solution

To the Mayor of Santa Barbara and members of the City Council.

There is nothing more difficult in business or government that recognizing that something is wrong and correcting it.

Pre Covid State Street was the heart of downtown Santa Barbara. While shutting down the street and allowing restaurants to open parklets was understandable it did very little for anyone but a few restaurants. When the covid crises ended, rather than reopen the Street with a few improvements, the decision was made to develop a 'Master Plan' for the future. Five years later and after spending over \$1,000,000 we have a Street in decline and a plan that, agree with it or not, is as economically feasible as the High Speed Railway from L.A. to S.F. Open the Street immediately, give it a good cleaning and make a few improvements that the City can afford and hope the damage already done can be reversed.

George Lilly


From: [Kelly R. McAdoo](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [Nicole Grisanti](#); [Tess Harris](#)
Subject: Fwd: Reopen State Street
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Subject: Reopen State Street

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Dear Santa Barbara Mayor and Council with copy to City Administrator and Council Secretary,

State Street needs to be reopened as our #1 priority.

The details of your discussion should support this in light of our financials and the fact that State Street is our main street and has served well up until it was closed for Covid.

The community needs the street restored and in no way should parades be relocated or eliminated - they belong on State Street for our biggest community celebrations.

There are many of us who feel this way and who have felt marginalized and disregarded. Do not allow your leadership to be "Strong Armed".

Thank you,

Tom Jacobs, Architect and Santa Barbara resident and community volunteer for 48 years.

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Tom Jacobs, Architect 



ejdtom@gmail.com

From: [Kelly R. McAdoo](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [Nicole Grisanti](#); [Tess Harris](#)
Subject: Fwd: Please reopen and restore State Street Now
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 5:39:23 PM

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Subject: Please reopen and restore State Street Now

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Dear Mayor & City Council,

I urge you to consider the restoration of State Street as a way to unify the locals of this great city.

For almost everyone I talk to about State Street, they see the current situation as nothing but dysfunctional & unsafe.

For many years, locally & across the country, our State street was considered an excellent example of what small town planning could be.

Vibrant, and active, and full of joy - it made a lot of sense. Cars, pedestrians, cyclists, all coexisting in harmony.

There was always Ebs & Flo's of successful businesses & restaurants, but we always loved to come downtown and partake in city life.

State Street: known for it's beautiful buildings that enclose the street into a lovely scaled outdoor space. With brick sidewalks that are wide and offer plentiful space for outdoor dining, street musicians, and strolling public. We were very proud.

City scapes need to make sense, provide safety, and promote commerce. It does not live up to that today.

Thank you for listening, and your action to restore our beautiful city.

Mark Wienke, Architect

From: [Kelly R. McAdoo](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [Nicole Grisanti](#); [Tess Harris](#)
Subject: Fwd: Please ask yourself these questions first
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 5:39:00 PM

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Subject: Please ask yourself these questions first

I know you're receiving a lot of email about the proposed State St. Master Plan. Regardless of your view on the plan, **the first question to ask is where will the \$100,000,000 come from?**

Please make sure that the direction you take from this:

- Has adequate funding
- Considers the infrastructure and staffing required by the city
- Is truly achievable within a realistic timeframe
- Establish success metrics for the project that allow the city to have a successful and vibrant downtown

These questions should be answered before deliberating on the details of the plan itself. I'm happy to help with any or all of these issues.

Thanks!

Monte

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Monte Wilson

From: [Kelly R. McAdoo](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [Nicole Grisanti](#); [Tess Harris](#)
Subject: Fwd: WE need State Street Open while we wait
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 5:38:36 PM

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Subject: **WE need State Street Open while we wait**

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Dear City Leaders

It's important to have State Street Open **now** and functioning as a normal street (with automobiles, pedestrians, bicycles, merchants, restaurants, galleries, etc) while any changes to your "Master Plan" is discussed or implemented.

Please.

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Architect Peter Walker Hunt AIA

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From: [Dennis Thompson](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Item #11, State Street Master Plan
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 5:38:02 PM

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Dear Council Members-

I participated 2020 AIA Design Charrette for State Street and have followed the State Street planning efforts ever since.

I believe that the current Draft State Street Master Plan has checked all the boxes and presents a very balanced proposal, and I hope you will endorse it so that we can get on with implementation.

Sincerely,

Dennis Thompson, FAIA, LEED AP



www.dthompsonarch.com

Office Phone: 805-679-5030

From: [Kelly R. McAdoo](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [Nicole Grisanti](#); [Tess Harris](#)
Subject: Fwd: Open State Street now
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 5:36:04 PM

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Subject: Open State Street now

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We are opposed to your waste of taxpayer dollars to fund a useless plan to close the street to cars....try fixing streets and homeless instead....

Anne Johnston
Soleil Studio, Inc
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anne.soleil.studio@gmail.com

From: [Ann Brinker](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: State St
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 5:35:49 PM

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I support a no car master plan of State St.
Ann Brinker

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From: [Lee Kuroda](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: No Cars on State Street
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Cars and pedestrians simply don't mix.

From: [Lee Kuroda](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
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Subject: No Cars on State Street
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From: [Avery Rose Cloud](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Item #11
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 5:12:59 PM

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Hello, my name is Avery Rose Cloud. I am a student at Santa Barbara City College, live in Lompoc, & frequently shop along State Street. I am writing in to say that while I truly love the design being proposed for State St., I do NOT approve of opening the road for cars. A lot of residents & visitors have told me how much they love the safe, walkable & bikeable route down State Street. I enjoy the safety & freedom of mobility as well. Not having dumb douchebags revving engines, honking horns, or the stink of exhaust is such a lovely relief along State Street. Having cars again would ruin this connectedness & there absolutely will be an increase in accidents. Even if it's an overnight parking policy, people will always be entitled & leave vehicles parked long past their due. Opponents may argue about parking, but I have found plenty of parking availability in garages just off the main road. Santa Barbara drivers are already accustomed to the slight detours & do not need driving access down State Street regardless of time of day or night. I am asking you, the City Council of Santa Barbara, to please keep State Street car free.

I do want to highlight some positive opinions I have about the proposal. I think it's incredible to bring in an electric shuttle looping route, this will open accessibility for the elderly & disabled. I also support the wider sidewalks to accommodate the high human walking flow & allowing for outdoor eatery seating. Keeping the trees plentiful adds not only beauty, but aids in cooling. Adding multi-rise housing adds much needed homes for Santa Barbara County & takes up less land to do so. I would like to emphasize, there is a lot in the proposal I & many others do look forward to. However, allowing vehicle traffic & parking along State Street will ruin the area. It will negatively impact businesses, safety, enjoyment, & flow of access. Please move forward with a car free plan.

Thank you for your time.

~ Avery Rose Cloud

From: [Gibson](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: No cars on state!
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 5:00:47 PM

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I believe keeping state street closed to cars is the safest decision for Santa Barbara
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To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: NO CAR PLEASE
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 4:54:57 PM

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To this whom may consider,

please don't put cars on State Street. We love to walk and talk thank you.

Cheers,
Jasmine Garcellano

From: [jasmine garcellano](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
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From: [Jonah Schwartz](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: No Cars on State!!!
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 4:54:16 PM

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We do not want cars back on state street.

Jonah Schwartz

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From: [Belle Davis](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
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Subject: No Cars on State
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 4:41:14 PM

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Hello to whom it may concern ,

I hope you are having a nice day. I am emailing to express my concern about the possibility of cars returning to State Street. As a service industry employee in the downtown area, having cars at night would adversely affect my business. I also worry about the safety of pedestrians, particularly intoxicated ones, who enjoy connecting on State Street. Having a car-free State Street creates a more relaxed, safer, and kinder downtown community and supports local businesses. Please vote to keep State Street car-free!

Best wishes,
Belle Davis

From: [Belle Davis](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
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Hello,

I'm writing to you to share my opinion as a constituent of Santa Barbara. Since closing State street to cars, I've visited much more regularly and been more likely to bring any visiting friends and family to state street to browse local businesses. State Street should prioritize pedestrians and bicycles, and remain closed to cars for the entire length.

The increased bike and foot traffic is **good for local businesses**. We often bike to downtown to buy an ice cream, eat dinner, or do some shopping.

Keeping the street closed to cars is safer for everyone and makes the space more inviting/comfortable for pedestrians to exist in.

The downtown/waterfront shuttle should be fully funded to help provide equitable means of accessing downtown areas and assist those less-able to walk in accessing all of State Street, the waterfront, and the Funk Zone. This helps solve any problems or complaints of accessibility.

I would be personally devastated if state street opened to car traffic again and would subsequently spend significantly less time there and less money at businesses there.

Thank you for your time,
Carmen McCotter

From: carmenmccotter@gmail.com
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: Keep state street car free
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 4:39:51 PM

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The downtown/waterfront shuttle should be fully funded to help provide equitable means of accessing downtown areas and assist those less-able to walk in accessing all of State Street, the waterfront, and the Funk Zone. This helps solve any problems or complaints of accessibility.

I would be personally devastated if state street opened to car traffic again and would subsequently spend significantly less time there and less money at businesses there.

Thank you for your time,
Carmen McCotter

From: [Sarah Gill](#)
To: [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Keep State Street Car-Free
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 4:39:00 PM

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Hello,

I am writing in overall support of the proposed State Street Master Plan.

In the plan, thank you for including:

1. Protection of mature trees and planting additional shade trees
2. Housing in Paseo Nuevo and in underutilized city-owned parking sites
 - i. Please consider as much density and height on these sites as is feasible
3. Lighting that maintains views of the night sky and maximize energy efficiency
4. Addition of more public restrooms

If any changes are made to the plan, please lean towards as much restriction of car access as is feasible.

I understand the compromise of designing to allow easy access for emergency vehicles, and allowing some access for municipal and service vehicles from 10pm-10am. However, please keep this compromise only to necessary vehicles, and do not open State Street to all vehicles even between 10pm-10am. The very limited possible benefits of allowing general traffic on State Street overnight do not outweigh the significant safety risks.

Thank you,

Sarah Gill

Master of Public Policy

The University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy

From: [Kate Winn-Rogers](#)
To: [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: State Street Master Plan
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 4:17:56 PM

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I have been actively involved in many reviews, discussions and debates on the fate of our State Street – even before the COVID traffic shut down. I lived in a condo in the downtown area for three years (2016 – 2019) before I had to move away due to the homeless population, which was dangerous for a single woman. I even heard tourists comment on the sorry state of our ‘Street’, the level of homelessness and their hostility of these unfortunate people. The street was dirty, had hardly any shoppers and it was dangerous to walk from the Arlington / Granada area to the El Paseo area after 8pm. So I had to move – it was dangerous to live there as a single woman, let alone shop, since we had few shops and a high vacancy rate at that time.

And then we had COVID and the ingenious idea to (finally) close the street to traffic and make it a walking zone so people could get out. Popular government rhetoric would have you believe that this is when we lost the vibrancy of the Street, but nothing could be further from the truth. After the first few panic months of the pandemic, people wanted to get out! Have some fun. Eat. So out intrepid restaurants set up outdoor dining. And it was hugely successful. Then they expanded, with City approval, I might add, into the street that was now pedestrianized. More business followed. The street was packed with people strolling and going into what stores remained. Countless surveys were taken and in every one, the people of Santa Barbara, visitors and shop owners were thrilled with the new system.

But then we had a new extremely young group of ‘city planners’, who were pro-bicycling and obviously anti-pedestrian. I could go on and on about this but it has been documented extensively. We, as a City, have spent an inordinate amount of time and money (which we don’t really have to spend) on this project.

All of which brings me to my comments on the current iteration of the Plan. It actually looks like a viable compromise. By keeping a significant portion of the street as a pedestrian zone, we still accomplish making our town approachable and friendly. When people are walking, they go into shops and buy things. When they are in a car zooming by, they do not stop or buy things.

By widening the sidewalks we acknowledge that people are important – not just bicycles and speeding e-bikes. For this plan to work it will be MANDATORY that the police enforce the speed limits and rules of the road on the intransigent people who insist in making the road dangerous with their biking.

I do have some issues with the plan. Firstly, the retractable bollards are a wonderful idea. Far more pleasing to the eye than the current set up, but also give us the flexibility for safety and

delivery. BUT, and this is a big BUT – having them go down at 10pm is fraught with danger! I know Santa Barbara likes to think of ourselves as a quiet town that rolls up the streets at 9 or 10pm. Which is sort of true, but many venues, such as the Granada, Lobero and Arlington don't finish concerts until 10pm, or later. And people are still eating and drinking and using the street. It will be extremely confusing for the early time of 10pm for cars to be allowed on the street. Something like midnight would be far more reasonable and will more than likely lead to fewer accidents and possibly people being killed by not understanding the early change in street traffic.

I would also like to see our restaurants having more space for outdoor dining. We live in one of the most temperate climates in the United States and to be able to dine outdoors most of the year is a perk we should celebrate and look to enhance, not cut off.

And finally, of course, how does the City expect to pay for all of this!? If the City taxes are raised even further, success will not be forthcoming. Coming to visit Santa Barbara is almost prohibitive due to the cost of hotels and meals, so a tax increase just won't do it. That's the hub of any of this.

I hope my comments are helpful to the Committee as they review this newest iteration of 'The State Street Plan'.

Kate Winn-Rogers

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From: [Phil Mayes](#)
To: [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: State Street Master Plan
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 4:14:58 PM

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I would like to comment on the State Street Master Plan being discussed. On pp. 15-16, it says:

"10 PM – 10 AM (Overnight Off-Peak): Bollards lowered. Vehicles allowed for deliveries, refuse collection, maintenance, and private access. A City appointment system will accommodate special construction and delivery needs outside normal windows."

The percentage of vehicle accidents involving alcohol rises during the night hours ([NHTSA](#)). I suggest that one of the alternatives be used instead.

1. Access for deliveries, refuse collection, and maintenance uses an appointment system.
2. The technology that automatically retracts the bollards upon approach could be used for some of the above categories.
3. The access hours should be 6 AM - 10 AM.

Sincerely,
Phil Mayes



From: [Virginia Llewellyn](#)
To: [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: State St Master Plan
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 4:13:15 PM

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The draft master plan has some great ideas - make the area more welcoming, safer, and cleaner. But you cannot do this with the e-bikes speeding down the middle of the street.

You must ban e-bikes on State St. I'm not talking about the pedal-assist bikes like the ones from BCycle that are used by tourists or casual weekend riders (myself included), but the fully powered e-bikes that are mostly used by teenagers showing off, speeding, and doing wheelies to impress their friends. The adjacent streets should have dedicated e-bike lanes for people who need fully motorized bikes for transportation (Chapala up and Anacapa down). Some of the budget needs to be set aside for enforcement. "Suggestions" are meaningless unless enforced. This is the only way to ensure people will really return to State St. the way we all want.

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Virginia Llewellyn
vllewellyn@gmail.com

From: [Elizabeth Phifer](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: No cars state
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 4:10:32 PM

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Elizabeth

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Many good ideas presented.

A few thoughts:

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- Close street to bicyclists and e-bikers and provide Chapala as an alternative.
- Proceed with housing development on Nordstrom site NOW!

Thank you for the opportunity to make comments.
Kate Mead

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To: [City Clerk](#); [Nicole Grisanti](#); [Tess Harris](#)
Subject: Fwd: We Want Our Main Street Back
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 3:40:45 PM

Kelly McAdoo
City Administrator
805-564-5539 office
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone - pardon any typos!

Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: We Want Our Main Street Back

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please Reopen and Restore State Street, now! It is the heart of Santa Barbara; parklets and speeding motorbikes are not. We have plenty of parks around town. Without cars, the asphalt street is ugly, barren of aesthetics, and not conducive of pedestrian traffic. From the asphalt, people do not look and cannot see the businesses that still exist. I miss the parades up and down State Street, where they should be. What good is an otherwise beautiful city with an ugly main street? It is time to put aside the special operation brought on by covid.

Thank you,

Frank J. Artusio

From: [Rick Reicker](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: No Cars on street
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 3:30:43 PM

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From: [Rick Reicker](#)
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From: [Susie Tomlinson](#)
To: [State Street Master Plan](#)
Cc: [SSAC Secretary](#)
Subject: State street new design and plan---NOT GOOD! Don't waste our money again !!
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 3:02:15 PM

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City council,

I am amazed at how much this “masterplan” would cost PER BLOCK, where is that money going to come from? There have been well written opinions in the Noozhawk newspaper the past two weeks by: Mark Dewey, Dana Hansen, Paul Meisel, Dan Lindsay, Arhur Villegas, David Smukowski, Sherry Cabrera and lastly by Bill McFadyen in his multi focused article why State St should be opened to cars.

Keeping this street closed, has demonstrated since Covid-that it doesn't work at keeping our downtown area vibrant and economically stimulated with shoppers and diners. Are you seriously going to spend millions of dollars (whose money by the way?) so that e-bikers and their “Pseudo “ bicyclists (that don' have to pedal them) can have a field day and a place to do wheelies and tricks? I'm shocked that all the leaders of this city are even contemplating this!! Those people doing wheelies and tricks are not shopping downtown. There could be a city parking lot that is under utilized for them or playgrounds after hours to use their “bikes” many of which are more like mini motorcylces.

Ever since covid shut everything down, this part of town has not come back to what it was before, and comparing it to Montecito, Goleta, Milpas and uptown State street which have people shopping and businesses being supported, you are not going to re-vive lower State without more auto traffic. 10p-10Am is worthless to shoppers and/or people doing business downtown in their cars.

Do not waste our money, especially when there are huge deficits evident now and in the near future for our city. Why do we charge for parking downtown when Goleta, Montecito, upper State and Milpas have no public parking and the fees that come with/ staffing these parking lots?

Stop spending money on “studies” of what is supposedly good for our town. Start making decisions NOT based on ethereal visions, do adequate research and stop constantly playing politics at every moment and run our city responsibly You have wasted money on these studies for many years now, and refusing to re-open the street as it was prior to Covid should be done now.

Thank you for reading this message.

Susie Tomlinson
susietom10@gmail.com

From: [Jordan Incorvaia](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: Keep State Street Car-Free, Please
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 1:50:11 PM

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Hello Santa Barbara City Clerk & State Street Master Plan team,

I'm writing to provide comment on Item 11 for the City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 28th. While the State Street Master Plan is, overall, excellent, it has the glaring error of allowing private vehicles back onto State Street between 10pm and 10am. I feel that allowing access to private vehicles, at any time, is a step backward for State Street and for our city.

I moved to Santa Barbara several years ago from rural Michigan, where there weren't even sidewalks, let alone the type of pedestrian infrastructure that currently exists and is proposed on State Street. One of my favorite things about living in Santa Barbara is walkability; I walk to work, to the grocery store, to the new Film Center, to meet up with friends, everywhere. When I am walking around town, I purposefully walk down State Street due to the lack of cars; it is a quieter, safer, and altogether more pleasant place to walk than any other street in town. If cars are brought back, I and many other residents will patronize State Street less frequently. Walking to Dune or Cafe for a coffee before work, or to Institution or Night Lizard for a late-night beverage, would no longer be as enjoyable. My quality of life will suffer, and so will those of the owners and employees of the businesses I patronize.

State Street is the beating heart of Santa Barbara. There are other commercial corridors, like San Andres and Milpas, but those are not streets where people meet up, or hang out, or linger. What State Street has become is not a "street," in that its function is not to travel from one place to another; State Street is the place people use other streets to travel to. If cars are brought back, and State Street becomes just another street, a core piece of Santa Barbara's identity will be lost. Please consider removing private vehicle access from the State Street Master Plan.

Thank you,

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To: [City Clerk](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: State Street Master Plan
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 1:34:59 PM

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Hello,

My name is Akim and I support the plan but want State Street to stay car-free 24/7. We have a dog with anxiety issues, and having more walkable space on the street has been crucial for us to be able to go out with her. We are also from Europe where walkable streets are essential. We have many European friends with dogs and little children, who are also opposed to opening the street to cars.

Thank you for your attention,
Akim

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From: [allie cole](#)
To: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [City Clerk](#); [SSAC Secretary](#)
Subject: Please Keep State Street Car-Free — A Promenade Worth Protecting
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 1:12:09 PM

Dear Members of the Santa Barbara City Council and others,

I'm a Santa Barbara local, I've lived here my whole life, and these days I live on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I'm writing to urge you to keep State Street closed to cars along the full length of the current promenade, and to fully fund the downtown/waterfront shuttle so that everyone, regardless of mobility, can enjoy the heart of our city.

I won't pretend to be neutral about this. Living a half block away, I'm on the promenade constantly, and what started in 2020 as an emergency response has become the best thing that's happened to downtown in my lifetime here. The promenade is no longer just a street; it's a place. Families stroll without worrying about traffic. Teenagers and young adults have somewhere lively and safe to spend an afternoon. Visitors linger longer, and locals actually want to be downtown again. Reversing that would throw away a genuinely rare civic win.

A few points I'd ask the Council to weigh carefully:

Pedestrians and bikes are good for business. The narrative that cars equal commerce hasn't held up on State Street. Foot traffic has gone up, multiple business owners have reported stronger revenue, and the blocks that felt hollowed out pre-2020 are alive again. People who walk and bike stop more often and stay longer than people driving through looking for parking.

Car-free is safer for everyone. Removing vehicle traffic removes the single biggest danger on a downtown street. Kids can walk ahead of their parents. Older residents don't have to navigate crossings. Diners aren't a few feet from moving traffic. As someone who walks these blocks nearly every day, I can tell you the current configuration quietly does an enormous amount of safety work that we'd miss immediately if it were gone.

The shuttle is the equity piece. The strongest argument for reintroducing cars is access for people who can't easily walk the full length of the promenade and that concern deserves a real answer. Fully funding the downtown/waterfront shuttle is that answer. It connects State Street, the waterfront, and the Funk Zone without sacrificing the pedestrian environment that makes any of those places worth visiting in the first place. That's a real equity solution, not a concession that undoes the promenade for everybody.

The Quick-Build closure was a small bet that paid off. The State Street Advisory Committee is now doing the serious work of turning that experiment into a permanent plan through the Master Plan process, and that process deserves to finish before anyone starts pulling cars back onto the street.

Please keep State Street car-free and fully fund the shuttle. As a lifelong local living right off the promenade, I can say with confidence that what's happening on State Street right now is something Santa Barbara should be proud of and I hope the Council chooses to protect it.

Thank you for your time and for the care you've given this decision.

Sincerely,
Allie Cole



From: [Dana Hoffenberg](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#)
Subject: Public Comment - State St Master Plan: Protect Morning Bike Commuters
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 1:04:32 PM

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Dear City Clerk and Members of the City Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft State Street Master Plan, and for the remarkable work Council, City staff, and the Advisory Committee have put into it.

As a Santa Barbara resident who lives and works in this city, I am asking the Council to change the proposed vehicle access window of 10:00 p.m.–10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.–7:30 a.m. As written, the plan protects the street for cyclists in the afternoon and evening but leaves the morning commute — when adults are biking to work and children are biking to school — open to vehicle traffic. I urge the Council to correct this before the plan is finalized.

The draft plan recognizes that “State Street serves as the spine of the citywide bicycle network” (pg. 67). Keeping vehicles on that spine through the heart of the morning commute places cyclists and motorists in direct conflict during peak commute hours.

Private vehicles simply do not need access to State Street during those hours. The plan itself states that, prior to being closed to vehicle traffic, “the actual utility of driving [on State] was negligible,” and that closing the street had no material effect on traffic congestion on surrounding streets (pg 65). Drivers have safe alternatives. Cyclists largely do not.

A 10:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. window still provides substantial overnight time for deliveries and service operations, and as the plan makes clear, delivery vehicles have dedicated loading and unloading zones on adjacent cross streets and can use the city’s appointment system for access onto State when needed.

For a bicycle commute to feel viable, both legs of the commute need to feel safe. The current schedule protects the evening commute but leaves the morning commute unprotected — and that asymmetry will discourage exactly the kind of mode shift the city has committed to encouraging. Santa Barbara is a Vision Zero city expanding its BCycle bike share network this May. The State Street access schedule is a concrete opportunity to put those commitments into practice.

I did not bike to work before State Street closed to vehicle traffic. Sharing the road with cars during morning rush hour never felt safe enough to make it a real option. I tried it once and never did it again. The Promenade changed that — I now regularly commute by bike using BCycle, with State Street as a central part of my route.

Shifting the vehicle access window to end at 7:30 a.m. is a small change with real consequences — it means safer streets for people who have chosen to get out of their cars, and a concrete step toward the safer, more sustainable city Santa Barbara has committed to building.

Thank you for your time, dedication, and leadership in these endeavors.

Sincerely,

Dana Hoffenberg
City of Santa Barbara resident and community member

From: [NB Home](#)
To: [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: State Street Master Plan
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 12:28:35 PM

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I think the flexibility makes a lot of sense. I love the closures but understand that they can create difficulty. This, from my modest review, seems to thread the needle with some common sense. Thank you!

NancyBell Coe
Sent from my iPad



From: [Caitlin Swalec](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: State street - keep it vehicle free please
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 12:27:47 PM

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Hello,

I've lived in Santa Barbara since 2017 and intend to stay for life. Making State Street vehicle free was one of the best transitions this city has ever made. Please keep it vehicle free 24/7. I walk and bike this street at least 4-5 times per week at many different times of day. Being able to safely run down the street without worrying about vehicles or inhaling exhaust is such an underrated and important feature of Santa Barbara.

Thank you,
Caitlin

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From: [Javiera Barandiaran](#)
To: [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: State street master plan
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 12:19:42 PM

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Hello,

Thank you for your work on this master plan. I write to reiterate my massive support for keeping cars OFF State St. Since it became a pedestrian and bike friendly street I feel it has come to life. In all my years here, this is the most lively downtown I have ever seen and I attribute that to it becoming a pedestrian zone.

Some additional points to consider: I also applaud the idea of more residential housing along State St., and of converting old retail space into apartments. UCSB should be interested in, for example, turning Paseo Nuevo into graduate student housing coupled with more frequent public transit services. This would be a win-win for all - including our graduate students.

I also support more services specifically for teenagers and young adults, like a roller rink or alcohol-free venues for music, hanging out, etc. (like the fun zone behind the batting cages used to provide, and as Wylde Works has on occasion provided)

Cheers,
Javiera

From: [John Beardsmore](#)
Subject: State Street Plan
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 11:57:38 AM

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Hello all,

I want to start by saying I respect the work that's gone into this. Everyone at this table wants the same thing — a downtown that's alive, that draws people in, that works for local businesses. I'm not here to be an obstacle to that.

But I can't support this project the way it's currently laid out, and I want to explain why.

The budget situation in this city is real. We're already stretched thin, already having hard conversations about core services and basic infrastructure. Signing on to something that could run into the tens of millions — with no clear, stable funding plan behind it — that's not a risk I think we can responsibly take right now. Good intentions don't pay for cost overruns.

And here's what really bothers me: we're being asked to make a permanent, expensive decision before we've even tried the obvious, cheap thing first. What if we just reopened State Street to cars? Maybe not fully, maybe as a pilot — but let's actually try it. It costs almost nothing, we could do it quickly, and it would give us real information. Right now we're working from projections and assumptions. I'd rather have data.

If we open the street back up and it doesn't move the needle, fine — then we have a stronger case for the bigger redesign. But if it helps, even a little, then we may have just saved ourselves a massive capital investment that we can't easily undo.

This isn't about fighting change. It's about not skipping steps. Test something small first. See what the numbers actually say. Then decide.

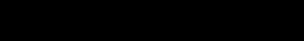
I'm asking the Council to hit pause, revisit the timing, and give reopening State Street a real, honest try before we commit to something this large and this permanent.

John Beardsmore

From: [Devin Leonard](#)
To: [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: Item 11, State St Master Plan
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 10:14:50 AM

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Hi- there is simply no reason to allow cars on State Street at any hour. Why create our own Disneyland, but allow motor vehicles to drive through the parade? Please take this to its logical end, and close State St to all but licensed deliveries and law enforcement, and set a speed limit of 5 miles per hour, for safety, but also noise pollution prevention, and beauty!

Very Sincerely, Devin Leonard, PhD, 

From: [Katie Lewis](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: State Street Master Plan - Item 11
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 10:07:50 AM

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State Street needs to be opened up to cars.

We need to have the Fiesta parade and all other parades on State Street again.

Shuttles are not enough. Delivery trucks in off hours are not enough.

State Street was taken away from us without a vote, without consent, without any consideration for the future.

Mary Rose Bryson
Born and raised in Santa Barbara

From: [steve martin](#)
To: [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: Open state street
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 9:52:41 AM

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We've been trying with State Street clothes for many years and it has done nothing for the downtown area I say open it back up for vehicle traffic even if it's only one way let people see State Street without having to get out of their vehicles Park someplace and walk

Steve

From: acourier@gmail.com
To: [Santa Barbara City Council](#)
Cc: [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: I walk it every day 2-3 times a day
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 9:50:09 AM

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There is no better sense of community one can find by visiting this street and strolling down. I know my neighbors there better than my literal neighbors. Guards are down. It's a public place to be in public. The people watching is better than anywhere else, you get a sense of the world not just Santa barbarians but the tourists that flock here via train or boat or plane. When the busses of tourists unload they all take their pictures from the middle of state at figueroa looking down toward the ocean. A perfect mostly always sunny straight shot of a place many dream to live and many live with less in order to stay.

The street is lined on both sides all the way to the ocean with vibrant restaurants, outdoor seating at cafes (from where I'm writing now), active shopping stores impressive in the age of Amazon. One need only cross Haley to see how much cars change the vibe. Obnoxious attention seekers floor it through the tunnel, cars peeling out, near accidents and red light runners. The restaurants become hidden away indoors, or at most fenced in for the illusion of safety. It's dirtier it's less pleasant to stay. It's just the hallway to the beach we all use.

I am a daily observer here. I walk it every single day and enjoy it everyday. I live downtown. I don't miss the few parades a year here. There are better wider streets for that. I'm good with progress.

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Subject: Support for Draft State Street Master Plan
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 9:37:10 AM

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From: [Donald](#)
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Subject: State St Master Plan
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 9:00:23 AM

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Please keep State St. entirely free of private cars, allowing only delivery vehicles before 10 AM.

I keep trying to find a reason why the benefit of allowing private vehicles on State St is greater than the benefit of having a promenade free of private cars, and I cannot do so. The two parallel streets now easily handle all the traffic, and they are preferred by locals because timed lights create a quicker journey. Cars can't park on State to patronize a store or restaurant. Is the proposal meant to encourage "cruising" up and then down the street, something I often observed while sitting outdoors at a coffee shop on State Street before vehicle traffic was eliminated?

Donald E. Polk

From: [Architecture, J. A., Inc.](#)
To: [Santa Barbara City Council](#)
Subject: State Street enhancements
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 8:51:53 AM

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Greetings,

You will probably recall that in 2017 the Santa Barbara chapter of the American Institute of Architects held a charette to develop ideas for the revitalization of state street. This event, which included about 50 local architects, city staff, and interested members of the public, and was provided at no charge, promoted the idea of linking the numerous paseos that occupy the center of many blocks on both sides of State Street. Where existing paseos do not exist, portions of parking lots could be modified to create usable open space. With this idea a pedestrian corridor could be created through a very special part of the city while leaving the main street through our town open from the waterfront to the north side. Tourism is also enhanced when guests can navigate the town by car before choosing an area of interest to park and explore.

The study that the city has commissioned is a complete for the revitalization of State Street is a complete and unnecessary waste of taxpayer money and is far too voluminous to be understood by the majority of citizens.

I urge the council to abandon the recommendations of the study and the ideal of closing the main artery of our city. An artery that has been developed over the years as the center of the town. There are many better options for the revitalization of the downtown corridor, the primary one being the AIASB's linking of paseos. Please look at this issue intelligently and follow the preferences of our fellow citizens.

Dan Johnston. A.I.A.

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From: [Mike Suding](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Cars on State Street
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 8:35:38 AM

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Hello,
I'm in favor of keeping State St. car free.
I think we should just let the public vote on it.

I ride State Street on a regular bike 5 days a week and in addition I give e-bike tours to visitors. They love the fact that there are no cars. Last year I gave tours to 400+ visitors.

I do agree something needs to be done about the reckless bike riders. I think a volunteer enforcement group issue citations 3-4 times per week at random times (so people can't evade those times). The revenue from citations can pay for the administration of the volunteers. I propose a posted speed limit of 12-15 miles per hour. I also think painting the bike lanes clearer will help warn pedestrians to look for bikes. I would even volunteer 4 hours per week on Tues or Wednesday (my days off)

Thanks
Mike Suding, native Santa Barbaran

From: [Carol Brown](#)
To: [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: Item 11
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 8:30:09 AM

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Hello, I love State Street being car-free. It makes it much easier to see and visit local businesses, especially with the electric shuttle loop. It feels like a much safer and more fun to place to visit than when there was car traffic.

Thank you,
Carol Brown



From: [Cara Saxton](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council; State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the State Street Master Plan: Let's Keep the Car-Free Magic 24/7
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 6:30:07 AM

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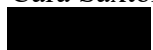
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