

From: [William C. Makler](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council; State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: No cars 24/7
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:38:11 PM

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Sincerely,

Bill

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From: [Casey Glasgow](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: State Street Master Plan, Item 11
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:07:16 PM

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From: [John Douglas](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: Tuesday April 28 City Council Meeting – item 11
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:18:26 PM

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Public safety and an environment without car fumes should be your primary concerns.

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Santa Barbara City Council Dist. 4

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jed805@gmail.com

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From: [james collins](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 7:32:26 PM

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item 11

keep state st. Car free. It works perfectly well all over Europe it is safer, more beautiful to see people at tables enjoying a quiet restful moment than it is to dodge teenager on battery bikes or speeding cars with blaring radios. This item is a no brainer.

From: [Luca • Yoga Soup •](#)
To: [State Street Master Plan](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Item 11
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 7:11:10 PM

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Warmly,
Luca Cupery
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www.yogasoup.com
(805)965.8811 | 28 Parker Way | Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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From: [Kelsey Perry](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Neurodivergent, prefer car-free State Street
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 6:30:52 PM

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In regards to item 11, please note that I feel more comfortable as a neurodivergent person if we have cars off of State St. I have sensory sensitivities and between their noise, smells, exhaust, loud music, I feel safer being on our imagined State Street with wide pedestrian access and zero cars - 24/7. I love that we can save money by eliminating cars. I look forward to our electric shuttle and spending time riding my bike and walking the beautiful area once it's updated.

Thank you!
Kelsey
Goleta resident

From: [Sean Forster](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#)
Subject: Support for State Street Master Plan - please keep it car-free 24/7 (Item 11)
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 6:28:23 PM

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The stakes came into focus for me this morning in another part of town. After a haircut at Haven on De la Vina, I crossed Mission to grab a coffee at the Daily Grind and a car blew through the crosswalk a few feet from me. And it was a close call on my bike on Modoc that has kept me off that commute until the bike path extension is finished. Cars and people-friendly streets simply don't mix.

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From: [Linda](#)
To: [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: Keep State Street closed to cars
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 6:21:07 PM

State Street is so much more inviting and enjoyable without cars. Please keep it this way - it is safe, quiet, friendly, and healthier. Prohibiting cars will also allow for State Street to become more of an attraction with music, festivals, pop-ups, and more. It will show off Santa Barbara as a vibrant, creative community that welcomes all.

Thank you,
Linda Kro

From: [Nicole English](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: State Street Car Free
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 6:13:29 PM

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From: [Anna Heris](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: Keep state street car free
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 6:05:54 PM

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From: [Anna Heris](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
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To: [City Clerk](#)
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Subject: Cars on State Street
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 6:03:34 PM

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Subject: Please no cars on state street
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 6:03:27 PM

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Hi Santa Barbara City Counsel,

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From: [Nancy Mulholland](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: 4/28/26 Council Agenda Item #11
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 5:45:33 PM

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Santa Barbara City Council Members,

I have reviewed the Draft State Street Master Plan and want to say that overall I am pleased with the progress that has been made. There is much to be liked in the Draft Plan. But there is one glaring question that is ignored..

Nowhere in the draft is the question presented or answered, **“Why is access for private vehicles to the Plaza being proposed?”**

- Why are planners suggesting adding access for private motor vehicles without presenting supporting data or information?
- Keeping State Street **car-free** has repeatedly been supported by 79% of city residents surveyed. Access for private vehicles is not supported by the majority. Why are the planners ignoring that data?
- It appears the proposed schedule of 10 to 10 is arbitrary. This schedule ignores the needs of those who walk or cycle downtown during morning commute hours or at night. What is it that changes at night that requires access for private motor vehicles?
- Emergency response vehicles are addressed. Car share services (designated drivers, Uber, Lyft, pedicab) can be easily accessed at intersections. Shuttle services offer access to the Plaza for all users. Commercial deliveries to Plaza businesses are already addressed by loading zones on cross streets. Construction/service vehicles are permitted on a case by case basis.
- Most importantly, adding motor vehicles during night hours to the mix of pedestrians, cyclists, and alcohol is not safe. Why ignore the dramatic safety data that shows a 66% reduction in collisions with a car-free Plaza since 2020?

I ask that Council Members give direction to staff to delete any options to open the Grand Plaza to private motor vehicles. Please keep the Plaza Car-Free 24/7!

Thank you,

Nancy Mulholland
Downtown area Resident

From: [Todd Howell](#)
To: [State Street Master Plan](#)
Cc: [Gale Howell](#)
Subject: Comments re Master Plan
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 4:40:54 PM

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1. First, shame on whoever or whatever hired a company at great expense to produce something as unreadable as your draft “master plan” for State Street.
2. Second, you’re earlier “plans” which closed us to thru traffic put my UPS store and others out of business already.
3. Third, you might want to visit a similar plan constructed long ago in Downtown Sacto and also 3rd Street Mall, Santa Monica—instant ghettos.
4. Finally, just do the right thing and open State St back up to 2-way traffic throughout for all; and spend our money constructively instead of gibberish studies.

From: [Holly](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: Keep State street car free
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 2:48:20 PM

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Thanks,
Holly Homnick
Sent from my tiny computer

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From: [\"Mama's Boy Inc.\"](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: NO CARS ON STATE
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 2:02:28 PM

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Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: State Street
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 1:54:54 PM

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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: Saturday, April 25, 2026 1:12:08 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

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Allie Cole.

From: [Emily Adams](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: State Street Plan
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 11:22:23 AM

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Dear Council,

I am writing in support of the State Street plan under consideration with one caveat: less time for cars on the road. At 10 p.m., there are still people on the street, particularly on lower State, and they do not need to be intersecting with cars. If delivery trucks are a necessity for local businesses, they can get the job done between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Other than this important point, the plan seems to solidly address many issues and I support it. I especially hope we can use the flexibility of the bollards to get parades back on State Street!

Thank you.
Emily Adams
93105

From: [laura eltherington](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: car free 5 blocks
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 10:40:54 AM

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To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: Opinion re State St
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 10:17:17 AM

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From: [Daniel Sank](#)
To: [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: Keep State Street pedestrian - no cars in the Paseo
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:20:13 AM

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Dera Sir and/or Madam,

I am writing to convey an opinion about the State Street master plan.

For context, I have lived in Santa Barbara since 2007 when I moved here for school. I am a 41 year old working professional and my permanent residence is within walking distance of State Street. I am a father and my entire family, including my parents, lives in the local area.

State Street is far more pleasant and accessible now than it was before the pandemic. My family regularly enjoys outside seating at restaurants, and walks all the way from Anapamu to the Wharf. Before the pandemic, car traffic made State Street generally unpleasant due to the constant, offensive noise, smell, and hazard presented by cars. Back then, I almost never spent time or money on State Street.

Buried in the 153 page document is this all-important passage:

During the day, this lane serves cyclists and transit. In the evenings and early mornings, it opens to private vehicles, deliveries, and service operations.

In my opinion, this plan is not good. Especially on Friday and weekend evenings, traffic on State Street would ruin the pleasant ambiance that currently draws my family and me to restaurants. If cars are allowed on the State Street Paseo in the evenings, I am certain that we will take our business to other areas, avoiding our current go-to's such as Apna, The Grand, and the Daisy.

I encourage the total ban of private vehicles within the State Street Paseo.

Best,
Daniel Sank

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Daniel Sank

From: [John](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: No cars on State Street
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:06:05 AM

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Hello,

State Street should prioritize pedestrians and bicycles and remain closed to cars/trucks for the entire length. There is no need for cars/trucks on State St. We've proven that! The rest of the plan looks great! Thank you.

Regards,
John Richards

From: [gary and kate](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: State Street
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:56:59 AM

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A large majority (79%) want to keep State Street car free. We voted for the members of the City Council to reflect our wishes. They should pay attention to their constituents' priorities because that is their job.

State Street's problem is not cars, it is the internet. If landlords did not get tax breaks for empty properties and lowered the rents, local businesses could fill the empty stores. It would be a bigger draw than chain stores and more money would flow into the local economy.

Please listen to the people who live here, and who vote!

Gary and Kate Belanger
93103

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From: [Glenn Dittrich](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Santa Barbara City Council](#); [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: Keep State Street car free
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Don't let cars on state street. Make permanent plans not ones with clunky temporary structures.

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- 6) Foot traffic equals less wear & tear to infrastructure so less costs to the city of Santa Barbara for maintenance
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Please keep State street car free. I walk and ride my bike downtown all the time and I love it being car free.
Thank you for your time,
Liz Brady

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From: [Tyler Hurley](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Support for a Car-Free State Street
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:25:05 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to urge the City Council to keep State Street car-free.

I support the [Strong Towns SB vision](#) for a vibrant third place that prioritizes people, local business, and sustainable transit over through-traffic.

Regards,
Tyler Hurley

From: [Melinda Miller](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Please Restore State St to It's pre-pandemic State
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:22:16 AM

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I can't say it better than Kevin Boss so I have attached his article below to make sure all City Council Members and anyone of influence read and really consider his points.

One only has to look at the vibrant condition of the Funk Zone to know what is the right direction to go. The Funk Zone is all open to cars in both directions, no irresponsible bikers. It should say a lot that South Coast Deli is opening up in the Funk Zone. State St is a sad, dark, dangerous feeling and depressing place. Open it back up, freshen it up, provide incentives to businesses. Please restore State St to its pre-Covid state. Please don't do anything that will destroy the Downtown area for future generations. Thank you for your serious consideration.

ARTICLE:

A \$150 Million Bike Path

Dear Create State Street Committee Members,

Just a couple of comments on the draft State Street Master Plan doc you sent out last week ([attached here](#)).

This is not a "Master Plan" for a reimagined State Street. It is a Master Plan for a Downtown Santa Barbara Bike Path.

This document needs a lot of work. It's poorly edited and very misleading in places. It weighs in at a whopping 300+/- pages.

- Title Graphics are a hideous 1980's throwback
- Page numbers missing from key sections.
- Very long Strategic Economics analysis is dated from 2021-2022. How useful is this? Old news. The Gibbs Economic data is at least up to date. And Gibbs clearly shows that for decades State Street outperformed Upper State by a long shot. Since the closure of State Street, that has been dramatically reversed. Does anyone at the City read their own consultant data?
- Contradicted number of Bollards at intersections needed in different document sections. 50?

140? Which is it?

- Regarding the “Rolled Curbs” the Polyzoides Plan calls for: the engineering drawings suggest a storm water capture method that assumes existing Storm Water lines below the surface. Yet detailed drawings of “utilities” show there are hardly any existing Storm Water drains downtown (maybe because curbed State, Anacapa, Chapala *are* the Storm Drains downtown?). Any ideas of the expense of a new subterranean Storm Water Drainage system? None indicated in this document.

Faulty City Similarities

The “Examples” used for comparison to a closed State St. are San Luis Obispo, Greenville, SC, and Pearl St., Boulder.

- San Luis Obispo hasn’t closed a street.
- Greenville’s Main St. is not closed, though they close a couple of blocks of it for limited hours several Saturdays a year.
- Pearl St. is the only “example” of a closed, pedestrian street: four blocks. Note: Pearl St. is a *side street* in Boulder, not a Main Street.
- There has *never* been a Main Street successfully closed in the U.S.
- Why not cite Santa Monica’s 3rd St. Promenade? Massive vacancies. Buildings in receivership. Public disorder and violence.

It is clear from the “Plan” that the result of the \$100 to \$150 million that will be needed to “Create State” that the City *will not* be building a “pedestrian friendly” promenade, but will be building a *one-mile-long State St. Bike Path*.

State Street, what’s left of it, will be for bikes. Our six-year experience with bikes and pedestrians has demonstrated that they mix poorly. So, we should just give the street to the bikes And maybe “shuttles.” And maybe “deliveries” in the middle of the night—because that’s when delivery companies and businesses are at work?

The sidewalks will be shared by pedestrians and restaurants. That’s it. That’s all you will get for the massive investment we will be making. A very nice downtown Bike Path.

We will “narrow” the “street” to 20 feet, ensuring that it will *never* be viable for automobile traffic again without another massive expenditure. And we will *never* have a large parade again. Especially an equestrian Fiesta Parade.

So much for honoring history and culture.

The Document is a Mess

Five years and \$1million in “consultants” later. Cost estimates are vague or non-existent. How much more in “consultants’ fees” before we get a solid estimate of the cost of this adventure?

Example: The illustration *below* from Moule & Polyzoides (page 22) can only be *deliberately deceptive*. Look closely at the “scale” at the bottom. It shows the 12’ “Frontage” zone for dining, at a scale much smaller than the 8’ “Through Zone” for pedestrians. If you were to walk any block on State with a tape measure you would see the *fallacy* of this drawing. The proposed 12’ dining areas will be crowding out pedestrians.

Closing State Street is *The Problem*

State St. *is* the primary introduction to visitors—or should be. We block them just past the 101 and refuse to allow them entry. Now we tell them—Stay The Hell Away, No Passage Beyond Checkpoint Charlie at Haley.

Previously State Street car speed *almost never* exceeded 15 mph. People could cruise the street and check out the offerings. Now they are directed away from State up or down ancillary streets that tell them nothing about Downtown Santa Barbara.

The solution is so ridiculously obvious. **Jim Knell** and I proposed this back in 2021:

- Keep State St. configuration the same. Existing 2 traffic lanes, 2 separated bike lanes.
- Remove *all* the large raised planters and solid obstacles added (by previous Master Plan/Consultants) to the pedestrian pathways over the years. Remove all large sidewalk plantings. Use State St. from the 101 to Cabrillo as your model.
- Restore the 21’-24’ wide +/- pedestrian sidewalk surfaces for safe and easy

passage. *That's your Promenade.*

- Limit Sidewalk dining to storefront width and depth already detailed in the long established pre-Covid Sidewalk Outdoor Dining Ordinance. Use only appropriate HLC approved furnishings and store them inside overnight.

- Then enforce the rules.

- ***Remove the wall blocking traffic at State and Haley. "Tear Down This Wall (as someone said long ago)!"***

- Result: a relatively simple and inexpensive restoration of one of the most beautiful Main Streets in the country.

Best,

Kevin Boss

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*Regards,
Melinda Miller*

From: [Buck Usher](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [State Street Master Plan](#)
Subject: Item 11: Keep State St closed 24/7
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Sincerely,
Buck Usher



Sent from my iPhone

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Please NO bikes and e-bikes.

Consider taxing empty properties on State Street. Until there is an interesting reason to walk down State Street, not much reason to go.

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