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MEMORANDUM

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Date: April 22, 2021

Subject: PARK LANE SUMMER 2021 OPTIONS – ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council receive the findings from the community engagement process on the options for closure of Park Lane to traffic during summer 2021 and provide direction to staff on three items:

1. Whether to move forward with one of the action options closing Park Lane to parking, and if so, provide staff direction regarding;
2. Which of the options Council prefers, including the times of day, days of week, and months of implementation, if applicable; and

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

This memo first provides a historical overview of Park Lane. It next describes the community engagement conducted to solicit feedback and the key findings from the 1,226 survey responses about preferred option. Finally, staff presents key findings from open-ended comments, including issues and concerns of affected businesses on Park Lane, general community themes, and potential mitigation strategies.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND ON PARK LANE

In 2008, the City Council approved funds for a study to establish a vision for the Park Lane corridor between Lake Street and 3rd Street. The study was driven by the Downtown Strategic Plan and the conditions of the existing infrastructure along Park Lane. The results of the study and the associated robust public involvement and input process identified a "Flexible Street" concept for Park Lane to serve as a flexible 'Pedestrian Corridor', with infrastructure developed to support flexible use. City Council adopted that concept at its February 2, 2010 meeting.

Park Lane was renovated in 2015 to be a pedestrian-friendly, festival space with built-in bollards to enable regular closure of the street for pedestrian and bicycle use only. In 2017, the Kirkland

Alliance of Neighborhoods invited 200 business and community leaders to imagine ways to strengthen the bonds of Kirkland's communities. One of the leading ideas was car-free Sundays on Park Lane.

At its April 16, 2019, meeting, the City Council heard presentations from the Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods members and authorized Park Lane to be used as a pedestrian only plaza on Sundays over the summer as a pilot program to inform future street closure¹. These "Summer Sundays" closures to vehicles ran from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Sundays from May 26 through September 22, 2019. At its June 6, 2020 meeting the City Council received a follow up report from staff on the Summer Sundays on Park Lane Pilot Project.² The report detailed the process, costs, learnings and community and business feedback on the Summer Sundays pilot.

At its June 16, 2020, meeting, the City Council supported "Evenings on Park Lane", which closed the west end of Park Lane to vehicles each evening between Lake Street and Main Street from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. seven days a week, from July 2 through November 17, 2020³. Originating as a proposal by a community task force called Outside the Walls, a community group formed in response to the pandemic, this decision was in response to imposed capacity limits on businesses by the Washington State "Safe Start" reopening plan put in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. An interdepartmental team of City staff implemented various strategies including "Evenings on Park Lane" and making available applications for temporary Sidewalk Cafés; temporary allowance for restaurants to expand outdoor seating into adjoining on-street parking stalls; and processes for expanded outdoor café seating or outdoor retail space.

Approaching summer 2021, restrictions on business capacity and operations are still in place as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and health officials continue to recommend social distancing and outdoor rather than indoor activities. The imposed restrictions are expected to continue throughout the summer. At its March 16, 2021, meeting, the Council discussed closure of Park Lane to vehicles for summer 2021 to expand outdoor capacity for businesses and patrons in the downtown core under its newly established Legislative Request Memoranda process as outlined in the Council Policies and Procedures document⁴. At that meeting, the Council directed staff to return to Council with additional information and options for temporary Park Lane closure to vehicle traffic in 2021.

At its April 6, 2021 meeting, the City Council received staff input on four options for closing Park Lane to vehicle traffic during the summer of 2021. The four options are:

¹ April 16, 2019 City Council meeting staff memorandum. https://kirkland.prelive.opencities.com/files/sharedassets/public/city-council/agenda-documents/2019/april-16-2019/10c_business.pdf

² June 16, 2020 City Council meeting staff memorandum (page 54) https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/city-council/agenda-documents/2020/june-16-2020/9d_business.pdf

³ June 16, 2020 City Council meeting staff memorandum. https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/city-council/agenda-documents/2020/june-16-2020/9d_business.pdf

⁴ March 16, 2021 City Council meeting staff memorandum. https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/city-council/agenda-documents/2021/march-16-2021/11b1_city-managers-report.pdf

- Option 1: "Similar to last year." Close Park Lane from early May to October only during evenings (beginning at 6 p.m.) and all day during permitted special events downtown.
- Option 2: Close Park Lane from early May through October on weekday evenings (beginning at 6 p.m.) AND full-day closures on weekends and holidays.
- Option 3: Close Park Lane all day and evening every day from early May to October.
- Option 4: No action.

The Council directed staff to conduct extensive public outreach to gather feedback and comments from City community members and affected businesses relating to the four options, to collate such responses, and report them back to Council to inform a decision expected at the May 4, 2021, City Council meeting. As directed by Council, staff took care to engage Park Lane business stakeholders to understand any concerns and to seek ideas for mitigating potential impacts.

OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Staff employed a broad and comprehensive engagement effort to collect feedback about the four options for closing Park Lane to vehicle traffic. The following platforms and avenues for outreach and engagement were deployed commencing April 7, 2021:

- A webpage on the City's website: www.kirklandwa.gov/ParkLane2021
- An online survey of the options under consideration with a prompt for open comment
- A virtual Community Meeting, held April 19, 2021
- Public comment submission via Our Kirkland
- Social media notice of engagement (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Nextdoor)
- Email listservs notice of engagement (This Week in Kirkland newsletter, Kirkland Biz News)
- Door-to-door outreach with flyer to Park Lane businesses
- Virtual Park Lane merchant meeting with Mayor Sweet, Deputy Mayor Arnold, and Councilmember Curtis (organized by the downtown merchants) on April 27, 2021

KEY FINDINGS

Survey Results

A brief online survey asked respondents to indicate their top choice of the options and sought open comment as well as optional demographic information. A total of 1,226 respondents participated during the survey's publication (April 8 – 23, 2021), with 358 choosing to leave open-ended comments. Not all participants responded to every question. The full survey and responses can be found in Attachment A.

All Respondents: Preferred Option

A strong majority (67.6%) of respondents indicated support for Option 3: Closure to Vehicles Day and Night.

<i>The Council is considering one of the following four options. Any closure to Park Lane would impact a total of 17 parking stalls: one is ADA parking and five were used for Parklet/restaurant seating in 2020. Which of these options do you support the most?</i>	Option 1: Closure to Vehicles in the Evenings	6.4% 78
	Option 2: Closure to Vehicles Evenings, Weekends and Holidays	22.3% 273
	Option 3: Closure to Vehicles Day and Night	67.6% 827
	Option 4: Take No Action	3.7% 45
Total		1,223 100%

Filtered Analysis

Survey respondents, whether online or in-person, had the option to self-identify on some demographic questions, including whether they had a relationship to a business on Park Lane and/or other downtown street. Staff filtered responses for those that identified as working at or owning a business on Park Lane, the results of which are below.

Park Lane Businesses/Stakeholders: Preferred Options

Of the 34 survey respondents who reported working at or owning a business on Park Lane, 8 (23.5%) indicated preference for Option 1, 4 (11.8%) for Option 2, 19 (55.9%) for Option 3, and 3 (8.8%) for Option 4. Additionally, 12 Park Lane business respondents left comments related to alternative preferences and considerations and three emailed staff to provide comments. Those not in favor of closure to vehicles were generally firmly against it, citing a feeling of unfairness to retailers as opposed to restaurant businesses and a deep concern about lack of proximate parking; noise from unregulated music; and an atmosphere not conducive to shopping. Of the favorable comments, consistent requests were to activate the street attractively and appropriately; accommodate social distancing; and ensure nearby pickup, delivery and mobility-impaired parking spaces. The full comments from Park Lane business stakeholders can be found in Attachment B: List of Constituent Comments.

Key Issues and Comments from Park Lane Stakeholders/Businesses

Feedback from Park Lane stakeholders and businesses was received through all channels described above. In addition, staff visited the storefronts on Park Lane and spoke to management and/or employees, also distributing a one-page flyer that describes the Park Lane decisions at hand for summer 2021 and how to provide input. Staff engaged in conversation with stakeholders whenever possible. High level feedback and themes are detailed, along with suggested mitigation strategies.

Among Park Lane businesses, retail businesses are generally less supportive of the closure of Park Lane to vehicles, while restaurant businesses tend to be supportive.

- Retail businesses: Concerns about loss of proximate parking are paramount for retail business owners. The sentiment is that a lack of immediate parking will result in reduced sales and delivery obstruction. Of the options that include closure to vehicles, most retail stakeholders seem reluctantly supportive of evening closures, after experiencing “Evenings on Park Lane” last year. Most seem to feel this is a compromise that won’t affect their retail operations too detrimentally.

- Restaurant businesses generally support street closure to vehicles. The primary concern for restaurant stakeholders is proximate short-term parking for delivery services and customer pickup. One restaurant reports a 25% uptick in takeout business since the onset of the pandemic. Nearby pickup and delivery stalls are key to restaurant concerns.

In addition to the quantitative survey responses, staff also collected narrative comments from the community and Park Lane stakeholders via several channels. See Attachment B for a list of constituent comments, including those from Our Kirkland.

Finally, the downtown merchants organized a virtual meeting with Mayor Penny Sweet on April 27, 2021. Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold, Councilmember Kelli Curtis and City staff also attended. The agenda was to discuss the merchants' concerns about the Park Lane closure options allowing individual merchants the opportunity to voice their opinions, concerns, and preferred options directly to the Councilmembers. Approximately 11 business stakeholders attended the meeting. Most were supportive of Option 1, closure to vehicles in the evenings after 6 p.m. Many expressed concerns including unregulated and inappropriate music, unsupervised children, the belief that 'festival street' pedestrian attendance is not the type of foot traffic that supports retail, and proximate parking for exposure, convenience, and older adults.

General Community Themes

Hundreds of comments were received through the channels described above. Staff identified several themes based on the frequency of comment. Based on feedback received, there was generally broad support for the following:

1. Prioritizing the feedback from impacted Park Lane stakeholders and businesses. Of those survey respondents that provided open-ended suggestions, approximately 7% indicated that generally the decision should be based on what the businesses preferred.
2. Prioritizing safely-distanced outdoor space for people downtown during COVID-19
3. Mitigate parking deficit during street closures, including considerations for:
 - Those with mobility impairments
 - Pickup and delivery
 - Wayfinding to alternative parking
4. Considering pedestrian safety in plans and programming
5. Activating the street effectively, including considerations for:
 - Equity of access and enjoyment including 'free use' street furnishings
 - Enhanced aesthetics including treatment of closure barriers, furnishings, bike racks, stroller parking
 - Engaging activities including music, vendors and the like
6. Consider closing Park Lane to vehicle traffic permanently.

Mitigation Suggestions

Suggestions for mitigating potentially negative impacts of Park Lane closure to vehicle traffic were both solicited in the survey and provided unsolicited in dozens of comments at the community meeting and in conversation. Aligned with the key findings above, and based on frequency of reference in comments, staff summarizes below suggested mitigation strategies to address perceived impacts of street closure. It should be noted that several of these strategies could potentially require substantial staff resources to explore and implement. If Council wants to investigate some of these further, additional resources might be needed.

1. Parking Mitigation Strategies:

- a. Create clear wayfinding signage for alternative, nearby parking, including at:
 - US Bank Lot outside of bank business hours
 - Lake and Central Lot
 - Lakeshore Lot
 - Kirkland Urban
 - Diamond Parking Lot at Voda
 - Library
 - City Hall
- b. Designate ample Pickup and Delivery parking stalls nearby for restaurant take-out, customer pickup, and business deliveries. Locations might include nearby stalls on:
 - Lake Street
 - Central Ave
 - Kirkland Ave
 - Main Street
 - Others
- c. Designate parking stalls nearby for ADA access:
 - The nearest parking reserved for those who need it most
 - Replace what is being removed at a minimum
- d. Consider offering free parking downtown at public lots during street closure times.

2. Pedestrian Safety Strategies

Many respondents referenced pedestrian safety in and around the Park Lane corridor. Pedestrian crossing behavior, inconsistent treatment of Park Lane as alternatively a pedestrian and traffic zone, left and right turns from Lake Street onto Park Lane congested with pedestrians feels unsafe to many respondents. Additionally, many parents cited pedestrian safety concerns as a reason they stay away from 'streeteries' on Park Lane with children. Suggestions for mitigating potential pedestrian safety concerns included:

- Consistent times for closure create predictability and safeguard pedestrians;
- Study pedestrian traffic and crossing behavior and inform decision making;
- Update traffic and parking studies in the area and inform decision making.

3. Street Activation Strategies

Many respondents referred to the need to attractively activate Park Lane if it is closed to vehicles as an essential component of program success and visitor experience. In this context, “activation” refers to aesthetics, predictability of street closure, equitable access to seating and shade, music, and vendors. Concerns over a ‘dead street’ or one that is not equitably accessible were often repeated, and many suggestions and models from other cities referenced as ideas:

- Predictability and consistency of closure: very important for pedestrian safety, placemaking and use;
- Investment in public furniture/shade for equitable use and enjoyment of the street;
- Aesthetic attention to street closure structures and signage: welcoming, inclusive, engaging, professional;
- Music, buskers, vendors and a ‘festival’ atmosphere with appropriate volume, variety, and organization
- Bicycle parking and perhaps a bicycle, ‘wheeled’ lane
- If closure on evenings only, consider earlier (4:00 or 5:00 p.m.) to include families with young children, older adults, and the happy hour crowd.

NEXT STEPS

Staff seek Council direction on which of the four options for closure of Park Lane to traffic during summer 2021 and provide direction to staff on two items:

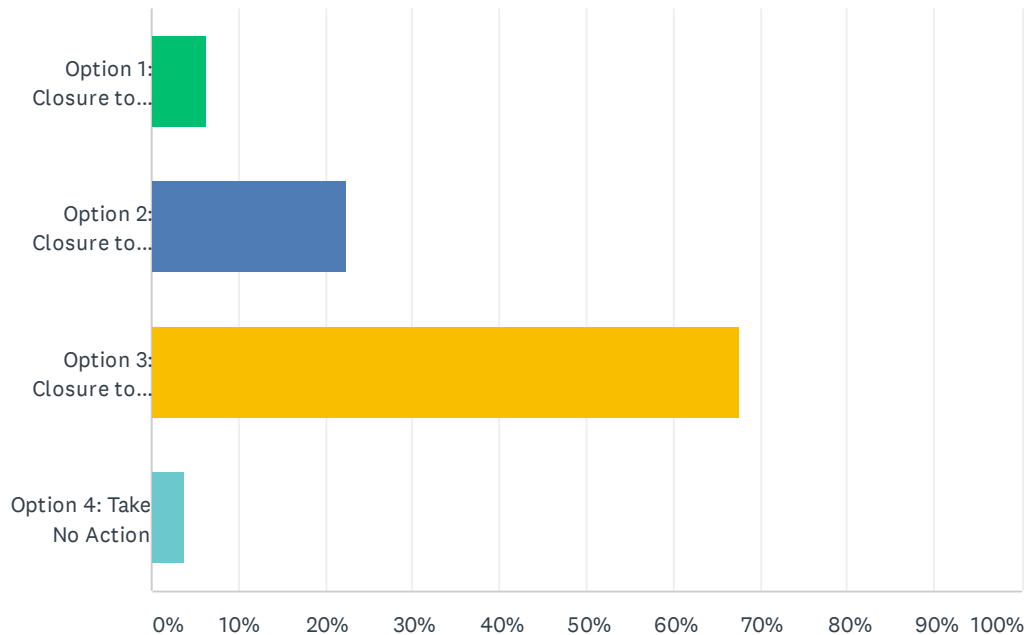
1. Whether to move forward with one of the action options closing Park Lane, and if so, provide staff direction regarding;
2. Which of the options Council prefers, including the times of day, days of week, and months of implementation, if applicable; and

Attachment A: Park Lane Survey Responses

Attachment B: List of All Constituent Comments

Q1 The Council is considering one of the following four options. Any closure to Park Lane would impact a total of 17 parking stalls: one is ADA parking and five were used for Parklet/restaurant seating in 2020. Which of these options do you support the most?

Answered: 1,223 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Option 1: Closure to Vehicles in the Evenings Similar to last year, close Park Lane from early May to October 1 only during the evenings (proposed to begin at 6 PM) and all day during permitted special events downtown. Estimated staff time cost would be \$9,280.	6.38%	78
Option 2: Closure to Vehicles Evenings, Weekends and Holidays Close Park Lane from early May through October 1 on weekday evenings (proposed to begin at 6 PM) and full-day closures on weekends and holidays. Estimated staff time cost would be \$7,540.	22.32%	273
Option 3: Closure to Vehicles Day and Night Close Park Lane all day and evening every day from early May to October 1, 2021. Staff time required would be low due to the one-time nature of set-up and take-down.	67.62%	827
Option 4: Take No Action	3.68%	45
TOTAL		1,223

Q2 Please tell us about any alternative preferences you might have or any other things we should consider.

Answered: 358 Skipped: 868

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	open restaurants 100% for indoor dining	4/26/2021 9:21 AM
2	It should be a pedestrian promenade 365 days a year. Thank you!	4/25/2021 7:04 PM
3	I like the idea of full closure	4/25/2021 7:03 PM
4	No pay parking during Park Lane closure to vehicles	4/25/2021 11:39 AM
5	Option 2	4/24/2021 9:04 PM
6	Please, more handicapped parking!!	4/24/2021 6:49 PM
7	Provide additional ADA parking immediately outside the closed area to compensate for the loss of such inside the closed area. Alternatively, modify the closed area to allow vehicle access to ADA parking.	4/24/2021 4:52 PM
8	I would choose 2 but for the apparent cost!	4/24/2021 2:50 PM
9	Let's help our local restaurants recover from Covid impacts by expanding outdoor seating options. A few parking spots is a small sacrifice. Thank you!	4/24/2021 1:48 PM
10	Close park lane permanently - make it a town square. It should have never been made into parking.	4/24/2021 10:20 AM
11	It would make Kirkland more like a European city, with open, wide walk ways and places for people to hang out, chat, sip coffee, relax and eat without worrying about cars.	4/24/2021 9:19 AM
12	It would help to have dedicated parking spots for take out nearby so as to not impact restaurants' business.	4/24/2021 9:10 AM
13	I don't want the lane closed at all because I have chronic pain, plantar fasciitis and fibromyalgia and I can park super close to get bubble tea at Lollicup Fresh in the evenings. I don't have to walk from the library parking garage. Plus I don't feel safe walking downtown that far at 8pm when I get bubble tea.	4/24/2021 2:32 AM
14	This proposal for closing off Park Lane brings zero benefits to small retailers and their customers especially those customers who are elderly, disabled and require easy access to their shopping destination. Why doesn't City Council allow customers to give feedback? Why does City Council keep pushing this agenda and for what benefit? Where is data to support such position to close Park Lane and show it helps small business? Why does Kirkland need another gathering area when there is parks and beach? As someone who enjoys shopping and eating out in Kirkland because the experience and safety. Having a random gathering to just gather street will potentially turn into an unsafe loitering zone.	4/24/2021 12:29 AM
15	I think that the businesses on Park Lane need to be heard on these questions. I like the idea of allowing use of sidewalks for dining, etc. But the real judges of that are the dining and drinking establishments in that neighborhood. If they want more (across all business types - not just hospitality), I would be inclined to expand in order to provide them an opportunity to stay in business.	4/23/2021 8:16 PM
16	#1 would be my second choice	4/23/2021 6:50 PM
17	Please add more ADA parking spots! Every time I come downtown, I never can find an ADA spot! Therefore, I can't go into the shops and restaurants that I would like to visit!	4/23/2021 5:59 PM
18	Make sure as much parking as possible is available around Park Lane. Having Park Lane closed all Summer would allow more outdoor seating at the restaurants & cafes, which is still the best way to enjoy going out in the last part (hopefully) of the Covid pandemic.	4/23/2021 10:17 AM

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19	Also close Lake street from Kirkland Ave to Central making a walking pedestrian oasis. Letting restaurants use Lake street for dining tables. Add food trucks.	4/23/2021 9:11 AM
20	Close year round	4/23/2021 6:23 AM
21	Option 1 as we proposed last year would be the only alternative I would support. I do want to say that it is exhausting and frustrating that every year we need to go through this. We are leasing (expensive) RETAIL space and as of late community members (some who do not even live in the city of Kirkland) continually want to turn Park Lane into a "recreational park" area.	4/22/2021 11:16 PM
22	I think it can be confusing-dangerous to switch it. Keep it consistently closed to traffic.	4/22/2021 7:29 PM
23	Please consider access for mobility impaired members of our community. Closing it makes it impossible to go there.	4/22/2021 5:32 PM
24	Close all of Park Lane and allow vendors or neighboring retail/restaurants to use the parking spaces.	4/22/2021 4:38 PM
25	Option 2 would be the alternative preference	4/22/2021 4:38 PM
26	Businesses are struggling to hold on after an awful year. Turning Park Lane into a playground for the benefit of those who have no financial stake here will be a death knell for many, and severely damage property values. How "fun" will Park Lane be with boarded-up storefronts? Evening-only closure is a reasonable compromise, helping restaurants while having minimal impact on other retail businesses.	4/22/2021 3:40 PM
27	While under construction, many of us thought Park Lane would never be open to traffic - which made abundant sense. Closing it completely at least for an extended period of time makes great sense.	4/22/2021 11:25 AM
28	I would like to see Park Lane permanently closed to vehicle traffic throughout the whole year. It's already so crowded with pedestrians, and the parking is so limited, that it would be safer and more effective for businesses to be pedestrian only. It would be a lovely place for seasonal displays, and if covers were added over the street it could be enjoyed year-round. I relaly believe that a permanent closure to vehicles will make a huge improvement for downtown Kirkland, creating a stornig sense of place that we can all safely share.	4/22/2021 10:21 AM
29	Please offer more street fairs or farmer's market during the spring and summer for merchants and to attract the public to the downtown.	4/22/2021 9:23 AM
30	Just close it year round.Plenty of other parking, causes traffic jams.	4/21/2021 11:23 PM
31	I would be happy with nights and weekends also.	4/21/2021 11:23 PM
32	Consider showing 17 equivalent spaces that may be slight walking distance and remove currently restricted access or park south of this pole only or provide other business parks that are closed on the weekend.	4/21/2021 8:46 PM
33	I think retail would benefit in the long run. Restaurants could think outside the box for take out, the number of parking spots affected is quite low.	4/21/2021 6:21 PM
34	Turn the street into a permanent pedestrian zone with outdoor seating for the restaurants.	4/21/2021 6:04 PM
35	Weekends and nights	4/21/2021 5:31 PM
36	Perhaps a Monday/ Tuesday parking allowed would be an alternative to evenings/ weekend closure.	4/21/2021 5:08 PM
37	I'd like to know what the local businesses have to say. Their input might change my opinion. I'd like to support them. By keeping it open during the weekdays, they won't lose the parking. But people do like it closed and there is a lot of foot traffic.	4/21/2021 4:09 PM
38	I want to be able to drive through. No blockages	4/21/2021 3:32 PM
39	As someone who walks this route daily, I feel safer when Park Lane is closed. Secondly, it promotes social distancing - even though this is becoming less of an issue, there is still need to be conscious of this.....particularly given that many have ditched masks. I also think the closure helps promote a community feeling as a gathering place around the businesses there.	4/21/2021 2:36 PM
40	When the recent updates were made, it was a bit of a surprise that any traffic was allowed at all. Permanently closed to traffic would be great	4/21/2021 1:34 PM

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41	Allowing some street music entertainment would be great also.	4/19/2021 9:34 PM
42	I would be in favor of keeping Park Lane a pedestrian only street year round.	4/19/2021 9:29 PM
43	Option #2 is second choice	4/19/2021 7:54 PM
44	Please try to arrange for replacement for the parking capacity lost by the closure, at least on evenings and weekends.	4/19/2021 7:32 PM
45	Close Park Lane permanently.	4/19/2021 5:17 PM
46	Closure could start at 5:00	4/19/2021 4:25 PM
47	Close it. It's dangerous with the heavy door traffic. Some noise objections when the Harleys ride through and I'm eating.	4/19/2021 4:07 PM
48	Address any concerns that businesses have. For example, will they still be able to receive deliveries?	4/19/2021 3:37 PM
49	Would like this to be permanent	4/19/2021 3:14 PM
50	Access to Park street should be granted to shop owners and delivery drivers only. I would even like to see the closure extended from Lake St to 3rd St. Designated bicycle parking near Lake St and Main St would also be nice to provide a more orderly management of Bicycle traffic..	4/19/2021 2:34 PM
51	Closure on weekends, evenings, and holidays	4/19/2021 2:15 PM
52	I think the street should never have been open to cars. Sidewalks are nearly impossible for handicap people with so many tables and rainwater ponds and other obstacles. Wider sidewalks like Bellevue to allow for bikes, people, plants and outdoor tables would be great.	4/18/2021 4:41 PM
53	This would allow businesses to confidently invest in outdoor furniture and not have to find storage locations at night.	4/18/2021 1:23 PM
54	I would like to have Park Lane closed entirely during these months for best & highest use of this beautiful area for people to use and be safe.	4/18/2021 10:54 AM
55	I vote for closures after 6PM and Weekends, as a regular schedule will make it less frustrating for locals to plan their route through downtown Kirkland. Are you closing the exit from the parking lot on that corner as well (opposite the Starbucks)? If so, daytime access will help with congestion at the exits.	4/18/2021 10:43 AM
56	Would love this street to be a pedestrian and bikeway permanently. Maybe add some bike parking if there isn't any already.	4/18/2021 10:29 AM
57	As a local resident and pedestrian, I'd just as soon have it closed all the time, but I've heard that the business owners feel they need the lunch traffic. So let's keep it open for them during the day.	4/17/2021 9:33 PM
58	Loosing the parking isn't great, but a pedestrian friendly place would be nice.	4/17/2021 11:31 AM
59	I want the road closed for safety reasons. Kids and dogs (& some adults) have a tendency to dart out in the road. In addition, it's easier to enforce no parking since you just add road blocks.	4/17/2021 11:02 AM
60	Provide alternative parking options re signage in addition to parking garage that is often filled	4/17/2021 10:05 AM
61	If not 3, I would vote for 2.	4/17/2021 9:54 AM
62	Offer free shuttles to downtown Kirkland and Park Place from nearby parking lots. This would lessen the parking space problem in Kirkland and would help local merchants with more customers coming into the Park Place area.	4/16/2021 10:21 PM
63	Parking is such a challenge in town all the time anyway, not sure I see a benefit to closing it off. If anytime, evenings for outdoor summer dining.	4/16/2021 8:22 PM
64	We are definitely interested in understanding the impact of this decision from the perspective of the businesses on Park Lane.	4/16/2021 7:28 PM
65	Ultimately I would defer to the businesses, but I see that street and those parking stalls as	4/16/2021 6:57 PM

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having greater value for seating and pedestrians than for 17 parking spots.

66	Restaurants can still get car pickup in the back alleys. Optimize for space and distance in restaurants to help us keep the social distance and still keep the restaurants full!	4/16/2021 6:43 PM
67	Having park Lane closed only park of the day defeats the purpose. That is not a usable road and would be much more enjoyable if there were no cars on it.	4/16/2021 4:43 PM
68	We should close Park Lane to vehicle traffic and parking permanently. The restaurants could expand their outdoor dining into the parking areas, leaving the street for pedestrian traffic. This would allow for more patrons to help offset the losses from COVID and create additional opportunities for pop-up vendors. There are very few parking spaces that will be lost and there is plenty of free parking in the library garage. Additionally savings could be realized by not having to constantly replace the parking bollards.	4/16/2021 2:44 PM
69	Do something to increase parking in the city downtown. I don't live in an area that has bus service or any other way Of walking up and down hills to downtown. Stop penalizing drivers	4/16/2021 1:29 PM
70	Pretty much normal store and restaurant operation will be happening this summer, with things more and more normal as we get to August. It's not fair to restaurants on other streets to give special privileges to those on Park Place. Also, parking is always in short supply and so we need all the parking places along Park Place to support all downtown businesses.	4/16/2021 12:44 PM
71	Kirkland needs to move toward being less car-centric. This is a great place to start!	4/16/2021 12:42 PM
72	I'd like to see the closure start an hour or two earlier, at 4 or 5p, to extend the time in the evenings restaurants could utilize the extra seating space for happy hour or dinner. It seemed last year there was ample demand for this and would minimally impact other businesses.	4/16/2021 11:58 AM
73	I would like to see other road closures for recreational purposes.	4/16/2021 11:45 AM
74	This should be closed all the time. It was our understanding this street was intended to be for pedestrians only.	4/16/2021 11:36 AM
75	This lane is delightful for families and friends to socialize at a distance. It would greatly benefit the local shops and restaurants to have a walkable area - spread tables out and make money to keep them thriving. Parking a handful of cars elsewhere for the summer seems like a viable compromise.	4/16/2021 11:18 AM
76	#2	4/16/2021 9:24 AM
77	None.	4/16/2021 9:09 AM
78	Our family thought when Park Lane was modified this was going to be a walking street only all the time. We think it should be permanently closed. Although for the short time Option 3 is the best choice for safety, enjoyability, and cost. When the restaurants are busy safety for pedestrians and drivers is an issue.	4/16/2021 9:00 AM
79	build a parking garage for downtown, please!	4/16/2021 8:12 AM
80	Options 2 and 1 are also good, but with covid restrictions requiring more outdoor options, option 3 would be perfect.	4/16/2021 7:47 AM
81	We have an opportunity to make the promenade from Kirkland Urban to the lakefront a vibrant, pleasant, and safe place to shop, stroll, and socialize. Reducing the speed limit on Third Ave (between Kirkland Ave and Central Ave) to 15mph would be one way to facilitate this. Another (and a means of achieving Vision Zero goals) would be strict enforcement of correct motor-vehicle stopping in front of all marked and unmarked pedestrian right-of-ways, including not allowing cars to block midblock crosswalks. The four-way stop at Main Street and Park Lane has low, correct-stopping adherence, as do the stops at Central and Main, Kirkland Ave and Main, Central and Third (right-turning vehicles are in the crosswalk prior to stopping), and the midblock crosswalk at Park Lane and Lake Street is often blocked. Finally, more bike parking around downtown, please. "Build it, and they will come!"	4/16/2021 6:13 AM
82	This would be so much safer for kids. We love dining outside there, but feel so afraid our kids will run to the street and risk being hit by a car (l.e. what happened at RTC that made them close the Main Street permanently)	4/16/2021 12:43 AM
83	Allow people to roam freely and safely in the space, without vehicles causing noise, fumes, or danger. Let restaurants and other vendors use the entire space	4/15/2021 10:55 PM

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84	It should be closed year around	4/15/2021 9:32 PM
85	Begin closures earlier than 6pm	4/15/2021 9:00 PM
86	Disability access to businesses and restaurants needs to be available.	4/15/2021 8:37 PM
87	close permanently	4/15/2021 8:34 PM
88	close permanently. if stays open put up more one way signs when exiting parking lot at west end of street. many people turn right which is wrong cuz there is no sign in parking lot!	4/15/2021 8:33 PM
89	Last summer there was a band that showed up regularly in front of Starbucks. The volume and music was appropriate for Park Lane. They were enjoyed by many. In the fall the band told the crowd that they had been asked to not come back by Kirkland Police. This is what the band said and I don't know if it is true but it seems as though Kirkland would want to encourage musicians. They attract people and benefit the community.	4/15/2021 7:55 PM
90	Extend space for shops and restaurants	4/15/2021 7:40 PM
91	The city council knows how to waste time on trivial stuff like this. Why don't you figure out how to time the red lights better so we all do not waste so much gasoline sitting at red lights watching an empty intersection?	4/15/2021 6:50 PM
92	No vehicles on Park Lane at all ! It should be a pedestrian walk and restaurants etc could use the street for outdoor open dining. This is what Main Street in Bothell has been doing for months and months.	4/15/2021 6:35 PM
93	I think the ultimate goal should be to make Park Lane Pedestrian-only all the way to the transit center. However, a trial run of weekend full-closures would give the merchants a chance to allay their fear that the lack of parking will reduce sales. During full-closures, parking at the west end should be limited to 2-hour max with a significant number of 30-minute stalls.	4/15/2021 6:35 PM
94	My first choice would be Option 3. Second choice is Option 2.	4/15/2021 6:31 PM
95	Opening the street to pedestrians follows the city's effort to be inviting, inclusionary and equitable. That area should be enjoyed by all visitors and not just those who can afford or choose to dine there.	4/15/2021 6:06 PM
96	Option 2 is preferred but also fine with Option 1	4/15/2021 5:46 PM
97	Apply resources toward make the area a PED plaza...European style	4/15/2021 5:37 PM
98	Let's make more car-free spaces!	4/15/2021 5:02 PM
99	Permanent closure also seems like a decent alternative - i love walking along Park Lane, regardless of the time of year.	4/15/2021 5:01 PM
100	I would also be supportive of Options 1 and 3. In fact, I think Option 3 would be great. But I selected Option 2 to be sensitive to the businesses who want the road to stay open.	4/15/2021 5:01 PM
101	This decision should be what is best for the business owners on that street. If they receive a benefit from a partial closure then they should also pay for the additional cost. IF this does not benefit the business, then don't do it at all.	4/15/2021 4:49 PM
102	anything that takes away parking will add to the continued nightmare we have with traffic and lack of parking.	4/15/2021 2:07 PM
103	Permanantly close park lane to all vehicle traffic	4/15/2021 1:14 PM
104	My preference is that Park Lane be open at all times to vehicles as it was for decades. I have live in Kirkland since 1985. Since limitations on vehicles I have not frequented my favorite restaurants, mainly Ristorante Paradisio nearly as often as I use to because I love to drive by and if there is a parking spot I will stop and go in for dinner. The parking limitation of 15 minutes for takeout does make sense during the pandemic ONLY when takeout is necessary for us 72 year olds. Because of your limitations/closures you have trained pedestrians (families, children etc.) to walk into the road carelessly without looking. YOUR DECISIONS have created a safety hazard. Now because of your actions the road has to be either open or closed, NOT some variation of both which causes confusion. Also I have noticed since the road closing more than before, children are climbing all over the statues which are very high	4/15/2021 12:39 PM

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and jumping off. They think it's a playground because of the atmosphere your creating, IT IS NOT!! It is a Road, follow your permitting laws for a road.

105	I feel that having the street pedestrian only enhances the downtown experience and hopefully will allow restaurants to use more outdoor area for seating. I think a 5:00 closure would be better to allow for early diners	4/15/2021 12:18 PM
106	Should be less need for commercial or business traffic past 6pm and on weekends. However, commercial or business traffic could still occur weekdays during what would be considered as normal business hours.	4/15/2021 12:04 PM
107	Be fair to all the businesses impacted!	4/15/2021 11:55 AM
108	Basically any option but 4. My preference would be 3, 2, 1 but the restaurant and shop owners will know best.	4/15/2021 11:42 AM
109	This is a beautiful part of our downtown, except for the road cutting through it. Parking is important, but character and walkability are more so. I'm excited about any step towards making our downtown more pedestrian and bicycle focused.	4/15/2021 11:41 AM
110	Have enough parking spots in adjacent parking lot for food pick up orders from restaurants. I think closing this street is a great idea. I would support mandating people wear masks if they want to walk on this street. There are a lot of people who walk around without masks, have small children & are ignorant. I am a health care professional.	4/15/2021 11:32 AM
111	1. I would want to keep the non-restaurant shops in mind to make sure this doesn't impede their business. I'm imagining carrying goods from consignment or clothing store a couple extra blocks may hinder folks from going to store. Seems closure would happen after hours tho. 2. I would like to see common or restaurant-specific eating areas extend into the street. 3. Could reduce cost by blocking roads with food trucks :) probably not code or feasible tho. 4. Not entirely related but the loud racer cars revving their engines while waiting traffic makes walking downtown pretty annoying. Some action there would be nice, but I understand enforcing it would be uneven, costly and possibly could cause a "Streisand effect"; inviting more racers haha	4/15/2021 11:18 AM
112	I'd love to see Park Lane closed to traffic all year, not just the summer months.	4/15/2021 10:55 AM
113	Close at 5:00 instead of 6:00.....more time for restaurants to serve happy hour/dinner.	4/15/2021 10:25 AM
114	I chose Option 3 because in the colder/rainy season (Nov. -April)it's harder for the older/senior population to walk to and from Park Ln. and it's nice to be able to drive up, park and shop/grab a coffee.	4/15/2021 9:33 AM
115	Close it down permanently. Will be safer for pedestrians and allow for more outdoor seating for restaurants!	4/15/2021 9:27 AM
116	If Kirkland continues to allow vehicles access to Park Lane, the speed limit should be changed to 10 mph. Today Park Lane is a serious safety hazard. Vehicles speed through Park Lane while families/kids walk on both sides of Park Lane - clearly a hazardous situation that requires immediate attention.	4/15/2021 9:13 AM
117	This should be a pedestrian area permanently.	4/15/2021 9:02 AM
118	Alternative, option 2 - if the street closed at all times, it might be interesting to move the Farmer's Market back here and draw more people to businesses in this way.	4/15/2021 9:02 AM
119	I would like you to consider closing Kirkland Ave from the Heathman to the the Bank of America in the evenings as well. Preferential treatment of Park Place when there are restaurants also impacted on the next street over is unfair. And given the damage done by Covid, we should do everything possible to help small businesses.	4/15/2021 8:59 AM
120	Park Lane should have been closed to cars immediately after the reconstruction, it is perfect street and location for a pedestrian plaza! Of course delivery truck access should still be allowed. Handicapped car access could be considered as well.	4/15/2021 8:27 AM
121	Option 4	4/15/2021 7:56 AM
122	Park lane should be a downtown pocket park. No cars no fumes Park benches and lots of beautiful landscaping for some shade simulait to university village. We thought that urban central was going to have a lot if spaces such as this but we have nothing but concrete.	4/15/2021 7:39 AM

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Bellevue's shopping center on 8th and 112th also has w beautiful outdoor seating areas and large container plantings with sitting areas. It would turn park l'âne back to something special and have a complete walking section from urban central to the water.

123	I know a couple of businesses will not like the lack of on-street parking. But the added room will ultimately make for more foot traffic and a much more pleasant atmosphere for everyone. What ever the outcome, any closure to traffic will be welcome	4/15/2021 7:37 AM
124	Close it to vehicles permanently. It serves no traffic flow purpose. And there is ample parking in Kirkland.	4/15/2021 7:26 AM
125	Option 2	4/15/2021 7:01 AM
126	Can bikes use lane if not cars	4/15/2021 6:40 AM
127	make the closure permanent. Pedestrian streets are very nice. The street is small enough to remain permanently pedestrian only.	4/15/2021 6:32 AM
128	If you end up with Option 2- closing at 4pm would be best. May people come just for happy hour. It seems it always takes an extra 30 minutes before all car are gone. No cars also makes it much more kid and dog friendly.	4/15/2021 5:51 AM
129	In my opinion, there is little value in the several parking spaces vs the ambiance. I am not sure if it would help or hurt the business but for someone who walks that street everyday, it would be much more appealing.	4/15/2021 4:36 AM
130	Park Lane is a wonderful pedestrian street with little value to cars. I would love to let it reach its full potential.	4/15/2021 12:59 AM
131	I don't understand the costs. For instance perhaps a sticker over the parking signs and ticket if someone parks. There has got to be a better solution than employee costs.	4/15/2021 12:11 AM
132	allow restaurants to expand settings into the street with covering and heat lamps as needed	4/14/2021 11:20 PM
133	I advocate for no cars year round - permanently. I would frequent Park Ln businesses much more to enjoy walking and outdoor dining.	4/14/2021 11:12 PM
134	Permanent closure to vehicles. Pedestrian and outdoor dining only.	4/14/2021 11:11 PM
135	Option 3 makes the most sense! Cheapest option and restaurants can benefit all day by using the outdoor seating. Only 17 parking places lost.	4/14/2021 11:03 PM
136	Parking is a premium, but losing these few spaces is worth it when we could have a full street open for restaurants and pedestrians. Restaurants could encourage patrons who are picking up, to use the back doors to access restaurants for quick pick ups	4/14/2021 10:57 PM
137	Permanent closure to cars. More outdoor events and seating and pedestrian enjoyment	4/14/2021 10:55 PM
138	Alternative: close evenings, weekends, holidays.	4/14/2021 10:46 PM
139	With this option I'd like to see the restaurants expand outdoor seating for the season. Eating inside unless you're right next to an open window is just not as safe as in the fresh air.	4/14/2021 10:36 PM
140	I have wanted this for a long time.	4/14/2021 10:35 PM
141	Shut it down for good. It's an accident waiting to happen and much more pleasant without cars.	4/14/2021 10:04 PM
142	Permanent closure of Park lane, and leaving it as outdoor restaurant seating (with tents and possibly heaters in the winter months?)	4/14/2021 9:43 PM
143	Downtown is getting taller and loosing it's charm. More walkable space will help. Even better is to keep new building limited in height.	4/14/2021 9:43 PM
144	Close full day and night the whole year.	4/14/2021 9:41 PM
145	Just make sure there's plenty of parking nearby. Parking can be expensive and is what keeps me away.	4/14/2021 9:37 PM
146	parking for the gym, coffee shops, and food pickup from restaurants is important to keep open during weekdays.	4/14/2021 9:29 PM
147	I think option 2 is fair to the businesses and pedestrians.	4/14/2021 8:56 PM

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148	nights and weekends	4/14/2021 8:43 PM
149	Socializing outside is still safest. And will give those businesses a boost. Would like to see other downtown businesses given support of some sort also. Thank you!	4/14/2021 8:34 PM
150	More pedestrian-only areas would make people flock to your city.	4/14/2021 8:29 PM
151	Hi- i think closing permanently for a set period (may-oct) would allow restaurants/stores to expand out in a more permanent way. Less labor to haul things in and out and create a cool vibe that is consistent for guests to dine, shop, gather. Consistency is great	4/14/2021 8:26 PM
152	Close all of park lane and allow restaurants and retail to use the outdoor parking spaces	4/14/2021 8:19 PM
153	Option 2 second choice	4/14/2021 8:16 PM
154	Close at 5 pm. Easier for families with kids that are out a bit earlier	4/14/2021 8:15 PM
155	I am okay with some limited car access to the area but it is so much safer to have one policy that everyone can simply count on. I don't want to get run over because the clock runs out on me!	4/14/2021 8:08 PM
156	2nd choice would be closed all day/evening if staff cost is a concern.	4/14/2021 8:06 PM
157	I like this idea but it should have weighted input from retailers on Park Lane.	4/14/2021 8:02 PM
158	Close permanently	4/14/2021 7:59 PM
159	Close more of downtown to cars.	4/14/2021 7:38 PM
160	I would love it modeled after the Pearl Street mall in Boulder, Colorado.	4/14/2021 7:35 PM
161	I would listen to the business owners who are impacted.	4/14/2021 7:29 PM
162	Option 2 is second choice	4/14/2021 7:15 PM
163	Evenings only	4/14/2021 7:04 PM
164	The lane should be closed permanently to vehicles. 1st reason it would promote year round activities 2nd reason it would eliminate traffic backup caused by vehicles turning left onto park lane	4/14/2021 6:48 PM
165	More pedestrian access is better	4/14/2021 6:41 PM
166	I would actually vote WITH the vendors/businesses on Park Lane, deferring to their preferences.	4/14/2021 6:25 PM
167	Even do this year round, not just summer months	4/14/2021 6:23 PM
168	You might want to consider disabled folks who can't walk very far. If you close Park Lane to cars, where will they park?	4/14/2021 6:17 PM
169	I think it's important to consider the businesses input who are on that street. I'm for whatever helps their business.	4/14/2021 6:14 PM
170	Closing Park Lane gives an unfair advantage to restaurants on Park Lane, to the detriment of other restaurants which do not have the ability to use the street for seating	4/14/2021 6:06 PM
171	I prefer permanent closure, or maybe open just for local deliveries from 10PM to 5PM. You spent all that money and cut those wonderful trees just so it's still the same stand-still traffic mess.	4/14/2021 6:02 PM
172	Add bike parking/racks in a car parking spot.	4/14/2021 6:01 PM
173	Option 2 would be my 2nd choice. However, move the close time back to 4:30 or 5 pm during the week.	4/14/2021 5:57 PM
174	I would like to see Park Lane from Lake Street to Main Street closed to vehicles permanently. There are alternatives to the Lake Street "cut through" and permanent closure would allow for more outdoor dining for hard hit restaurants.	4/14/2021 5:30 PM
175	Restaurants should be allowed to expand outdoor seating into the street.	4/14/2021 5:23 PM
176	I honestly think that it should be closed all day/night year around. It would be such an added	4/14/2021 5:04 PM

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177	Full time closure eliminates any confusion regarding when parking is allowed	4/14/2021 4:55 PM
178	those of use that dont have businesses on park lane vote no!!!we need the parking for our clients desperately ...the bar and dining have moved to sidewalks thats enoughwe got to eat too....	4/14/2021 4:52 PM
179	Permanently closed!	4/14/2021 4:29 PM
180	Much nicer and easier to get around for Disability Patrons. Weekends and Nights.	4/14/2021 4:27 PM
181	Option 2 is also compelling, but closing the lane to traffic will greatly enhance the destination for all day usage and local businesses should see increased business. This has played out in other cities. The more predictable the closure and the longer duration (May to Oct) will build the new behavior patterns that should prove that this is a win win for the community and businesses. While making the local businesses prosperous, they should not have a louder voice than the citizens if it will only help promote their business!	4/14/2021 4:17 PM
182	By virtue of you closing the road that long makes it impossible to find parking. Think about the hills that surround downtown and the number of people being forced to use them to find parking. I really doubt those hills are wheelchair or baby carriage friendly. You're decreasing accessibility for some.	4/14/2021 3:38 PM
183	The street is very congested during summer time and hazardous for kids and people who are crossing the street.	4/14/2021 3:30 PM
184	The restaurant pickup spots have been great! I'd love to have that option during the week to pick up a quick dinner and the road closed on weekends / holidays with more restaurant tables to eat outdoors.	4/14/2021 3:06 PM
185	Would love if Park Lane was closed to cars permanently. It's already not a good thoroughfare and more appropriate routes exist. On the other hand, it's a nice place to walk with lots of businesses. Another reason to close to vehicle traffic: left turns onto Park Ln from Lake St cause congestion on the Market St -> Lake Washington Blvd route.	4/14/2021 2:52 PM
186	This would help local businesses throughout the summer, be more predictable, avoid traffic backing up onto Lake Street, and would be simpler to implement.	4/14/2021 2:51 PM
187	Option two would be my second choice. I think pedestrian streets actually increase business!	4/14/2021 2:50 PM
188	I feel that this lane should be permanently closed to traffic. It is a nice, quaint walking lane that is safe for children, adults and dogs to walk through, shop and eat. It doesn't need cars, there are streets on both sides of it.	4/14/2021 2:36 PM
189	I think you should poll the retailers and restaurants on that street and do what THEY want. They have been badly injured this past year and need all the help we can get them.	4/14/2021 2:23 PM
190	It would be great to have an all-pedestrian street like European cities have. This would promote visits to local businesses, and would be a fantastic way to enjoy time outdoors with views of this beautiful city. I would propose closing it all year, and setting up a European-style Christmas/holiday market in December along Park Lane. Other North American cities have copied these markets with great success, such as the one in Vancouver, B.C. There is no such market in the Seattle area, so this could be a wonderful way to bring visitors to Kirkland.	4/14/2021 2:21 PM
191	we need more parking space for other small business too, we gone have parking problems, if you want don't just closed park lane closed all down town for cars.	4/14/2021 2:18 PM
192	The restaurants already take up the sidewalks for dining, the street gives pedestrians more room to walk.	4/14/2021 1:58 PM
193	Make Park Lane a place where people can gather, eat, talk. A center of hospitality for the community	4/14/2021 1:55 PM
194	I don't know if it would make sense to open it just in the mornings for deliveries, et cetera.	4/14/2021 1:43 PM
195	Use the street and not just leave it open, similar to Ballard on Sundays that draws people in. An empty street is useless.	4/14/2021 1:42 PM
196	I think closing Park Lane is such a wonderful idea! Thanks for considering it— between this and keeping the Christmas lights up into Spring you're all really killing it this year.	4/14/2021 1:39 PM

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197	Option 2 seems like the most useable times, otherwise have it open	4/14/2021 1:29 PM
198	Keep it closed 24/7/365	4/14/2021 1:21 PM
199	Permanent closure to motorized vehicles.	4/14/2021 1:13 PM
200	Please don't allow cars on this street, it's unnecessary.	4/14/2021 12:59 PM
201	with covid and summer months coming up, I would like to recommend a discussion on closing the parking lot next to the marina park and enable that area be used for outdoor dining for the summer time. I'll be the first to say that parking is a challenge in the area already. BUT, the parking lot not large enough to park half of the cars anyway. Just a thought.	4/14/2021 12:50 PM
202	Provide music in the summer. Have street fairs once a month.	4/14/2021 12:25 PM
203	Make the outdoor space much more enjoyable without cars slowly looking for a parking spot that is never there.	4/14/2021 12:22 PM
204	Nights and weekends is also a good option, but would prefer full closure	4/14/2021 12:12 PM
205	If we can't close it entirely to traffic, it'd be better to shut down for evenings, weekends, and holidays than the other two options.	4/14/2021 12:08 PM
206	Maybe consider opening on a regular basis during low-foot-traffic times if local businesses need to take deliveries on Park Lane. But in general it is a narrow street with a lot of pedestrians - I am in favor of closing it to cars permanently if there's community support for it.	4/14/2021 12:06 PM
207	Close it all the time,	4/14/2021 12:00 PM
208	I'd also like it if it would just close down and become a permanent pedestrian area.	4/14/2021 11:44 AM
209	the turn off Lake onto Park Lane is horrible for traffic, especially during the summer but really always. closing Park Lane to through traffic at all times would remove congestion from Lake that is sorely needed. oft times it backs up to Central, making the left from Central hard to make. and for what, a dozen or so parking spots?! close Park Lane down for the entire time!	4/14/2021 11:36 AM
210	Consider closing it forever.	4/14/2021 11:28 AM
211	Keep it closed forever! It would be a great pedestrian promenade. Like what they did in Santa Monica, CA	4/14/2021 11:22 AM
212	Please make it permanent and change the layout to include tables and/or benches to eat/read/drink a coffee. Or run a farmer's market or art exhibit through it! :-)	4/14/2021 11:21 AM
213	Please close park lane to traffic. It'll greatly increase walkability of the street, in particular with kids	4/14/2021 11:20 AM
214	Do not close. Parking is already limited in the area.	4/14/2021 11:17 AM
215	Weekends only. Friday noon to Sunday evening. Add shuttle for mobility impaired. Similar to airport	4/14/2021 11:17 AM
216	either 3 or 4. don't complicate things	4/14/2021 11:16 AM
217	I would prefer Park Lane be pedestrian-only all year round. It makes no sense as a car street in the first place.	4/14/2021 11:15 AM
218	For a total of only 17 parking spaces, the city can gain a great pedestrian space. Option 2 is a close second behind option 3.	4/14/2021 11:15 AM
219	Close it permanently (perhaps with an option for delivery, in mornings or something) Cities all across Europe have roads like this in their towns. Works great. Closing and reopening doesn't make sense. The lose of parking is minimal (what is there like 10 spots?) and it is trivial for drivers to take alternate routes. There is no reason to EVER open this road to traffic, except for possibly delivers (stores on the north side can be accessed by an alleyway, I don't know about stores on the south)	4/14/2021 11:07 AM
220	Close it permanently	4/14/2021 11:06 AM
221	keep the one ADA parking spot open but make it the first spot to optimize the open space.	4/14/2021 11:05 AM
222	Please maximize pedestrian spaces to allow for more spacing and restaurant seating	4/14/2021 10:53 AM

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223	Although change is often resisted, I believe that pedestrian-only streets that I've visited in other cities have been a great boon to the local communities long-term.	4/14/2021 10:53 AM
224	More special activities	4/14/2021 10:46 AM
225	Close as many of the roads to cars downtown as you reasonable can, and encourage restaurants to stay open a bit later. DT had the potential to be one of the best parts of the eastside if you can encourage people to come and not worry about cars and worry about all the food options closing.	4/14/2021 10:44 AM
226	Thank you for considering this. I think it's absolutely in the best interest of our city to do this and encourage a beautiful pedestrian square at the heart of Kirkland. I would vote to close it year round permanently.	4/14/2021 10:41 AM
227	Just suggest more parking lots nearby	4/14/2021 10:23 AM
228	We should consider permanent closure of Park Lane	4/14/2021 10:18 AM
229	Alternative would be option #2, however for the cost, and the small number of parking spaces being discusses, as a tax payer, I don't think it's worth it. Daytime hours are not when it's difficult to find parking. There are lot of other parking options all around Park Lane.	4/14/2021 10:10 AM
230	There are so few spaces here that this should just remain for foot traffic permanently.	4/14/2021 10:07 AM
231	If this is not approved, any closure would be good but full closure is preferred.	4/14/2021 10:07 AM
232	I would prefer option 3 but I do think that might be difficult for businesses and for people with accessibility issues.	4/14/2021 10:07 AM
233	give more room to social distance and with more car free times the people will feel safer there for will come out more and support the companys	4/14/2021 9:55 AM
234	As COVID protocols ease up, encourage more street activity such as pop-up booths and musicians. Since the closure is 24-hr, you can provide more hardscaping and art to really develop the space as a communal experience. Engage the Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission and youth groups to help with ideas and implementation. What would engage kids in this space? How can local shops use pop-ups and displays to draw commerce to their doors? Can other downtown merchants participate, by having displays that reach the impact beyond Park Lane? Maybe a big "You Are Here" map that highlights all of what's available in the immediate area.	4/14/2021 9:52 AM
235	Option 2 would be my second choice	4/14/2021 9:50 AM
236	I'm offering a perspective but without information that might lead me to a different conclusion. It would be very helpful to include information about whether and how the prior closures achieved the goals that they were intended to achieve, at what costs, and what we know about any other adverse impacts that occurred. For example, my current preference (closure day & night) is based upon a concern that confusion by pedestrians over whether cars are allowed on Park Lane leads them to take undue risks in periods when cars ARE present, but I don't know if that's a real or imagined concern. It would be useful to hear evidence from the prior years' experience. How were businesses impacted? Consumers? Safety? Etc.?	4/14/2021 9:42 AM
237	Close it permanently, no value add to have cars drive through there or park	4/14/2021 9:40 AM
238	We loved having Park Lane closed and used for other activities. The more time it is closed, the better!!!	4/14/2021 9:37 AM
239	Vehicles should be allowed at all times. Parkings should be allowed for any vehicle.	4/14/2021 9:30 AM
240	Parking is critical. I rarely go into kirkland now because of no parking.	4/14/2021 9:30 AM
241	Please consider placement of handicapped parking spaces to ensure needed access to restaurants and business in the closed zone.	4/14/2021 9:22 AM
242	Prefer to have streets close at 4 or 5 in time for happy hours.	4/14/2021 9:20 AM
243	Option 1 is alternative preference. Like the evening closures, but NOT the daytime	4/14/2021 9:15 AM
244	I would close it at 5pm so the happy hour crowd can be involved. Are there any options for to go during this time. A central pick-up area or something?	4/14/2021 8:56 AM

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245	Convert all the parking there to ADA. That's the only reason to keep it open to cars at all -- access to those with mobility issues.	4/14/2021 8:43 AM
246	Consider additional handicap parking close to Park Lane.	4/14/2021 8:38 AM
247	Put kiosks of various sorts on the street during this time, such as food (grab and go, including sweets) and creative items to shop for; include a few activity-related areas for kids/families, maybe even set up some game boards (i.e. chess, checkers, etc.). Give families and residents a chance to enjoy downtown without needing to spend a fortune to do so.	4/14/2021 8:30 AM
248	None	4/14/2021 8:24 AM
249	None	4/14/2021 8:21 AM
250	We need more space but also need to encourage takeout somehow, despite folks not being able to park in front of the stores.	4/14/2021 8:19 AM
251	Close park lane to auto vehicles but consider identifying bicycle and walkway areas down the middle of the street. Please also consider installing bike corrals as part of the full closure so you maximize access to businesses.	4/14/2021 8:13 AM
252	Option 2 is my second choice. If Option 3 impacts Park Lane businesses too negatively, then I would chose Option 2. It's wonderful to have that open restaurant/ other businesses/ promenade space in downtown Kirkland.	4/14/2021 8:09 AM
253	Close the street permanently to all parking and cars. There is no need to have cars drive through that street. You will need to open up other parking spots to accomodate. Remove the paid parking behind the Heathman hotel	4/14/2021 7:49 AM
254	Close it permanently	4/14/2021 7:41 AM
255	N/a	4/14/2021 7:39 AM
256	I'd support 24x7 closures but assume this would not be the wishes of the retailers	4/14/2021 7:39 AM
257	Close Park Lane to all vehicle traffic for the entire year. Provide for the creation of a "Bourbon Street" type atmosphere allowing people to wander, dine, shop, and socialize.	4/14/2021 7:37 AM
258	Parkland should be a pedestrian street all year and permanently	4/14/2021 7:33 AM
259	The outdoor space should be more important than a number of parking spaces lost due to the change.	4/14/2021 7:30 AM
260	I want to be able to drive thru regardless of any event.	4/14/2021 7:29 AM
261	It's safer for pedestrians to have Park Lane closed during the summer months, and easier for drivers to remember that it will be closed for a period of months instead of specific times each day.	4/14/2021 7:22 AM
262	Option 2 is a good second alternative. The closing of the area would allow merchants to use more of the space for outdoor seating / retail. Please also consider a relaxing of open container rules on the street too.	4/14/2021 7:15 AM
263	Using the Library garage one encounters homeless in the vicinity of bus depot and public bathrooms. It does not feel safe at night.	4/14/2021 7:13 AM
264	if you are truly worried about covid and the need to social distance than the city should not close Park Lane to cars. Closing it will encourage large gatherings. If the vaccines are effective than why social distance and wear masks??	4/14/2021 7:07 AM
265	Offer restaurant "pickup" stalls in the paid parking lot across from Starbucks.	4/14/2021 6:57 AM
266	Think about how many parking slots this would eliminate and where vehicles can be directed that would be free parking slots and not paid lots. It appears downtown Kirkland shoppers/diners are back in full force compared to last summer. This plan could be very important if King County is rolled back into Phase 2.	4/14/2021 6:51 AM
267	This is a very short Street, and that's easy to get where one is going without having to go through Park Lane. Why is it ever open to vehicles at all, except for emergency vehicles?	4/14/2021 3:50 AM
268	Honestly, I would love to see Park Lane closed all year. It would be a bit challenging at first, but folks would adapt and come to know what to expect when traveling to the DT Kirkland	4/13/2021 11:34 PM

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area. I would also love to see local shops and stores open on Sundays, as that is the perfect time for many people to shop locally. Closing this area to vehicles, is one small step toward helping the city build a stronger sense of community and engagement.

269	Parklets would be a compromise, parking is often very difficult and all the new apartments being built in the area don't help.	4/13/2021 10:52 PM
270	Close to cars permanently.	4/13/2021 10:28 PM
271	Consider parking for meal pickups in back alleys, so they still have easy access. Prefer no vehicles on Park Lane as it's much safer for pedestrians and more fun for families. Also, the city is quite festive with outdoor seating filling the street.	4/13/2021 9:50 PM
272	My wife and I ate outdoors on Park Lane at least once per week last year when it was an option. It was fabulous! That kind of thing is why I moved to Kirkland. Please help reboot our city's economy with this extra support to the restaurants.	4/13/2021 9:45 PM
273	Keep it closed, but expand food choices and seating. Add Food trucks or allow restaurants to set up pop ups.	4/13/2021 9:43 PM
274	Much nicer to have it closed.	4/13/2021 9:39 PM
275	If we go into lockdown then having the street n allows for pickup from the restaurants	4/13/2021 9:38 PM
276	Please get rid of the crosswalk that is not at a corner. This really fouls up traffic and there really isn't a reason they can't walk to the corner and cross at the light. It would really improve the street.	4/13/2021 9:21 PM
277	Close it to vehicles permanently. The car traffic there is minimal.	4/13/2021 9:06 PM
278	It should be closed for cars permanently	4/13/2021 8:52 PM
279	I would have no problem with Park Lane being close to vehicles permanently, year round.	4/13/2021 8:48 PM
280	Thank you for organizing! By far the best choice is to close to street to traffic and allow businesses to use the space.	4/13/2021 8:44 PM
281	This is such a no-brainer. Tons of cities are doing this type of thing--Kirkland does not have to be so car/parking dominated! There ARE other ways to enjoy the space.	4/13/2021 8:20 PM
282	Please close down Park Lane to vehicles all summer! More space for outdoor dining and for retail would be so amazing. We'd eat down there even more often than we already do if some of those patios were bigger.	4/13/2021 7:12 PM
283	With the transit center, that road doesn't make much sense for cars anyway	4/13/2021 7:05 PM
284	Close this AND the main downtown street to cars so pedestrians can enjoy our beautiful downtown while maintaining their personal bubbles when need be	4/13/2021 6:56 PM
285	I am not sure what STAFF TIME means/requires, but would be interested in what is best/easiest for the restaurants WHILE considering what the other retailers want. Parking is so close for walking to the retailers, that i would prioritize what is best/easiest for the restaurants.	4/13/2021 6:37 PM
286	I also like Option 3. I think this is a fantastic idea!!	4/13/2021 6:36 PM
287	People have been clamoring for this for YEARS. Pedestrian streets thrive in cities all over the world. Many of the business owners who were most strongly opposed are no longer there. Business will grow as word gets out that the street is a full time pedestrian street. It takes time for awareness to grow -- we have to be willing to give it time.	4/13/2021 5:30 PM
288	Close it earlier - 4:30 or 5pm	4/13/2021 5:20 PM
289	I'm in a wheelchair. I guess I can't go to downtown anymore.	4/13/2021 3:28 PM
290	Weigh the opinions of the businesses immediately on or adjacent to the street more heavily than the general response. They probably have a better feel for what brings people there. The constant reopening and closing of the street adds costs and toil for those stores in addition to the city's costs.	4/13/2021 3:28 PM
291	I think maximum utility would be met by closing from memorial day to labor day. prime tourist season as well as summer vacation.	4/13/2021 3:01 PM

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292	Permanently close the street, set up tables and make it a flex space for events, street fairs etc.	4/13/2021 2:29 PM
293	Opening to pedestrians 24/7 is much better because it ends confusion about who can access the street and when. Last year, I noticed a lot of people who were walking in the middle of the road even though it was open to cars. It's just better to keep the street open to pedestrians all day and that way people know that it is always available and pleasant.	4/13/2021 2:19 PM
294	I support the Parklet idea for outdoor seating all year long regardless of regulations on occupancy in restaurants.	4/13/2021 2:06 PM
295	Close it all year! It's just one block and has access from parking areas on both ends. Variations in schedule actually make it more frustrating to folks who would prefer to drive on this street, and closing it all the time would reduce confusion.	4/13/2021 1:48 PM
296	Make park lane permanently pedestrian only	4/13/2021 1:38 PM
297	Should be closed year around	4/13/2021 1:25 PM
298	More space for outdoor sitting during this time. Possibly open up to temporary vendors in form of stalls, food trucks or vendor stalls farmers market style. Additional spots should be setup for fast pickup of orders.	4/13/2021 1:22 PM
299	Alternative preference would be option 2.	4/13/2021 1:16 PM
300	Option 3 is my first choice, but would settle for Option 2. Please don't roll it back to Option 4!	4/13/2021 1:04 PM
301	Close the road to vehicles permanently.	4/13/2021 12:52 PM
302	Please considered disabled parking and deliveries to the businesses.	4/13/2021 11:12 AM
303	It should be permanently closed for cars so businesses can have longer term planning. When presenting options city should have conducted survey of the area about how many people v/s cars use this street and present public with the numbers. This surveys can be done by city's volunteer program but that one doesn't have any urbanization initiatives.	4/13/2021 10:40 AM
304	Our family would like to see Park Lane closed to all traffic all year. Make this a pedestrian corridor from downtown to Kirkland Urban (as proposed 2 decades ago).	4/13/2021 10:37 AM
305	We are so thrilled that the city is considering a closure to vehicles of Park Lane. We live in Norkirk with young kids and downtown Kirkland is so incredibly wonderful with Park Lane closed in the summer - kids can ride bikes, run without concern for traffic (safe place) - and it makes it easier to socially distance! It seems some people might think closing Park Lane could negatively impact the businesses - but I think its the opposite! There are SO MANY people that walk by the businesses when Park lane is closed to traffic. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE close Park lane!!!! Thank you so much to our wonderful city staff - appreciate your thoughtfulness and hard work!	4/13/2021 10:31 AM
306	Allow restaurant seating in all parking spaces.	4/13/2021 10:29 AM
307	Allow restaurant seating in entire area or parking spots	4/13/2021 10:28 AM
308	Rather than at 6:00PM, I recommend it close at 4:00 PM to allow the restaurants to seat customers in parking spaces and prepare for dinner guests	4/13/2021 10:26 AM
309	I prefer occasional weekend and holiday closures. It's hard enough now to find parking and pick up takeout. Plus, if I take my elderly parents out, it's nice to be able to park close or drop them off at the restaurant. Please do not close park lane to all traffic/parking forever!	4/13/2021 10:17 AM
310	Close park lane to traffic permanently. It is confusing to park there anyway, and there are only a few spots. To mitigate for the lost parking spots, rework the marina lot, or the lot adjacent to park lane/starbucks to fit in 5-10 more vehicles.	4/13/2021 10:11 AM
311	People will be inconvenienced either way. That's the nature of the beast. Drivers will be held up in extra congestion and/or businesses will continue to suffer loss of revenue etc. This option seems to be a reasonable balance. There is no perfect solution. Such is life. People tend to vote based on what each person wants rather than what's best for the community as a whole.	4/13/2021 10:10 AM
312	I'd like to see the evening closure start at 5:00 to allow for Happy Hours to take advantage of additional outdoor seating. And Option 3 would be preferable to 1.	4/13/2021 10:03 AM

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313	Although I could support option 2, I prefer 3. Park Lane is a great spot to stroll and to eat. The atmosphere is SO much better without cars there. It makes it the center of town when traffic free.	4/13/2021 9:43 AM
314	You could start June 1 instead of May 1.	4/13/2021 9:05 AM
315	One of the things I love about going to Europe is that there are always large portions of downtowns that do not allow any cars, day or night! I love it! You can walk, dine, shop, without fear of having to navigate traffic! It's wonderful!!	4/13/2021 8:57 AM
316	Same should be done in other areas of the city, giving some more space to pedestrians	4/13/2021 8:23 AM
317	Close to cars forever!	4/13/2021 8:21 AM
318	I would like Park Lane to be closed permanently to vehicles.	4/13/2021 8:04 AM
319	Allow food trucks and craft/art fair or outdoor performance like theater or bands	4/12/2021 11:51 PM
320	Provide a few curbside pickup spaces for Park Lane restaurants in the parking lot adjacent to Park Lane.	4/12/2021 11:45 PM
321	Close this indefinitely to cars. The utility that this provides as a road and as a parking lot probably don't come close to the benefit of a pedestrian corridor and plaza.	4/12/2021 11:24 PM
322	Please make this a pedestrian zone as well as the little street between the Kirkland Urban buildings. We need more pedestrian zones that are safe for kids and adults. Also, please bring more restaurants to Park Lane, not fitness centers. And please bring food trucks to the Marina!	4/12/2021 10:41 PM
323	To create a welcoming environment for strolling, please provide plenty of "free" seating – benches, chairs, tables that are not exclusively for patrons of restaurants.	4/12/2021 10:35 PM
324	Option 2 as a second alternative	4/12/2021 10:34 PM
325	I'd suggest closure all day and weekends to Let the restaurants use the space for outdoor seating to entice foot traffic and an ambiance.	4/12/2021 10:06 PM
326	Having it open only part of the time creates confusion and potential injuries. I will forget when its open and when it isn't. I see pedestrians behaving entitled to walk through regardless of whether its closed or open. Won't the walking traffic make up for vehicle traffic for the businesses? I would think in this specific scenario that the old argument of traffic driving business is an outdated sentiment. I am MUCH more likely to window shop while strolling through. If I'm in my car, I'm on a mission to pick up take out food and leave, I'm not going to window shop or purchase somewhere I hadn't planned on. I'm not an expert but I am a consumer who goes through there on foot, bike and car.	4/12/2021 9:52 PM
327	Park lane should have been shut down years ago. I would love to see it covered for year round outdoor dining and entertainment	4/12/2021 9:25 PM
328	Set Kirkland apart from Bellevue and make it pedestrian and kid friendly. This is a really small area that could be closed - it will be great for businesses and citizens	4/12/2021 8:31 PM
329	Park lane is a nightmare to navigate around with vehicles turn on to it and off of it and wow it if for parking. Just close it down for outdoor seating and vendor carts!	4/12/2021 8:15 PM
330	It should always be pedestrian-only!	4/12/2021 8:05 PM
331	Street fairs	4/12/2021 7:58 PM
332	Closed year round. Tents in the winter for all season outdoor dining	4/12/2021 7:53 PM
333	Should be a permanent closure to all traffic.	4/12/2021 7:42 PM
334	I'd like it to be permanently closed for outdoor seating at restaurants	4/12/2021 7:01 PM
335	I will make a closer permanently. There's no point to be open. Restaurants can have more tables outside. Also its very dangerous for kids, as you can see many times cars stopping suddenly when kids cross to the road, as the sidewalk its not very clear	4/12/2021 6:17 PM
336	instead of fitness centers in downtown, more diverse restaurants for people to hang out please. Would be nice if the city do something like Monday or Sunday food truck at the Marina (when the other restaurants nearby close and people still want to go out and enjoy the weather/water)	4/12/2021 5:45 PM

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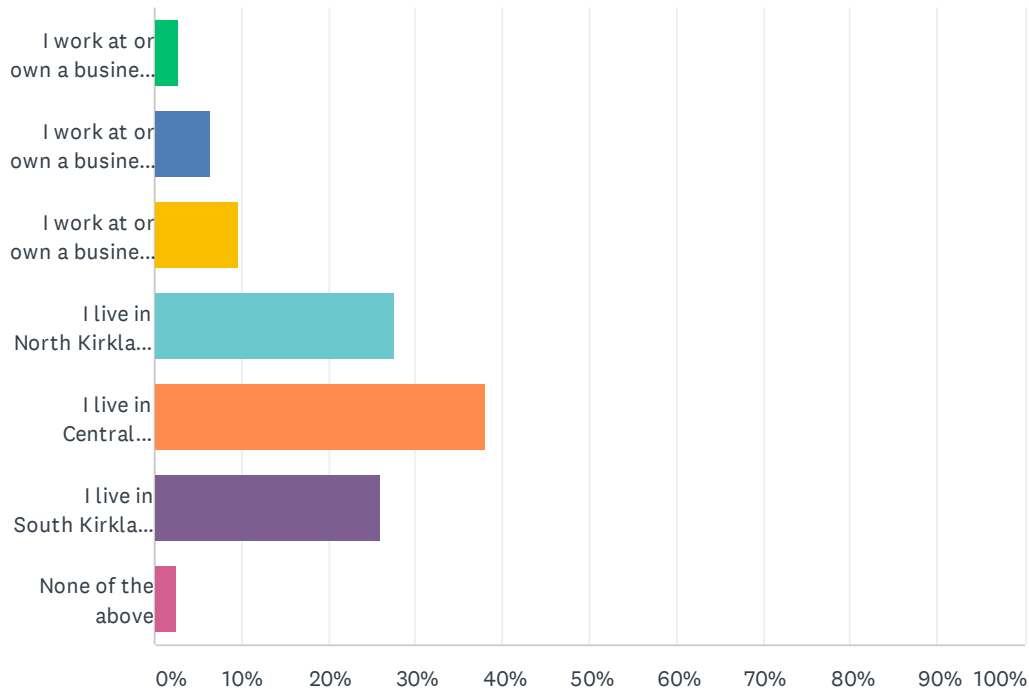
337	It should be closed year round.	4/12/2021 5:44 PM
338	I have always hoped for option 3.	4/12/2021 5:34 PM
339	If only part day, start earlier to accommodate families eating early at Park Lane restaurants so kids can run around	4/12/2021 5:34 PM
340	Open for happy hour as well. This is a big draw to bring people to the area to spend money at these downtown locations.	4/12/2021 5:23 PM
341	There is zero reason Park Lane should be open ever. Regardless of pandemic.	4/12/2021 5:16 PM
342	Open more free parking in other areas to compensate. Let the restaurants set up more outdoor dining in that area. Do not let any cars drive down that space but reserve spaces at the nearest parking areas for take out.	4/12/2021 5:14 PM
343	There is a VERY limited amount of parking on Park Lane but the coming and going of cars is maddening and significantly impedes pedestrian traffic and our ability to enjoy outdoor dining, etc. Please just end cars on that stretch entirely and make it a true community gathering place.	4/12/2021 5:14 PM
344	I think the City should permanently close the street to all vehicles. It will lower noise pollution, air pollution, and increase wellbeing and community cohesion.	4/12/2021 4:49 PM
345	Permanent pedestrian space	4/12/2021 4:35 PM
346	I really agree with all 3 options of closing down the street to allow social distancing while still allowing businesses to succeed. I chose option 3 simply bc of the cost savings to the city.	4/12/2021 4:21 PM
347	Allow more outdoor dining	4/12/2021 4:15 PM
348	For those dining out with small children, we appreciate the option to eat outside without the danger of moving vehicles nearby.	4/12/2021 4:11 PM
349	The best way to build consumer behavior is through predictability--establishing what to expect. If the street is predictably closed, Park Lane becomes a walking destination and drivers learn to park in other locations (like the Library). Variability = consumer frustration. People do not keep track of which weekends/evenings that half street is open or closed.	4/12/2021 4:10 PM
350	It would be great to have this space to distance all summer. Would still like to have some loading zones so we can get take out from local restaurants.	4/12/2021 3:39 PM
351	Parklane Gallery sales are consistantly better when there is more street traffic -- we are totally behind the idea. Larey McDaniel, President, Parklane Gallery	4/11/2021 10:59 AM
352	Should be closed to auto traffic permanently. I believe that foot traffic would drastically increase, benefitting the businesses on this section of road. It would also allow the businesses to extend out onto the sidewalk.	4/10/2021 1:44 PM
353	Kirkland already has a parking problem everyone says it, why make it worse? 17 spots that turn over every 2 hours 6 times a day, 102 less spots a day, 2,958 a month, 14,790 during the proposed 5 month closure..... I'm sure that will have a pretty significant impact on business's that already had to endure a 3 month closure and work around Covid restrictions, aren't there enough empty storefronts in Kirkland?	4/9/2021 11:03 PM
354	All businesses in Kirkland are struggling not just the restaurants. Working 25-50% capacity has put a huge strain on all businesses. Restaurants are the only businesses that can expand onto the sidewalks and streets. I feel that is great for them they need all the help they can get. That said, all businesses need to be considered.	4/9/2021 3:43 PM
355	Go through the zoning process and rezone the street to Restaurant only if those are the only businesses the city and the community want to support. Closing the stree to vehicles harms the actual retail businesses.	4/9/2021 2:15 PM
356	move up shut down time to 5pm on biz days and add more tables to the open areas so more people can hang out, also have an official "stage" at one end for live music	4/9/2021 1:40 PM
357	This project focuses on a small, two-block stretch and there is ample parking availability in both the surface lot on the west end of this, and the municipal lot on the eastern side.	4/9/2021 11:09 AM
358	Kirkland uniquely positioned to create a 'European walking city' connecting its waterfront to	4/9/2021 8:12 AM

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Q3 Please select all that apply:

Answered: 1,216 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I work at or own a business on Park Lane.	2.80%	34
I work at or own a business on another street in downtown Kirkland	6.41%	78
I work at or own a business in another part of Kirkland.	9.62%	117
I live in North Kirkland (Finn Hill, Juanita, Kingsgate, Totem Lake)	27.55%	335
I live in Central Kirkland (Market, Norkirk, Highlands, North Rose Hill)	38.08%	463
I live in South Kirkland (Moss Bay, Everest, South Rose Hill, Lakeview, Central Houghton, Bridle Trails)	25.99%	316
None of the above	2.47%	30
Total Respondents: 1,216		

Q4 If you represent an affected business on Park Lane or downtown, please give us your thoughts on ways the City might help mitigate the potential impact on your business should Park Lane close to vehicles as described above.

Answered: 72 Skipped: 1,154

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	There is not enough roads or parking as it is downtown. Eliminating driving and parking on Park Lane is just adding to the already too congested traffic.	4/25/2021 5:48 PM
2	I have no idea how the City could help mitigate loss of sales should Park Lane close. We are obviously just coming off of a pandemic that closed our business for multiple months and has had a dramatic affect on our business and now once again you want to shut down the street again. Kirkland has an ongoing reputation of a parking shortage and you want to magnify that by taking away what parking we do. I made additional comments on my feelings in response to question 1.	4/22/2021 11:21 PM
3	An evening closure is a reasonable compromise, and supported by our tenants. Daytime closure would be severely damaging, as it has been in Edmonds. I would expect a drastic reduction in property taxes, which would still not be adequate restitution for the loss in property value and the loss of my longtime tenants, who are teetering on the edge and have only survived as we have given them several months free rent. You can take over subsidizing their rent, if you paid at least half of it they might come out ok.	4/22/2021 3:46 PM
4	Our customers enjoy sitting outdoors (many, even in the winter!). The calm, quiet, cleaner, safer, and spacious atmosphere created by the absence of motor vehicles is conducive to mobility, socializing, and shopping. Many of our customers live nearby, and enjoy walking to our establishment. The presence of motor vehicles confines people to moving linearly. When people are comfortable moving about, freely crossing the street, then more engagement with the shops and galleries will naturally occur. Promoting the closing of Park Lane as a larger vision of an Urban to Lakefront Promenade will make it easier to satisfy those who can utilize motor vehicle parking at Kirkland Urban and the Library. More bike parking at the Marina, on Park Lane, and at Kirkland Urban, please. ☺	4/16/2021 6:36 AM
5	Allows for safer dining and more tables available to businesses.	4/15/2021 6:50 PM
6	N/A	4/15/2021 11:19 AM
7	I would let the businesses that are on that street decide. There is very limited parking as it is. Less spaces might detour people from wanting to go down there, but whatever benefits them the most I would be fine with.	4/15/2021 9:02 AM
8	NA but the rising tide lifts all boats. The more compelling Kirkland is overall, the more success everyone will have.	4/15/2021 7:38 AM
9	I am not a business owner but a consumer and many times have chosen not to shop or have a meal in parkland due to the traffic going through there. We would be more inclined to dine frequently in park lane if it was a pedestrian area.	4/14/2021 10:37 PM
10	I don't own a business in downtown Kirkland	4/14/2021 9:37 PM
11	N/A	4/14/2021 8:20 PM
12	yes	4/14/2021 7:35 PM
13	I am a frequent user and would go there even more often if it were always closed. Much could be done to make it an even more attractive strolling and dining area!	4/14/2021 7:01 PM
14	NA	4/14/2021 6:45 PM
15	N/A	4/14/2021 6:41 PM

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16	It should be closed Permanently	4/14/2021 6:38 PM
17	They might end up using our business for parking	4/14/2021 6:24 PM
18	There is no need to park on Park Lane to patron these businesses. There are multiple lots and street parking nearby. The ability to walk down an actual "Park Lane" without vehicles would draw more people to these businesses.	4/14/2021 5:21 PM
19	Support the Kirkland police department and put the blue line flag back in the building. Stop being cowards.	4/14/2021 5:00 PM
20	we are at 50% cant pay rent it will cut our business down another 40 -50%--last year you closed the street it was a disaster for us....	4/14/2021 4:55 PM
21	Yes	4/14/2021 4:30 PM
22	N/A	4/14/2021 3:38 PM
23	NA	4/14/2021 3:37 PM
24	N/A - But please keep those 15 min parking spots somewhere nearby to do food pickup	4/14/2021 3:07 PM
25	Nope. We're on Kirkland Way	4/14/2021 2:57 PM
26	fixed parking problems.	4/14/2021 2:20 PM
27	Last year the street sat empty during weekend closures. Would love to see vendors, artist, food vendors open the street like a farmers market feel. Our customers come from all over to shop our stores and we get very few locals who shop.	4/14/2021 1:45 PM
28	No because parking spaces are already very limited	4/14/2021 12:55 PM
29	Please make sure there is a nearby food pick spot for drivers. There are plenty of parking spots next to the banks on Central that are nearby and could be converted in the evening to food pick up area.	4/14/2021 11:22 AM
30	Make parking in the Marina and the lot on Lake and Central free after 5:00pm	4/14/2021 10:47 AM
31	Everything should be closed until the pandemic ends, especially since new virus mutations that are 70% more infectious. How you may talk about parks, cafes, etc when people's lives are in danger and people are dying?	4/14/2021 10:45 AM
32	N/A	4/14/2021 10:44 AM
33	I believe there are plenty of other parking options for businesses already -	4/14/2021 10:42 AM
34	I do not represent a business.	4/14/2021 9:46 AM
35	Yes	4/14/2021 9:31 AM
36	Park lane closures will ease traffic on lake wa blvd as cars won't have to wait for other cars turning left onto park lane.	4/14/2021 9:28 AM
37	I don't represent a business, but maybe reserve free parking for pick ups in the lot at the corner	4/14/2021 9:18 AM
38	N/a	4/14/2021 8:44 AM
39	NA	4/14/2021 8:39 AM
40	NA	4/14/2021 8:24 AM
41	N/a	4/14/2021 8:14 AM
42	I want to be able to drive thru regardless of any event.	4/14/2021 7:31 AM
43	no	4/14/2021 7:07 AM
44	I don't own a business in this part of Kirkland, but do in another part of DT Kirkland. The biggest challenge might be transporting purchased items to a customers vehicle. Perhaps there could be a drive through pick up area, similar to the one at Bellevue Square. With ingenuity and resourcefulness, this could be a winning arrangement for everyone.	4/13/2021 11:39 PM

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45	Improve parking to increased more people down town, perhaps open up temperature parking on the field	4/13/2021 9:40 PM
46	Get rid of the crosswalk and have pedestrians cross at the light!	4/13/2021 9:22 PM
47	I would be more likely to visit businesses if I didn't have to deal with car congestion on Park Lane.	4/13/2021 8:48 PM
48	No	4/13/2021 8:34 PM
49	No mitigation needed! I actually think it will draw MORE customers as more people can enjoy all that space when it's not full of cars.	4/13/2021 8:21 PM
50	N/a just a resident!	4/13/2021 7:13 PM
51	I've chosen Option 1 only as a compromise from Option 4 - for the sake of the restaurants on Park Lane. I supported this last year, and it seemed to work fine. 1) By providing additional free parking elsewhere near Park Lane, and making it well known to downtown visitors. 2) Ensure that the physical means to close off Park Lane are classy and aesthetically pleasing - i.e. potted plants, not road block barriers, etc. , and that any signage be done professionally. 3) It must be obvious that the closure of Park Lane is to vehicles only - not pedestrians / shop & restaurant patrons.	4/13/2021 3:06 PM
52	the primary issue to address would be the invaluable short term parking that was created during covid. the restaurants and guests have really come to count on this resource. maybe 3 or 4 stalls at lake and central lot would suffice	4/13/2021 3:03 PM
53	It would be great if the city encourage pop up attractions on Park Lane during the day to help attract more people to the businesses that are open during the day.	4/13/2021 2:20 PM
54	N/A	4/13/2021 1:24 PM
55	Yes	4/13/2021 11:24 AM
56	It should be a permanent pedestrian area.	4/13/2021 10:59 AM
57	N/a	4/13/2021 10:11 AM
58	N/A	4/12/2021 9:41 PM
59	Na	4/12/2021 8:50 PM
60	I believe there would be no negative effects on the businesses. Only positive. :) Yes I own a business on Kirkland Ave	4/12/2021 6:53 PM
61	N/A	4/12/2021 5:35 PM
62	Larger wayfinding signs to parking, designating several "order pickup" parking spaces nearby, making parking in the Lake & Central lot free, creating a hop on shuttle that loops from City Hall to Heritage Park, down Lake, up second, down to library, and back.	4/12/2021 4:15 PM
63	Yes! I have kids and love to come down to Park Lane when it's closed. I also work at Cactus. The loading zones have been critical to our curbside take out business. It makes it easy for guests to pick up food so they can eat at home. Without them, it's very hard for guests to pick up of for delivery drivers to quickly get their orders.	4/12/2021 3:42 PM
64	Open more free parking. Not close Park lane. Customers that are actually coming to Kirkland to spend money need to be able to drive by and find us	4/12/2021 8:01 AM
65	The impact would be positive.	4/11/2021 11:13 AM
66	We have always done better when the street is open to pedestrians. We do appreciate having as much parking as possible in nearby areas, however.	4/11/2021 11:00 AM
67	I have asked many of our customers about closing the street. Every person I have asked has said they think it would be better if the street was closed to traffic.	4/10/2021 3:17 PM
68	Invest that money into maintaining down town Kirkland, have you walked around lately? Filthy streets, trash, plastic ribbons on every tree (doesn't seem very green), flower beds that have not been maintained on park lane since it's redevelopment (4 years ago), broken street balustrades.... etc. Look at U village they had high turnover rate and were losing tenants	4/9/2021 11:13 PM

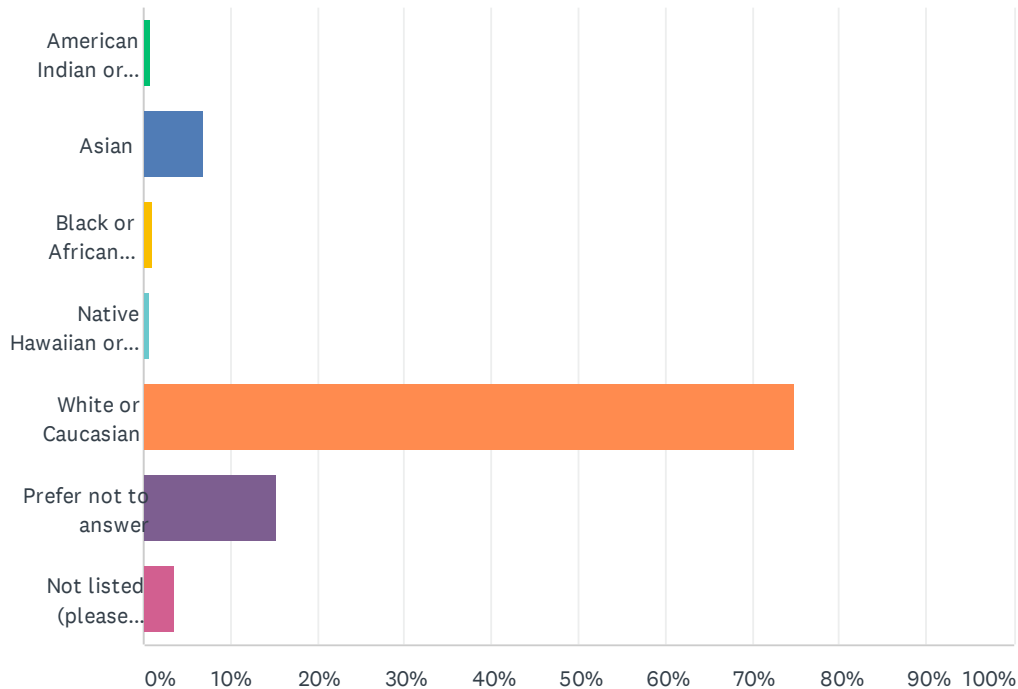
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because of limited parking, they actually listened to business's and consumers and in the last 5 years have built 3 parking garages and is once again thriving.

69	no mitigation needed, this is a great move for business and the community.	4/9/2021 6:39 PM
70	Make all city parking lots "No Charge"	4/9/2021 3:46 PM
71	there is nothing you can do to replace the exposure and proximity the parking provides	4/9/2021 2:16 PM
72	add more bike parking as a great alternative on how to get there and park	4/9/2021 1:41 PM

Q5 Do you consider yourself...? Select all that apply. (Optional)

Answered: 1,153 Skipped: 73



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.78%	9
Asian	6.85%	79
Black or African American	1.13%	13
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.69%	8
White or Caucasian	74.93%	864
Prefer not to answer	15.35%	177
Not listed (please specify)	3.47%	40
Total Respondents: 1,153		

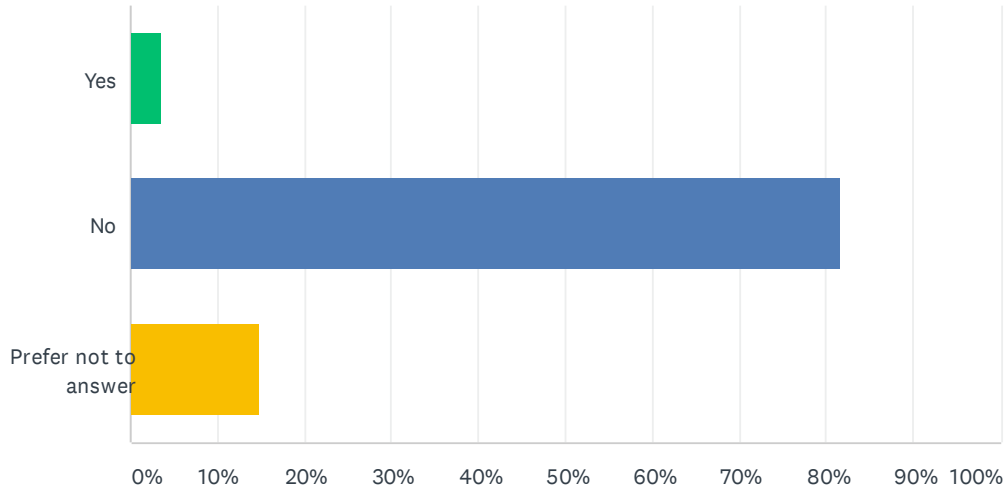
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1	NOYB	4/24/2021 4:54 PM
2	European American - please make categories of ethnicity similar ... hate the word Caucasian	4/24/2021 2:51 PM
3	Biracial	4/24/2021 2:33 AM
4	Hispanic	4/23/2021 4:59 PM
5	I don't know what ethnicity has to do with the issue at hand ♀	4/22/2021 11:22 PM
6	Egyptian	4/19/2021 7:35 PM
7	I find that question offensive. What does race have to do with this?	4/19/2021 4:09 PM
8	Hispanic	4/19/2021 4:07 PM

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9	south asian	4/19/2021 3:23 PM
10	Hispanic	4/19/2021 8:00 AM
11	Hispanic	4/17/2021 8:21 AM
12	Mixed races latino	4/16/2021 7:48 AM
13	Middle Eastern	4/16/2021 7:22 AM
14	human	4/15/2021 8:35 PM
15	human	4/15/2021 8:34 PM
16	Latino	4/15/2021 5:34 PM
17	Latino	4/15/2021 8:29 AM
18	East Asian	4/15/2021 12:12 AM
19	Jewish	4/14/2021 11:30 PM
20	Hispanic	4/14/2021 9:45 PM
21	Persian	4/14/2021 9:16 PM
22	European American	4/14/2021 6:51 PM
23	Hispanic	4/14/2021 6:42 PM
24	Hispanic	4/14/2021 6:29 PM
25	Hispanic	4/14/2021 12:59 PM
26	Hispanic	4/14/2021 12:49 PM
27	Mexican	4/14/2021 10:27 AM
28	Middle Eastern	4/14/2021 10:19 AM
29	Hispanic	4/14/2021 9:58 AM
30	Anglo-European	4/14/2021 7:40 AM
31	why do you care	4/14/2021 7:08 AM
32	mixed	4/14/2021 6:20 AM
33	Latino	4/13/2021 10:03 PM
34	Human	4/13/2021 9:23 PM
35	Middle Eastern	4/13/2021 5:04 PM
36	Mix of European and Indonesian	4/13/2021 10:39 AM
37	Mixed white and South Asian	4/13/2021 10:16 AM
38	This should not be a check the box question. Open ended only.	4/13/2021 8:33 AM
39	Latin	4/12/2021 8:21 PM
40	Caucasian is a very racist term and should no longer be used.	4/12/2021 5:15 PM

Q6 Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino? (Optional)

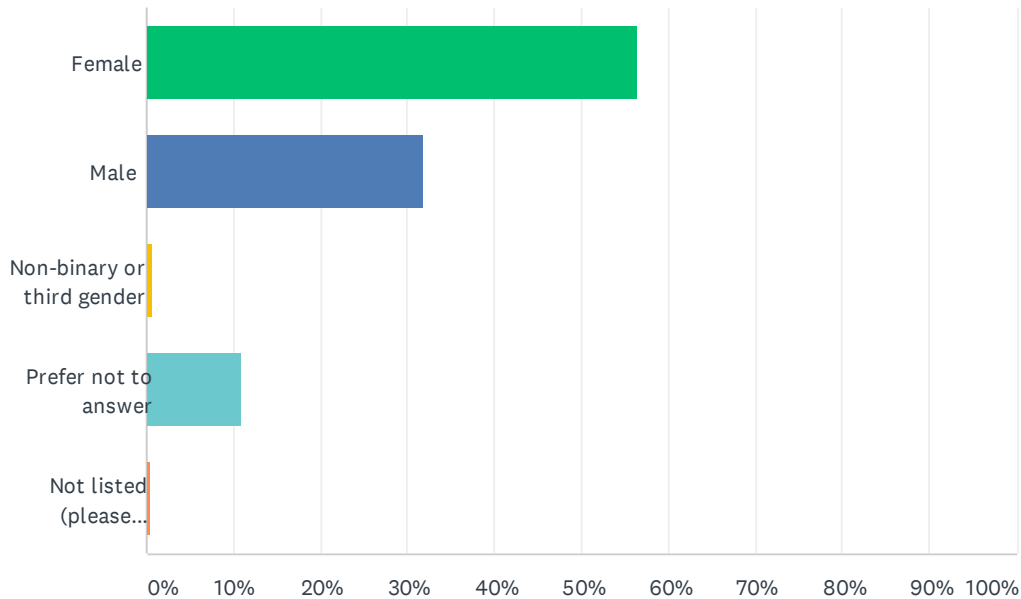
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	3.66%	42
No	81.53%	936
Prefer not to answer	14.81%	170
TOTAL		1,148

Q7 Which gender do you identify with? (Optional)

Answered: 1,157 Skipped: 69

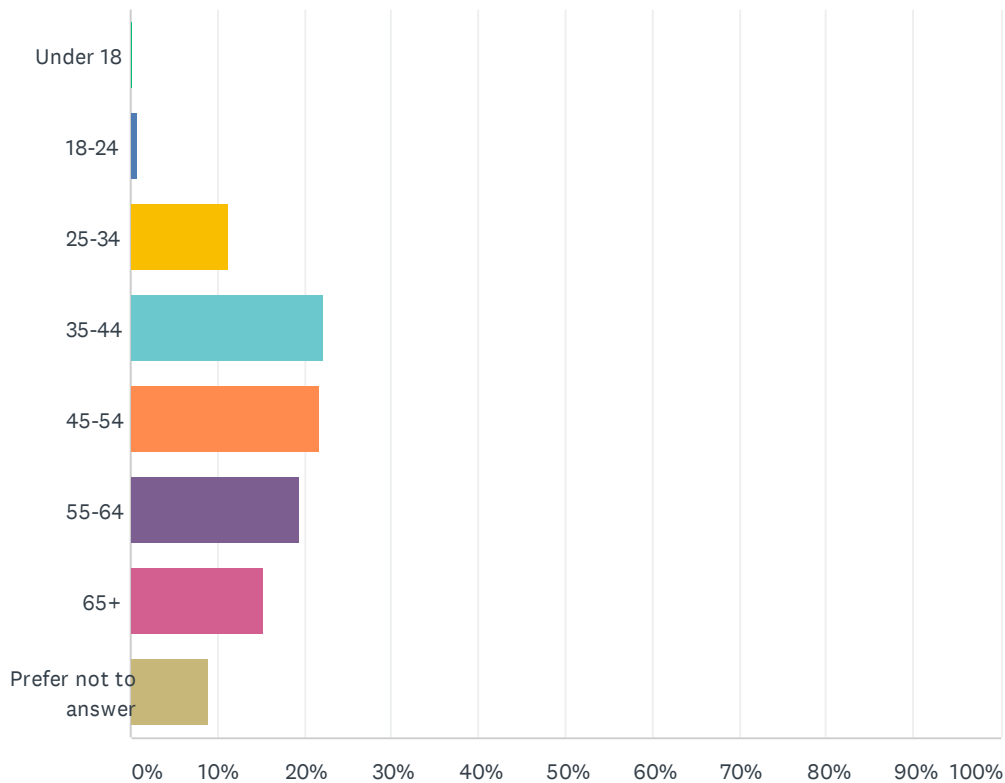


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	56.44%	653
Male	31.72%	367
Non-binary or third gender	0.61%	7
Prefer not to answer	10.89%	126
Not listed (please specify)	0.35%	4
TOTAL		1,157

#	NOT LISTED (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	NOYB	4/24/2021 4:54 PM
2	This is strictly private info - nobody will provide in adequate mind and intelligence	4/14/2021 10:47 AM
3	again why do you care	4/14/2021 7:08 AM
4	This is stupid. We are all Americans and our gender or sex is irrelevant.	4/12/2021 5:25 PM

Q8 What is your age? (Optional)

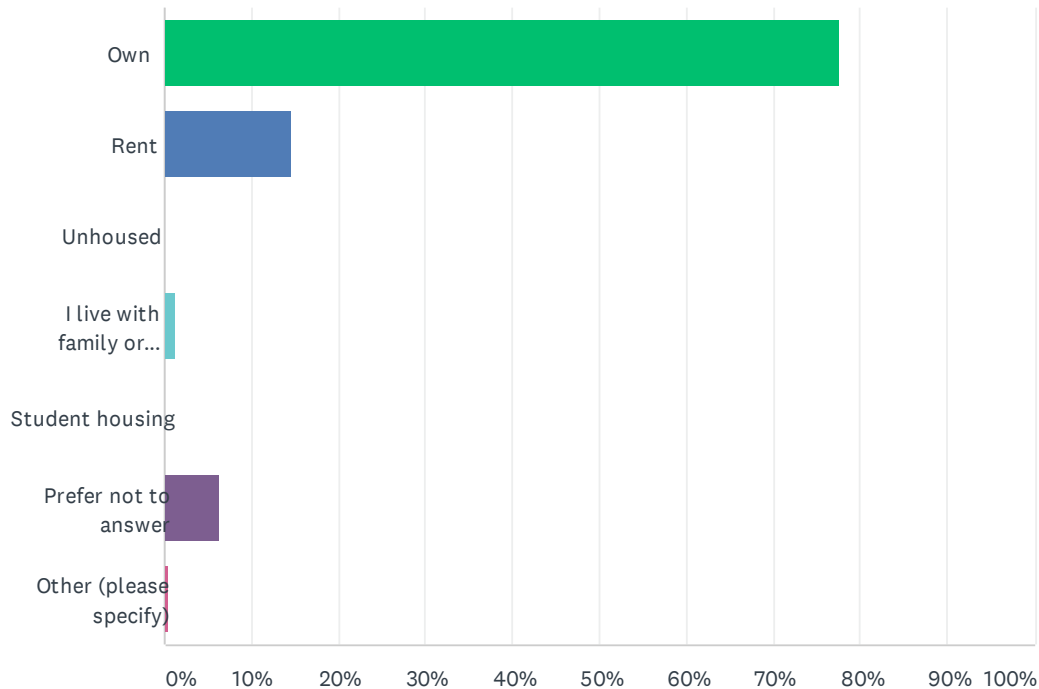
Answered: 1,161 Skipped: 65



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.17%	2
18-24	0.86%	10
25-34	11.20%	130
35-44	22.22%	258
45-54	21.71%	252
55-64	19.55%	227
65+	15.25%	177
Prefer not to answer	9.04%	105
TOTAL		1,161

Q9 What is your housing situation? (Optional)

Answered: 1,165 Skipped: 61



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Own	77.51%	903
Rent	14.59%	170
Unhoused	0.00%	0
I live with family or friends and don't pay rent	1.20%	14
Student housing	0.00%	0
Prefer not to answer	6.18%	72
Other (please specify)	0.52%	6
TOTAL		1,165

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	NOYB	4/24/2021 4:54 PM
2	Own two properties in Kirkland. Have lived here for 26+ years. Love having the European dining experience in Downtown.	4/23/2021 4:58 PM
3	This is strictly private info - nobody will provide in adequate mind and intelligence	4/14/2021 10:47 AM
4	why?	4/14/2021 7:08 AM
5	Shelter	4/13/2021 1:06 PM
6	Family/friends, pay rent	4/13/2021 10:11 AM

List of Constituent Comments for Park Lane Summer 2021 Options

Q4 SURVEY COMMENTS: Only Park Lane Stakeholders/Businesses (as indicated in Question 3)

"If you represent an affected business on Park Lane or downtown, please give us your thoughts on ways the City might help mitigate the potential impact on your business should Park Lane close to vehicles."

There is not enough roads or parking as it is downtown. Eliminating driving and parking on Park Lane is just adding to the already too congested traffic.

I have no idea how the City could help mitigate loss of sales should Park Lane close. We are obviously just coming off of a pandemic that closed our business for multiple months and has had a dramatic affect on our business and now once again you want to shut down the street again. Kirkland has an ongoing reputation of a parking shortage and you want to magnify that by taking away what parking we do. I made additional comments on my feelings in response to question 1.

An evening closure is a reasonable compromise, and supported by our tenants. Daytime closure would be severely damaging, as it has been in Edmonds. I would expect a drastic reduction in property taxes, which would still not be adequate restitution for the loss in property value and the loss of my longtime tenants, who are teetering on the edge and have only survived as we have given them several months free rent. You can take over subsidizing their rent, if you paid at least half of it they might come out ok.

"Our customers enjoy sitting outdoors (many, even in the winter!). The calm, quiet, cleaner, safer, and spacious atmosphere created by the absence of motor vehicles is conducive to mobility, socializing, and shopping. Many of our customers live nearby, and enjoy walking to our establishment. The presence of motor vehicles confines people to moving linearly. When people are comfortable moving about, freely crossing the street, then more engagement with the shops and galleries will naturally occur.

Promoting the closing of Park Lane as a larger vision of an Urban to Lakefront Promenade will make it easier to satisfy those who can utilize motor vehicle parking at Kirkland Urban and the Library.

More bike parking at the Marina, on Park Lane, and at Kirkland Urban, please. 😊"

Allows for safer dining and more tables available to businesses.

They might end up using our business for parking

we are at 50% cant pay rent it will cut our business down another 40 -50%--last year you closed the street it was a disaster for us....

Nope. We're on Kirkland Way

fixed parking problems.

Last year the street sat empty during weekend closures. Would love to see vendors, artist, food vendors open the street like a farmers market feel. Our customers come from all over to shop our stores and we get very few locals who shop.

N/A

I don't own a business in this part of Kirkland, but do in another part of DT Kirkland. The biggest challenge might be transporting purchased items to a customers vehicle. Perhaps there could be a drive through pick up area, similar to the one at Bellevue Square. With ingenuity and resourcefulness, this could be a winning arrangement for everyone.

No mitigation needed! I actually think it will draw MORE customers as more people can enjoy all that space when it's not full of cars.
"I've chosen Option 1 only as a compromise from Option 4 - for the sake of the restaurants on Park Lane. I supported this last year, and it seemed to work fine.
1) By providing additional free parking elsewhere near Park Lane, and making it well known to downtown visitors.
2) Ensure that the physical means to close off Park Lane are classy and aesthetically pleasing - i.e. potted plants, not road block barriers, etc. , and that any signage be done professionally.
3) It must be obvious that the closure of Park Lane is to vehicles only - not pedestrians / shop & restaurant patrons."
the primary issue to address would be the invaluable short term parking that was created during covid. the restaurants and guests have really come to count on this resource. maybe 3 or 4 stalls at lake and central lot would suffice
It would be great if the city encourage pop up attractions on Park Lane during the day to help attract more people to the businesses that are open during the day.
N/A
Yes
I believe there would be no negative effects on the businesses. Only positive. :)) Yes I own a business on Kirkland Ave
Yes! I have kids and love to come down to Park Lane when it's closed. I also work at Cactus. The loading zones have been critical to our curbside take out business. It makes it easy for guests to pick up food so they can eat at home. Without them, it's very hard for guests to pick up of for delivery drivers to quickly get their orders.
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The impact would be positive.
We have always done better when the street is open to pedestrians. We do appreciate having as much parking as possible in nearby areas, however.
I have asked many of our customers about closing the street. Every person I have asked has said they think it would be better if the street was closed to traffic.
"Invest that money into maintaining down town Kirkland, have you walked around lately? Filthy streets, trash, plastic ribbons on every tree (doesn't seem very green), flower beds that have not been maintained on park lane since it's redevelopment (4 years ago), broken street balustrades.... etc.
Look at U village they had high turnover rate and were losing tenants because of limited parking, they actually listened to business's and consumers and in the last 5 years have built 3 parking garages and is once again thriving."
no mitigation needed, this is a great move for business and the community.
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Q2 SURVEY COMMENTS: Park Lane Stakeholders/Businesses Only
<i>"Please tell us about any alternative preferences you might have or any other things we should consider."</i>

Option 1 as we proposed last year would be the only alternative I would support. I do want to say that it is exhausting and frustrating that every year we need to go through this. We are leasing (expensive) RETAIL space and as of late community members (some who do not even live in the city of Kirkland) continually want to turn Park Lane into a "recreational park" area.
"Businesses are struggling to hold on after an awful year. Turning Park Lane into a playground for the benefit of those who have no financial stake here will be a death knell for many, and severely damage property values. How ""fun"" will Park Lane be with boarded-up storefronts?
Evening-only closure is a reasonable compromise, helping restaurants while having minimal impact on other retail businesses."
We have an opportunity to make the promenade from Kirkland Urban to the lakefront a vibrant, pleasant, and safe place to shop, stroll, and socialize. Reducing the speed limit on Third Ave (between Kirkland Ave and Central Ave) to 15mph would be one way to facilitate this. Another (and a means of achieving Vision Zero goals) would be strict enforcement of correct motor vehicle stopping in front of all marked and unmarked pedestrian right-of-ways, including not allowing cars to block midblock crosswalks. The four-way stop at Main Street and Park Lane has low, correct-stopping adherence, as do the stops at Central and Main, Kirkland Ave and Main, Central and Third (right-turning vehicles are in the crosswalk prior to stopping), and the midblock crosswalk at Park Lane and Lake Street is often blocked. Finally, more bike parking around downtown, please. "Build it, and they will come!"
Use the street and not just leave it open, similar to Ballard on Sundays that draws people in. An empty street is useless.
give more room to social distance and with more car free times the people will feel safer there for will come out more and support the company's
I think maximum utility would be met by closing from memorial day to labor day. prime tourist season as well as summer vacation.
It would be great to have this space to distance all summer. Would still like to have some loading zones so we can get take out from local restaurants.
Parklane Gallery sales are consistently better when there is more street traffic -- we are totally behind the idea. Larey McDaniel, President, Parklane Gallery
Kirkland already has a parking problem everyone says it, why make it worse? 17 spots that turn over every 2 hours 6 times a day, 102 less spots a day, 2,958 a month, 14,790 during the proposed 5 month closure..... I'm sure that will have a pretty significant impact on business's that already had to endure a 3 month closure and work around Covid restrictions, aren't there enough empty storefronts in Kirkland?
All businesses in Kirkland are struggling not just the restaurants. Working 25-50% capacity has put a huge strain on all businesses. Restaurants are the only businesses that can expand onto the sidewalks and streets. I feel that is great for them they need all the help they can get. That said, all businesses need to be considered.
Go through the zoning process and rezone the street to Restaurant only if those are the only businesses the city and the community want to support. Closing the street to vehicles harms the actual retail businesses.
Emails to Staff from Park Lane Business Owners
I don't think you know how detrimental this will be, there is a reason in one of the wealthiest suburbs in Wa there is a 30% percent retail vacancy, it's because of parking. Talk to any of the businesses that have recently left, Birdcage, Paint and Sip, Istina they all said customers

complained about parking. We care a lot about our community as we have business and live here and are always trying to attract better retailers to Park Lane and they simple won't come because of the parking deficit. Most recently we were in contact with Warby Parker and after they did a parking study and had their exploratory team down they decided to open in Bellevue Square, these coveted retailers have a formula to open stores so they are as successful as possible and they NEED to have a certain amount of parking spots within close proximity. There is a reason in the last 5 years U Village has built three new parking structures and with it attracted a variety of retailers and restaurants. I know the leasing agent for U Village and they were essentially forced to invest in infrastructure because their large anchor tenants were threatening to leave, since all they heard from customers were complaints about parking. I worry if Kirkland keeps valuing the voices of random outsiders over businesses our downtown will consist of nail salons, gyms, vape shops and tattoo shops..... which to be honest we are almost there. Especially after Covid we are just fatigued by once again (it happens every year) the prospect of the street closing and with our lease coming up considering whether Kirkland is where we want to be. Thank you for keeping us in the loop and for the opportunity to voice our opinion, we look forward to continued dialogue.

As a business and property owner on Park Lane, I've always been a proponent of closing the street and this summer is no different. What is different, however, is the need to have dedicated parking the restaurants on Park Lane can use to facilitate take out. If the street is going to close and we lose the short term take-out stalls, I'll have to find an alternative quickly as the town has become so dependent on the service and happy to not have to leave their car to get tacos/Italian/pizza/thai/feast/coffee.

I've chosen Option 1 only as a compromise from Option 4 - for the sake of the restaurants on Park Lane. We were in support of this last year, and it seemed to work fine. 1) By providing additional free parking spots elsewhere near Park Lane, and making them well known to downtown visitors. 2) Ensure that the physical means to close off Park Lane are classy and aesthetically pleasing - i.e. potted plants, not road block barriers, etc., and that any signage be professionally produced. 3) It must be obvious that the closure is to vehicles only - not pedestrians / shop & restaurant patrons.

OUR KIRKLAND COMMENTS: All

Please add my vote for option #3. As a second choice #2 is ok but would like more legs less tires for Park Lane. Karen Piotrowicz On Tuesday evening, City Council will discuss Park Lane options for the months of May thru September. The following options are on the table. Send comments to Citycouncil@kirklandwa.gov and cc.jlopez@kirklandwa.gov. 1. Same as last year: pedestrian only each evening after 6 pm (and limited daytimes during special events) 2. Same as last year, but also add all day weekends and holidays as pedestrian only 3. Pedestrian only full-time from May through September 4. No "pedestrian only" evenings or days, but still allow restaurants to have parklets

Dear Council, I would like to see Park Lane closed to cars full-time all summer. This option has many advantages: - allows shops and restaurants to set up outdoor infrastructure without having to take it down every night - reduces city costs for installing and removing barricades and other required infrastructure - reduces confusion for pedestrians, drivers, and business owners about when the street will be closed - gives people a chance to learn about the closure and for participation to build - gives Kirkland a better chance to experience the many economic, community, and tourism benefits of pedestrian streets, which so many cities all over the world have Thanks, Karen Story

Hello, I am a fellow Kirkland resident weighing in on the matter of the potential Park Lane closure. I think you should go with Option 3: keep the lane closed except for bicyclists and pedestrians, ideally year-round. Make it a shared space, something like the Burke Gilman Trail or Sammamish River Trail in Redmond. The existing parking spaces can be repurposed for bicycle parking and outdoor dining/community space. This also creates a direct conduit to the core Kirkland downtown, linking all the amenities surrounding Peter Kirk park, to the transit hub on 3rd St, all the way to Marina Park with minimal interaction with vehicles. I'd also encourage you to really lean into this idea, by making the north and south portions of Main St dead end at Park Lane, allowing continuous usage of the space free from motorists. (Ideally, this could be the start of a direct pedestrian/cyclist link to the Cross-Kirkland Corridor, but that's a topic for another day.) Alternative infrastructure is one of those things where you can't base all decisions on current demand. It's very much a "If you build it, they will come," kind of situation. I encourage you to be bold in this decision. As a result, I think simple moveable fences or A-frame signs are the right choice, as they're cheap and allow for simple filtering of pedestrians and cyclists from motorists. As Kirkland will undoubtedly continue to grow (and densify), we must embrace more sustainable and scalable methods of transit. And given the smaller, more narrow streets that make up the bulk of our road network, catering to pedestrians and cyclists is a necessity. This is something I've grown very passionate about as of late (too much time at home, most likely), and I'd love to be more involved going forward. Thank you for engaging and listening to community feedback.
Regards, Lucas Moriarty

Dear Council: I would support, at a minimum, option 1 of: pedestrian only each evening after 6 pm (and limited daytimes during special events). From my perspective, providing opportunities for socially distant dining would be beneficial to the restaurants along Park. It is too premature to determine if the regulations will be stricter, the same or relaxed further during the summer months.. As such, providing for outdoor tables and seating makes sense to help the local businesses. If the establishments along Park think that there is sufficient opportunity for weekend days and holidays to warrant the inclusion of those times as well, then I would support that expansion. Let's provide as much opportunity as the businesses feel they can take advantage of. The pandemic has forced so many limitations that any relief such as this should be provided. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. Sincerely, original signed by Bob Keller Bob Keller

Dear City Council I truly believe that pedestrian only park lane all the time would greatly enhance downtown Kirkland - however as that is not an option on the table - I would strongly urge the council to enact Option 2 - create a pedestrian only Park Lane - May through September and all day weekends and public holidays! Cars parked outside restaurants where there is outdoor dining is really unappealing, unattractive and unhealthy. There are plenty of other parking options in the area than the few spaces afforded by Park Lane! Thank you for your consideration! Sincerely Grace MacArthur 609 1st St, Kirkland, WA 98033

Dear City Council, Please consider designating PARK LANE as "Pedestrian Only" full-time from May through September. While I have been opposed to this designation in the past because I oppose losing on street parking, the pandemic has shown us how retail and restaurants can thrive when cities convert street to pedestrian only. I think that now is the time for Kirkland to make this move. Thank you for your consideration. Best, Rob Rob Butcher Chump Change Events (425) 456-1111 chumpchange.org

Extend Hours eliminating parking by 5 on Weekdays and Saturdays. Close Street All Sunday. add more tables in empty spots on the East end....for non connected to restaurants seating...a few "official" street performing spaces. Woohoo!!! Thanks! See how well it worked

sorta halfway baked last year...finish baking...and enjoy the rewards! Best, Troy Thiel 10 18th Ave, Kirkland
I would like to cast my vote for Park Lane: 3. Pedestrian only full-time from May through September Look at other cities where this is already in place, so much better. Thanks, Nicolette Bouw 1006 5th Street Kirkland, WA 98033
Hello City Council, I would be in favor of keeping Park Lane pedestrian only full-time May - September. I would even be in favor of keeping it pedestrian only throughout the year. I think making Park Lane a car-free street would make our little downtown even more appealing. Thank you! -- Jane Ainbinder Norkirk Neighborhood Association Co-chair norkirk.org
We prefer live near downtown Kirkland, and prefer: Pedestrian only full-time from May through September
Sending comments regarding the status of Park Lane through the sunny months I understand the following are the options: 1. Same as last year: pedestrian only each evening after 6 pm (and limited daytimes during special events) 2. Same as last year, but also add all day weekends and holidays as pedestrian only 3. Pedestrian only full-time from May through September 4. No "pedestrian only" evenings or days, but still allow restaurants to have parklets I believe that option 2 would be excellent and would fit with the plans for many to be vaccinated by the fall. Until then we need more options to gather safely outdoors. So adding the weekends with no parking in Park Lane would allow more safe gathering space. There are fewer people traveling and driving so I don't believe this would be a problem for finding parking. It might encourage more walking Thank for taking comments. Laurie Hanson
Dear Kirkland City Council, Regarding your discussion on car use on Park Lane this summer. It seems to me that the council is wasting a lot of its time discussing this issue every year. I encourage the council to just pick a policy and make it permanent. I also encourage the council to use the time that it saves from discussing Park Lane every year to work on other non-motorized transportation issues which are also important for the residents of Kirkland. Also regarding Park Lane. I take the city's touting the street as an "American woonerf" seriously. Meaning to me that I am free to walk on the street to walk around crowds or sidewalk diners or just when it is merely convenient to me. I hope that the city is also serious about this designation, but if it is not then this needs to be clarified and the claim needs to be removed from the city's web site. Regards, Doug Murray
Hi I understand you were looking for community input on park lane, and the options you have offered are below: 1. Same as last year: pedestrian only each evening after 6 pm (and limited daytimes during special events) 2. Same as last year, but also add all day weekends and holidays as pedestrian only 3. Pedestrian only full-time from May through September 4. No "pedestrian only" evenings or days, but still allow restaurants to have parklets My household preference would be number 3, and at the very least number 2. Our overriding preference would be that park lane is always closed to traffic. By keeping the street closed, you can allow the restaurants to have additional outdoor seating and making it safer for families, couples, or anyone to enjoy Kirkland and all that it has to offer. Thank you! -- Hope 404-320-2007
My vote: Same as last year, but also add all day weekends and holidays as pedestrian only. Thank you.
I actually prefer closing Parklane to traffic year round.

Thank you for considering ways to enhance our community. I appreciated very much the closure of park lane last year. I would like to advocate for expanding the closure to full time pedestrian May to September. As a destination community on the water I believe the enhanced weekday and weekend day closures are beneficial for both residents and visitors alike. My second choice would be same as last year but closed all day on weekends and holidays. Thank you, Tammy Cohen 585.314.9966

Hi, I'm a Juanita resident who greatly enjoyed the Park Lane closures last year and hope for at least the same amount of pedestrian/bike access to that area this year, if not more. Kirkland is heavily car/parking overrepresented as evidenced by the complete lack of protected cycling infrastructure as well as many streets that don't even have sidewalks. Restricting traffic/parking, on one small street for a few weeks is a drop-in-the-bucket compared to what other cities are doing to make themselves more pedestrian/bike friendly, and should be strongly supported. thanks, Leo Gilbert

Hello! I received this email from our Neighborhood Association - I think we should go with option #2. Designating Park Lane as pedestrian only on weekends/holidays is a great idea because having more outside gathering space options is so badly needed for everyone this summer! thank you, Mary Sakaguchi ----- Forwarded message ----- From: Karen Story Date: Sun, Apr 4, 2021 at 5:15 PM Subject: HNA: Send Park Lane comments to Council before Tuesday To: On Tuesday evening, City Council will discuss Park Lane options for the months of May thru September. The following options are on the table. Send comments to Citycouncil@kirklandwa.gov and cc jlopez@kirklandwa.gov. 1. Same as last year: pedestrian only each evening after 6 pm (and limited daytimes during special events) 2. Same as last year, but also add all day weekends and holidays as pedestrian only 3. Pedestrian only full-time from May through September 4. No "pedestrian only" evenings or days, but still allow restaurants to have parklets -- You received this message because you are subscribed to the Google Groups "Highlands Neighborhood Association" group. To unsubscribe from this group and stop receiving emails from it, send an email to kirklandhighlands+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com. To view this discussion on the web visit <https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/kirklandhighlands/3f7e9d33-6e94-ecc7-34f2-193581534804%40nwnative.us>.

Councilmembers, Thank you for the leadership you showed last year in opening Park Lane to pedestrians during evenings in the summer last year. My wife and I must have gone down there at least two nights a week, strolling, eating and window shopping. We especially enjoyed the bands. I know you are considering whether or not to do this again this year. PLEASE DO. In fact, I would ask you to choose option 3 - opening the street to pedestrians 24/7 all summer. thank you again for your leadership. Best, David Allen 201 2nd Street South, #310 david@bikeallover.com 425.623.9215

A good compromise would be to close for the weekends. Friday noon thru Sunday evening. Mobility impaired? A small shuttle similar to those they run at the airport. But a cost that the city or local businesses may balk at. Good luck. Russ East Finn Hill

I prefer option 3, pedestrian only full time. We need to emphasize people, not cars. I love European cities with pedestrian zones, we need more fun places to shop, walk and dine and enjoy beer and wine outdoors. Thank you, Lynn Geib

Park Lane is a quaint street in the center of downtown with multiple restaurants. The restaurants and people would benefit from Park Lane being completely closed between the months of May and October.

Hi – I'd like to provide the comments below related to the Park Lane closure project that is currently underway by the City. It appears that you are the primary contact person in the City Manager's office for the Park Lane conversation. I've taken the poll and wanted to directly submit some broader thoughts on the impacts of Park Lane, whether it's open or closed. Thank you for your consideration. Bruce J Reid | reid.bruce@comcast.net| Cell: 425.985.3663

In my humble opinion, the Council and Staff discussion on Park Lane closures should also include a broader look at the car and pedestrian traffic patterns and impacts on Lake Street between Central and Kirkland Ave. As a 25+ year Norkirk and Downtown resident, it's pretty clear to me that some adjustments need to be made to accommodate the current traffic and pedestrian impacts in this small corridor. That discussion and review should include: i. Prohibiting left turns from Lake Street southbound onto Park Lane eastbound, and ii. Eliminating the mid-block Lake Street/Park Lane crosswalk. The Park Lane left turn from Lake Street southbound and the mid-block crosswalk are pretty clearly the primary reasons for gridlock eastbound/westbound on Central Way and southbound/northbound on Lake Street, and the Lake Street/Central intersection. The crosswalk is also a contributing factor to northbound gridlock at the Kirkland Ave/Lake Street intersection. This appears to be the case primarily on weekends and weekday afternoon/evenings for car and pedestrian traffic. The traffic gridlock is further exacerbated with the Park Lane closures, especially in the spring and summer months when the car and pedestrian traffic volume is substantially increased. There are reasonable options for access to Park Lane and the parking lot if the Lake Street southbound left turn to eastbound Park Lane is prohibited. The Central Way entrance for eastbound Central Way traffic and redirecting Central Way westbound traffic to Kirkland Avenue and northbound Lake Street via Main Street or 3rd St., should accommodate vehicle traffic that would otherwise use Lake Street southbound to access the Lake and Central parking lot and /or Park Lane. There would likely need to be an adjustment to the traffic/pedestrian control system at the Kirkland Ave/Lake St intersection to limit any potential gridlock as a result of the change. Additionally, it's interesting to note that the last time I checked, the left/eastbound turns from Lake Street southbound onto Kirkland Ave are prohibited from 3-6pm (except transit), but no similar prohibition for left/eastbound turns from Lake Street south onto Park Lane. Based on my experience and observation, it's far more likely during heavy traffic periods to see left turns from Lake Street southbound onto eastbound Park Lane, than traffic turning left eastbound onto Kirkland Ave. It seems that at a minimum the same restriction for Kirkland Ave turns should also apply to Park Lane, although I believe there is a basis for a broader restriction for Park Lane turns. I'm assuming that it is not likely that the City has done any traffic studies of the section of Lake Street between Central Way and Kirkland Ave in some time, since the no left turn signage/transit only turn at Kirkland Ave for southbound and northbound traffic is years out of date. There hasn't been any transit traffic in that downtown area for a very long time. In the case of the mid-block crosswalk, it doesn't take a lot of observation to see how severely the pedestrian crosswalk traffic impacts the flow of car traffic through this corridor. There is no pedestrian control at the crosswalk. With the constant flow of pedestrians during the high-volume car and pedestrian traffic periods, the impact on the flow of car traffic through the downtown core is exponential. The traffic-controlled intersection crosswalks at Kirkland Ave and Central Way should be sufficient in this Lake Street corridor. If I'm not mi