



MEMORANDUM

TO: Chris Story

FROM: Christopher George, Communications and Marketing Manager

SUBJECT: Morgan Square Expanded Dining Area Public Survey Results

DATE: August 3, 2021

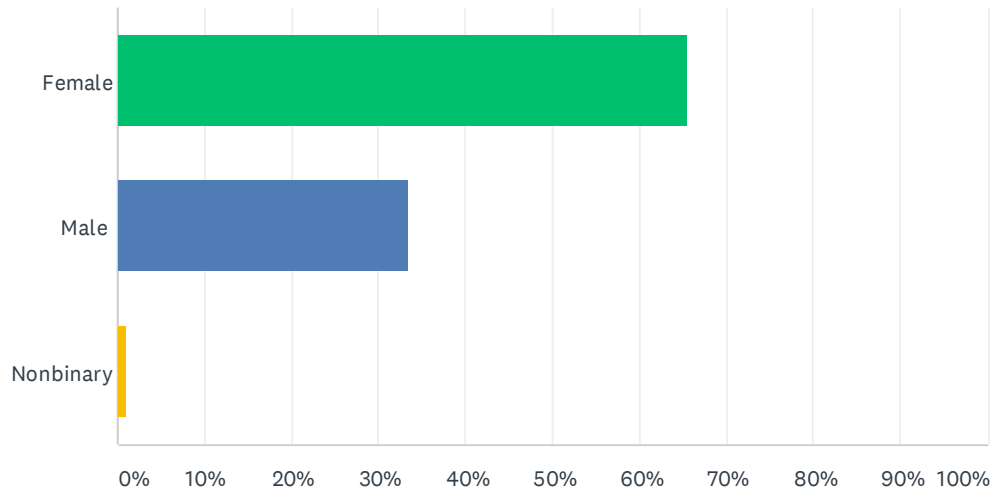
Recently the City concluded its online public survey asking respondents to share their perspectives regarding the expanded dining and pedestrian area at Morgan Square. In analyzing the raw data, staff believes there are a number of informative themes revealed in the results, both in terms of who our survey participants were and in the perspectives they shared. Among the key takeaways and points to remember as you look over this data are:

- The survey was shared with the public primarily via the City's Facebook page and the City website. The link was also shared by local media, partner organizations, and was widely shared by many downtown businesses and members of the public.
- This is not a scientific poll. Voluntary open surveys such as this have a bias towards engagement and motivation on the issue in question. These results are reflective of that dynamic. Understanding that, several of the survey's questions were asked specifically with the intention of helping us understand who would be motivated to participate and share their perspectives.
- We received 3,445 responses to the survey over the month it was open, by far the largest number we've ever received in an online survey such as this.
- The survey's respondents are overwhelmingly downtown regulars, with 66 percent saying they visit downtown at least once a week or are downtown workers/residents. Also, nearly 74 percent of respondents say they have used the expanded dining area, indicating that Morgan Square visitors specifically were especially motivated to take the survey.
- The survey shows outsized engagement among our younger audience. The highest number of participants by age, 25 percent of our respondents, are 25-34 and 47 percent are 25-44. That level of participation, particularly among the 25-34 group, is notable in that it is not reflective of our broader Facebook audience, which is somewhat older on average, and not typical when it comes to local government engagement overall in our experience.
- There is an unfortunate lack of racial diversity in the results. This is not reflective of the diversity of our social media and website audience overall, and we believe this lack of diversity is largely reflective of the challenges we know we have in achieving greater racial diversity overall downtown and reflects engagement with the issue.

- There was a notable and broad consistency among different demographic groups in their perspectives on the Morgan Square expanded dining area, with greater than 50 percent of nearly all demographic groups favoring continuing the expanded dining option full-time.
- The most substantive differences on the expanded dining area question were among respondents who visit downtown less frequently (once per month or less) and respondents age 65+. However, in both cases a plurality still favors keeping the street closed, with 41 percent and 45 percent respectively favoring that option.

Q1 What is your gender?

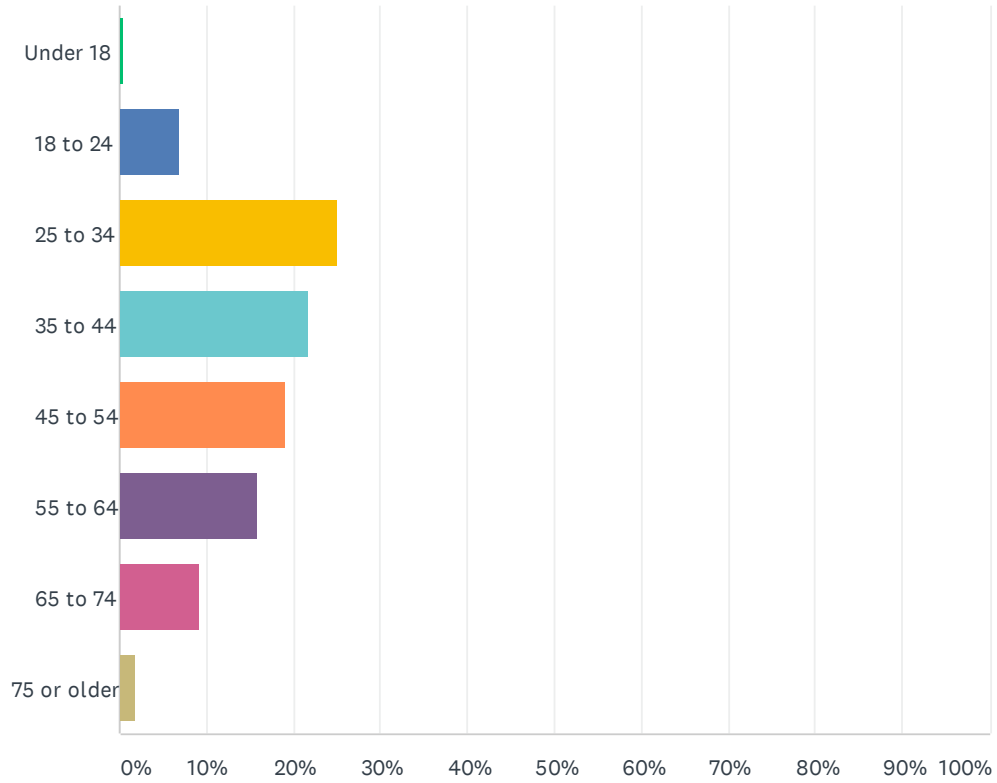
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	65.40%	2,238
Male	33.58%	1,149
Nonbinary	1.02%	35
TOTAL		3,422

Q2 What is your age?

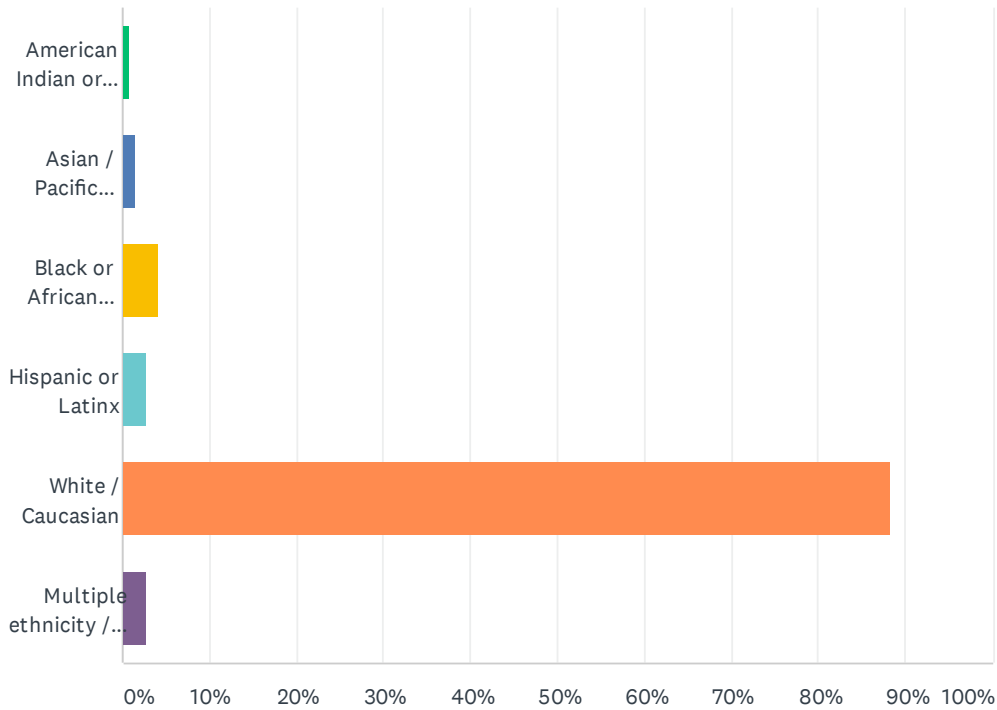
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.32%	11
18 to 24	6.93%	238
25 to 34	25.04%	860
35 to 44	21.72%	746
45 to 54	18.96%	651
55 to 64	15.90%	546
65 to 74	9.20%	316
75 or older	1.92%	66
TOTAL		3,434

Q3 Which race/ethnicity best describes you? (Please choose only one.)

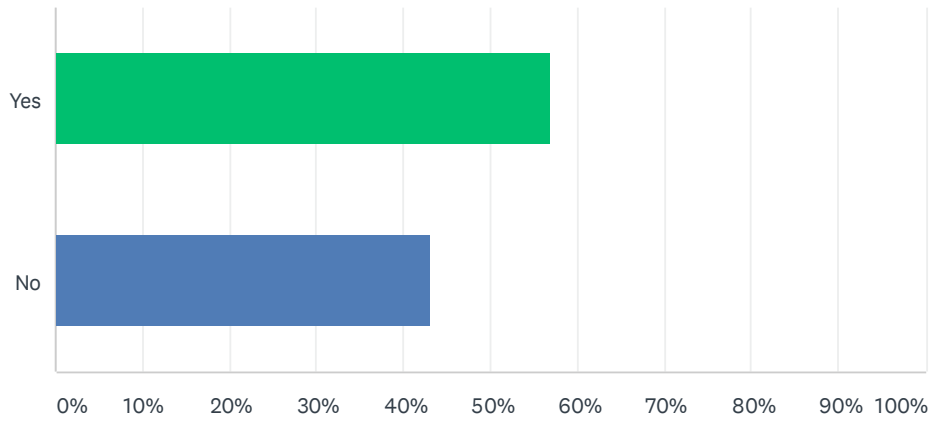
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.85%	29
Asian / Pacific Islander	1.38%	47
Black or African American	4.19%	143
Hispanic or Latinx	2.66%	91
White / Caucasian	88.29%	3,015
Multiple ethnicity / Other (please specify)	2.64%	90
TOTAL		3,415

Q4 Are you a City of Spartanburg resident?



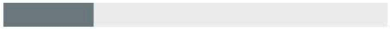
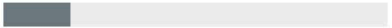
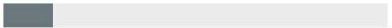
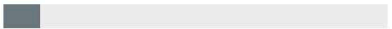
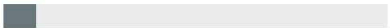
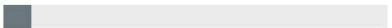
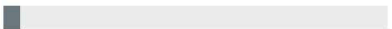
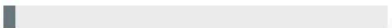
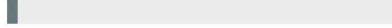
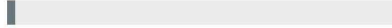
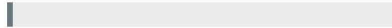
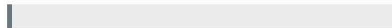


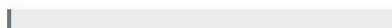



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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		56.98%	1,963
No		43.02%	1,482
TOTAL			3,445

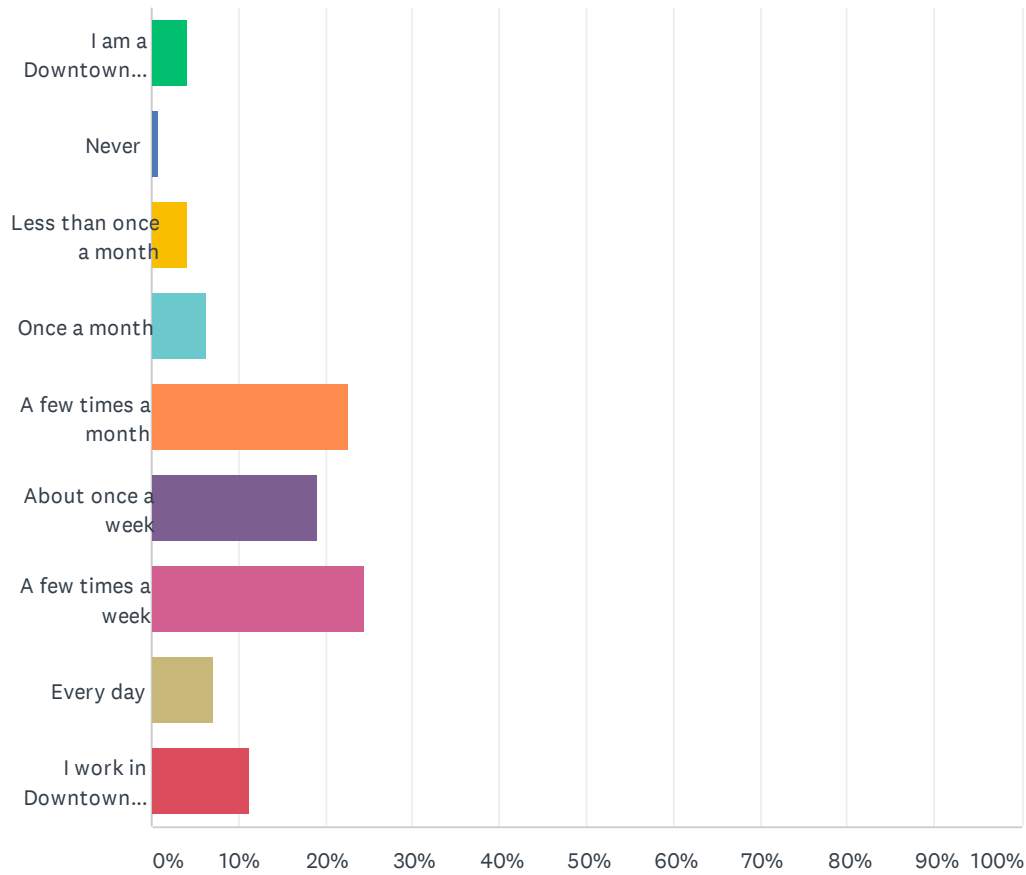
Q5 What is your home ZIP code? (enter 5-digit ZIP code; for example, 00544 or 94305)

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▼ 29302		36.17%	710
▼ 29307		23.94%	470
▼ 29301		23.54%	462
▼ 29306		17.52%	344
▼ 29316		13.04%	256
▼ 29349		9.73%	191
▼ 29303		8.61%	169
▼ 29369		7.34%	144
▼ 29376		4.53%	89
▼ 29334		3.16%	62
▼ 29323		2.85%	56
▼ 29388		2.24%	44
▼ 29374		1.63%	32
▼ 29330		1.43%	28
▼ 29365		1.32%	26
▼ 29333		1.27%	25
▼ 29341		1.07%	21
▼ 29651		0.97%	19
▼ 29322		0.92%	18
▼ 29385		0.87%	17

Q6 How often do you visit Downtown Spartanburg in a year?

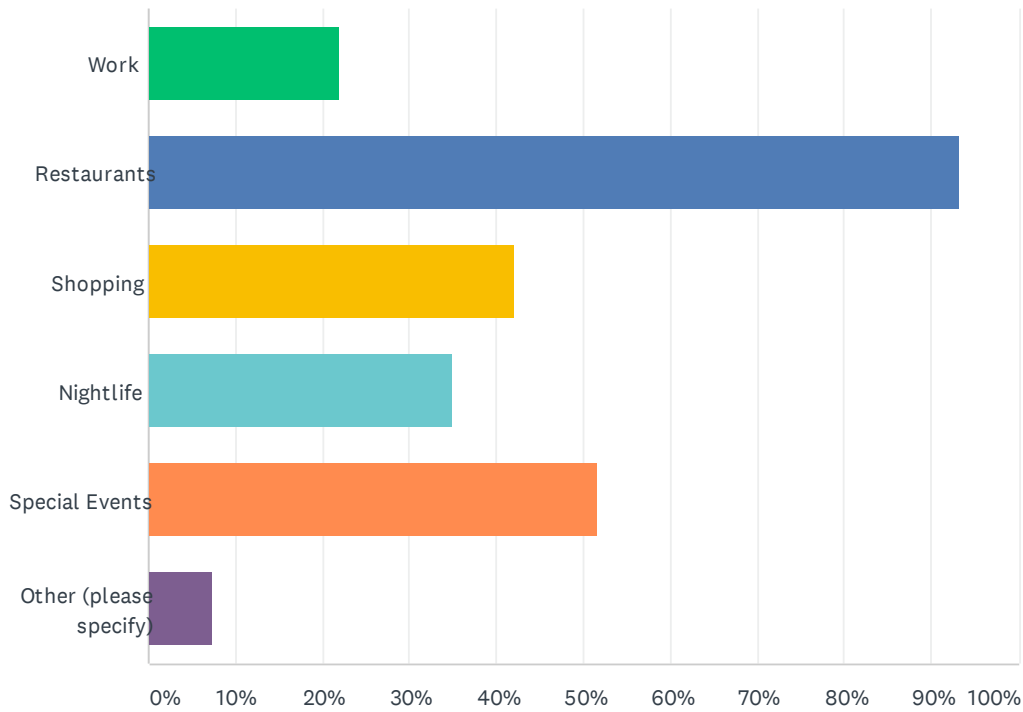
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I am a Downtown Spartanburg resident	4.18%	144
Never	0.78%	27
Less than once a month	4.27%	147
Once a month	6.18%	213
A few times a month	22.58%	778
About once a week	18.98%	654
A few times a week	24.56%	846
Every day	7.14%	246
I work in Downtown Spartanburg	11.32%	390
TOTAL		3,445

Q7 Why do you normally visit Downtown Spartanburg? (Check all that apply.)

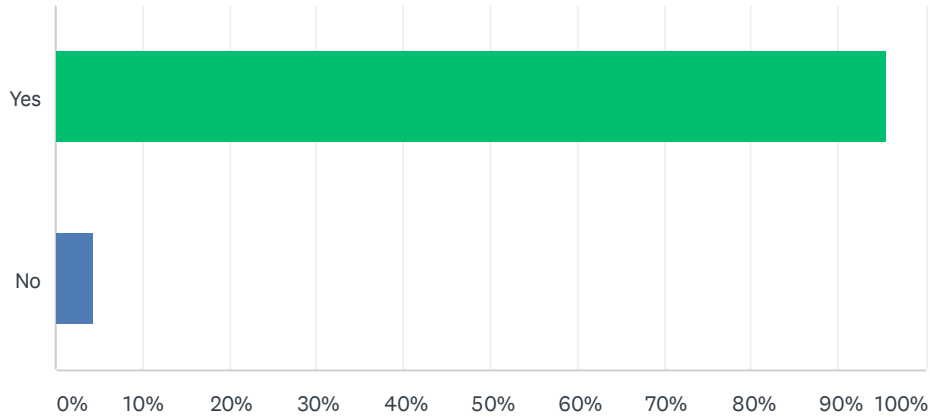
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Work	21.91%	707
Restaurants	93.21%	3,008
Shopping	42.11%	1,359
Nightlife	34.96%	1,128
Special Events	51.60%	1,665
Other (please specify)	7.34%	237
Total Respondents: 3,227		

Q8 Do you normally drive into Downtown Spartanburg?

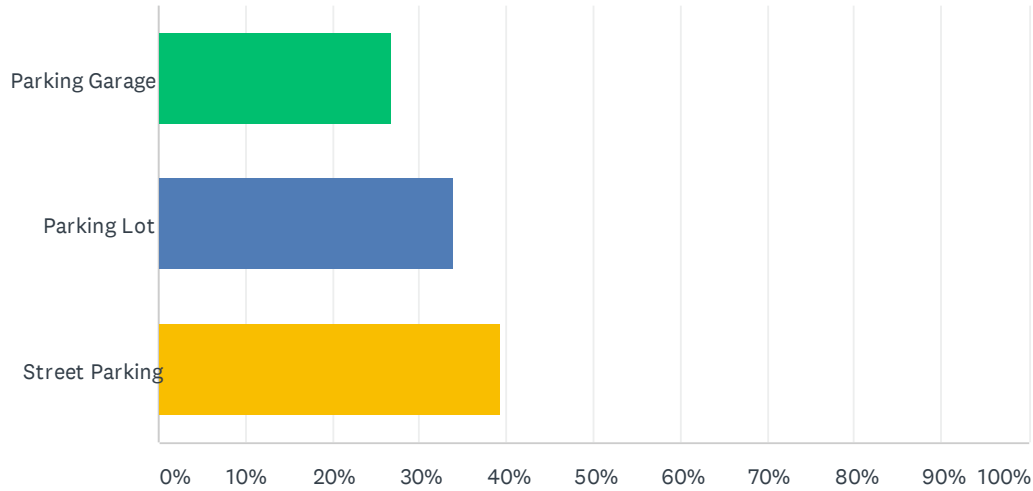
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	95.63%	3,086
No	4.37%	141
TOTAL		3,227

Q9 Where do you most often park in Downtown Spartanburg?

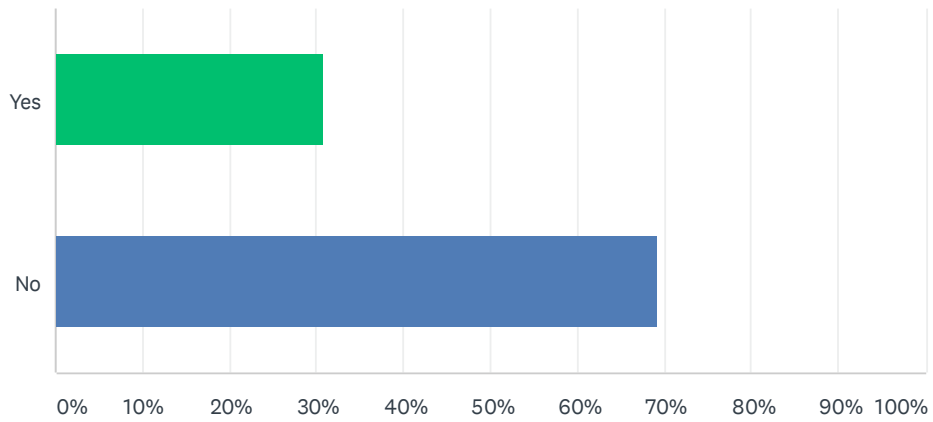
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Parking Garage	26.79% 822
Parking Lot	33.87% 1,039
Street Parking	39.34% 1,207
TOTAL	3,068

Q10 Do you typically have trouble finding available parking in Downtown Spartanburg

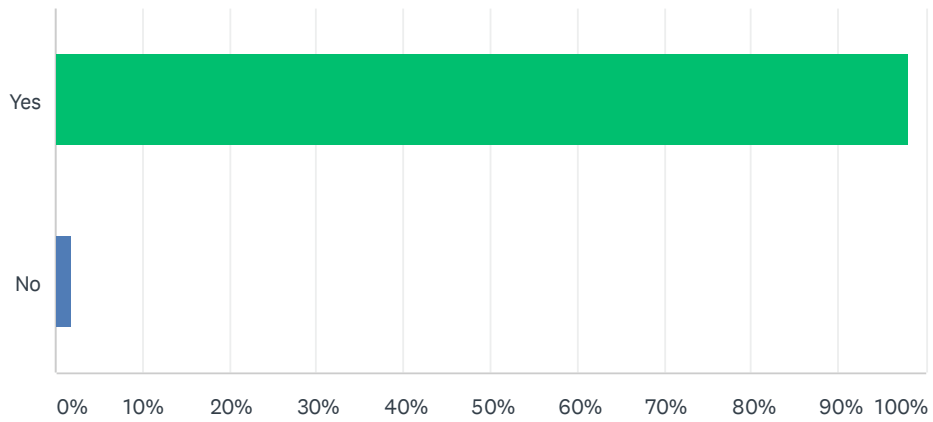
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	30.83%	947
No	69.17%	2,125
TOTAL		3,072

Q11 Are you aware of the temporary closure of W Main Street along Morgan Square?

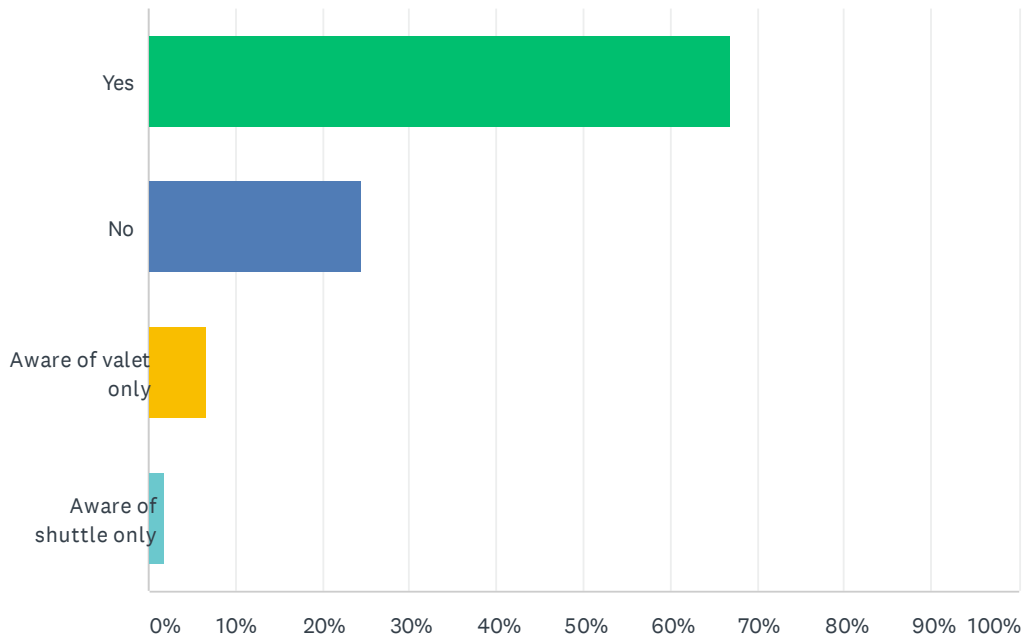
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	98.18%	3,292
No	1.82%	61
TOTAL		3,353

Q12 Are you aware of Downtown Spartanburg's free valet parking and shuttle service options?

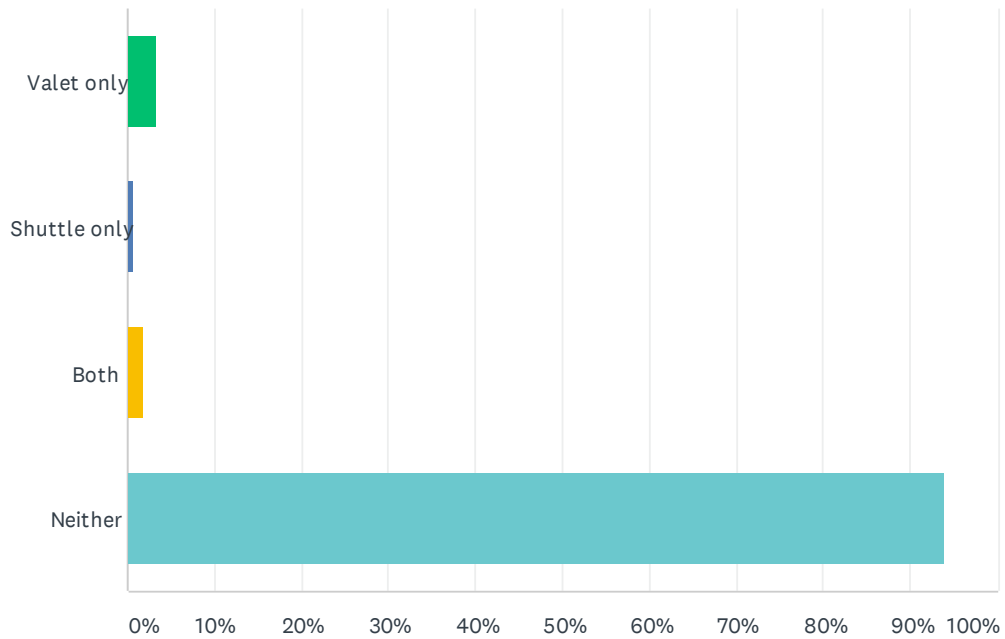
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.88%	2,163
No	24.43%	790
Aware of valet only	6.74%	218
Aware of shuttle only	1.95%	63
TOTAL		3,234

Q13 Have you used Downtown Spartanburg's free valet parking or shuttle service?

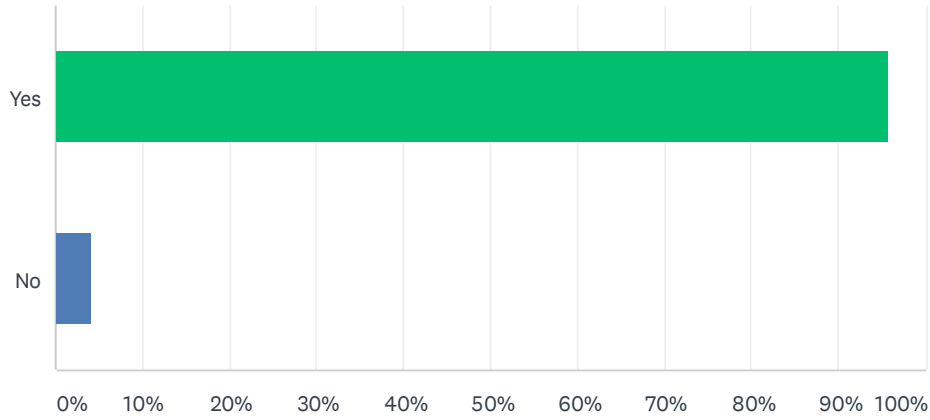
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Valet only	3.31% 107
Shuttle only	0.68% 22
Both	1.98% 64
Neither	94.03% 3,040
TOTAL	3,233

Q14 Have you visited Morgan Square since May, 2020?

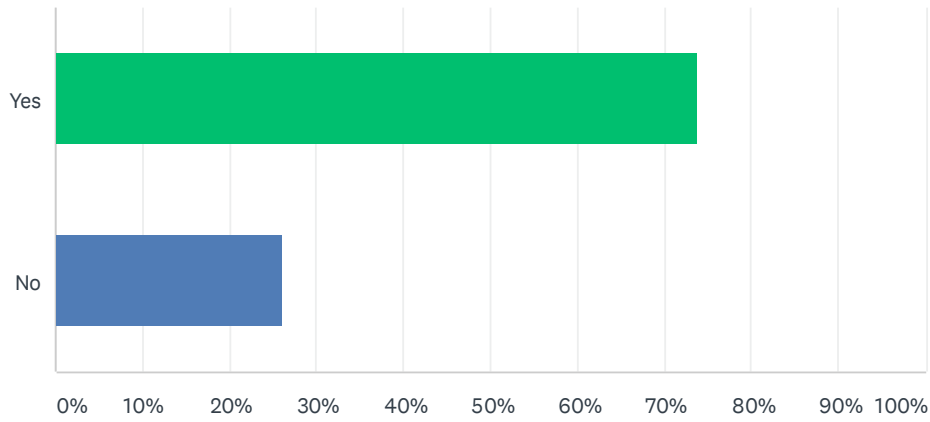
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	95.79%	3,096
No	4.21%	136
TOTAL		3,232

Q15 Have you used Morgan Square's expanded outdoor dining area?

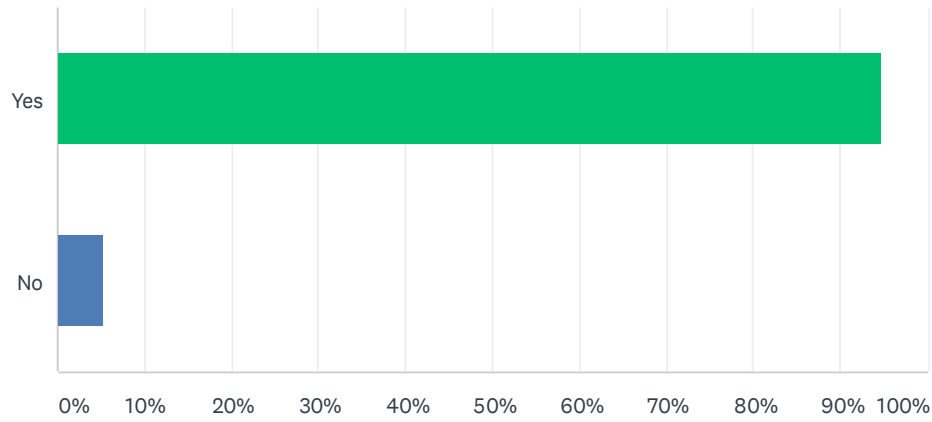
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.84%	2,388
No	26.16%	846
TOTAL		3,234

Q16 Are you planning to visit Morgan Square this summer?

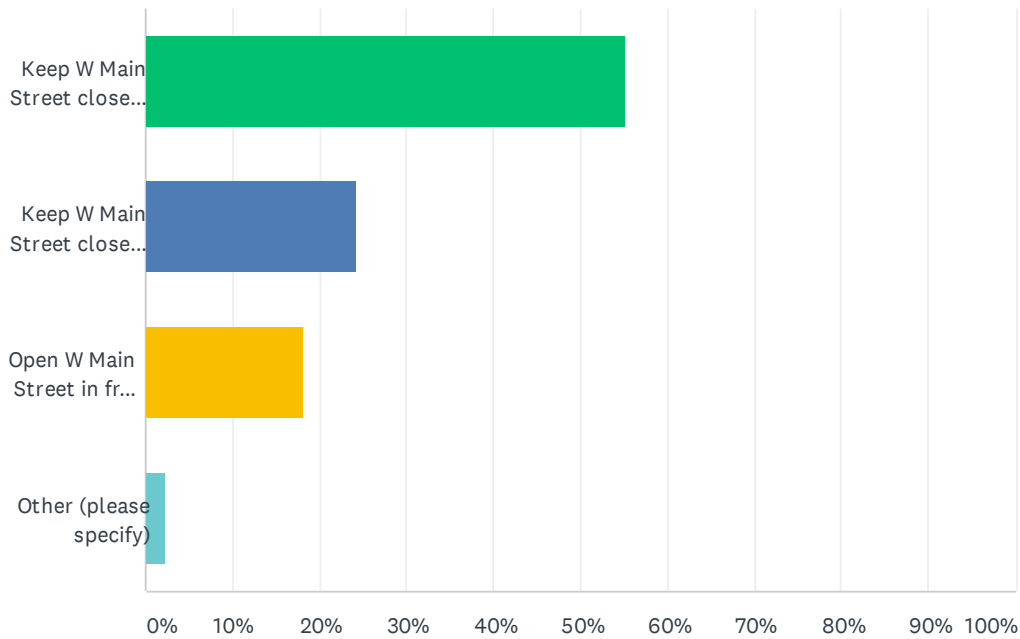
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	94.68%	3,061
No	5.32%	172
TOTAL		3,233

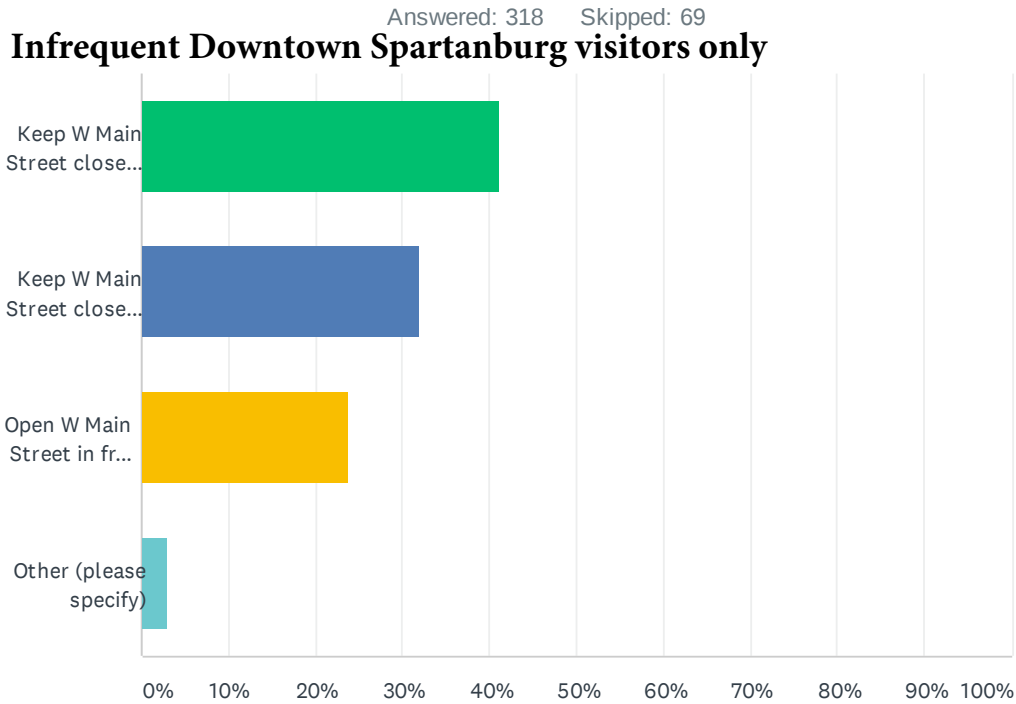
Q17 Which of these options do you favor most for the Morgan Square area?

Answered: 3,233 Skipped: 212



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Keep W Main Street closed to vehicle traffic in front of the square full-time indefinitely for expanded pedestrian use.	55.24% 1,786
Keep W Main Street closed to vehicle traffic in front of the square on weekends (Friday-Sunday) for expanded pedestrian use and open to vehicle traffic on weekdays (Monday-Thursday).	24.28% 785
Open W Main Street in front of the square to vehicle traffic.	18.25% 590
Other (please specify)	2.23% 72
TOTAL	3,233

Q17 Which of these options do you favor most for the Morgan Square area?

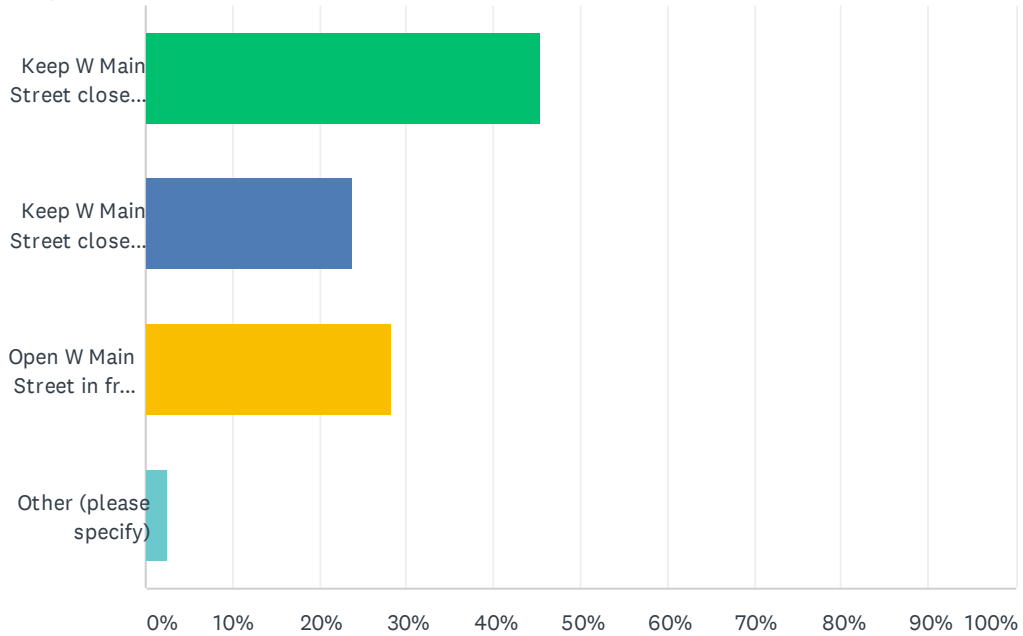


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Keep W Main Street closed to vehicle traffic in front of the square full-time indefinitely for expanded pedestrian use.	41.19%	131
Keep W Main Street closed to vehicle traffic in front of the square on weekends (Friday-Sunday) for expanded pedestrian use and open to vehicle traffic on weekdays (Monday-Thursday).	32.08%	102
Open W Main Street in front of the square to vehicle traffic.	23.90%	76
Other (please specify)	2.83%	9
TOTAL		318

Q17 Which of these options do you favor most for the Morgan Square area?

Answered: 357 Skipped: 25

Age 65+ only



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Keep W Main Street closed to vehicle traffic in front of the square full-time indefinitely for expanded pedestrian use.	45.38%	162
Keep W Main Street closed to vehicle traffic in front of the square on weekends (Friday-Sunday) for expanded pedestrian use and open to vehicle traffic on weekdays (Monday-Thursday).	23.81%	85
Open W Main Street in front of the square to vehicle traffic.	28.29%	101
Other (please specify)	2.52%	9
TOTAL		357

Q18 Please share any additional thoughts you have on the expanded Morgan Square dining area.

Answered: 867 Skipped: 1,096

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The available space is a welcome addition to downtown visits	7/23/2021 6:46 PM
2	Our family is moving here partly because of this. We love it. It's not inconvenient for traffic and is unique. Don't take it away.	7/23/2021 3:30 PM
3	*This comment removed for vulgarity*	7/23/2021 12:33 AM
4	Keep it closed! Great atmosphere	7/22/2021 11:22 PM
5	We love to come down here more now sine the closure! We love it and hope it stays closed and the outdoor dining continues.	7/22/2021 12:11 PM
6	Closing the outside seating would be bad for local businesses, dropping their income and negatively affecting the local economy	7/21/2021 7:40 PM
7	I really like the outdoor dining area and the European plaza feel of the car-less area.	7/21/2021 1:54 PM
8	It is such a pleasant outdoor dining experience to not have loud vehicles traffic constantly heard. It also is a more pleasing smell to not have a nose full of exhaust while eating. :)	7/21/2021 1:36 PM
9	The street closure is an excellent use of the space to bring life and business to downtown.	7/21/2021 12:26 PM
10	I think the expanded dining area is perfect for businesses to offer outside eating during Covid. And I think it's a great addition to Spartanburg's night life and casual dining experience. I enjoy it.	7/21/2021 11:01 AM
11	I don't think it is fair to the business's to block that area. Why should our taxes pay for this inconvenience?	7/20/2021 9:09 PM
12	Food trucks, markets, more live music	7/20/2021 6:57 PM
13	None	7/20/2021 4:19 PM
14	If voted on keeping it closed to vehicle traffic indefinitely, they should definitely consider turning the existing parking spaces into something useful	7/19/2021 10:23 PM
15	As long as scooters and illegal 4wheelers and motorcycles keep going up and down streer was paved for cars not tables.	7/19/2021 5:55 PM
16	I would make the area currently closed pedestrian only, with vehicle access for deliveries etc. Keep the valet and shuttle to assist with access and advertise non restaurant business around downtown. Permanently reroute resident traffic around downtown. Add solar panels to power fans/heaters to make outdoor dining more ambient	7/19/2021 1:41 PM
17	I have seen the reimagine Morgan square advertisements and Facebook page, and I fully support an indefinitely closed street. I live downtown and I would love to see a remodeled, more permanent, pedestrian center for many uses— not just restaurant— rather than a road.	7/19/2021 1:05 PM
18	Love seeing the downtown activity	7/19/2021 8:51 AM
19	Love the absence of vehicles. Morgan Square offers the city an added uniqueness in the center of town	7/18/2021 11:11 PM
20	Love seeing the square full of people. Have the business using it pay for the upgrades. Would hate to see it completely go away.	7/18/2021 3:43 PM
21	This is great for not only keeping children safe while they play, but also having less vehicle traffic. This is a great opportunity for businesses and keeping pedestrians safe	7/18/2021 1:53 PM

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22	Keep it like it is now it's awesome	7/18/2021 12:52 PM
23	This statement is not about expanded Morgan Square dining, but about this survey which, as I understand it, is from The City of Spartanburg. I am surprised and disheartened that you chose to introduce a controversial category in our gender categories. You listed "nonbinary" as one of the gender options. This is not an option on our state driver licenses and not one that many citizens accept...there are political and theological implications to this gender "option." Why did you feel the need to impose this issue on our citizenry in a simple survey about downtown? This is somewhat baffling and demonstrates poor judgement; I am not alone in my surprise. Please share this concern with the city manager, council, and the individual who designed this survey.	7/18/2021 12:00 PM
24	Please keep West Main Street at Morgan Square open all year.	7/17/2021 9:59 PM
25	It seems to me like it would actually be better for businesses having it closed like it is. It also creates a nice sense of community that wasn't there before the closure. I love it!	7/17/2021 8:48 PM
26	I love it! Great for restaurants and makes for a great dining experience	7/17/2021 1:00 PM
27	Downtown is way better with the street closure. Keep it closed!	7/16/2021 10:50 PM
28	Need a Roly Poly and a California Dreaming. Also, please do not allow our Town to become a place for homeless, criminals and mentally ill to gather. We love our Spartanburg and know there are better options for these populations. Lets help them without enabling more self destructive behaviors.	7/16/2021 10:50 PM
29	Spartanburg can only be world class if they get with the times. One of the top reasons people consider moving to a community is walkability. We need expanded pedestrian hubs with great design downtown to enhance our city. Please take the closed space and make it a pedestrian asset. The worst thing you could do is the hybrid as it is functional but UGLY. Make Spartanburg a world class city!	7/16/2021 5:38 PM
30	My husband and I park on the far side of downtown, near the farmer's market, and walk in once a week or so to exercise the dog and grab an coffee or meal. We love the outdoor dining options available to us and wouldn't be able to bring the dog to several restaurants currently available if all outdoor seating went away. I was just telling my husband the other day that I hope the city keeps that block open for restaurant seating permanently. Than you for allowing my voice to be heard!	7/16/2021 11:57 AM
31	Morgan Square is a very nice part of downtown Spartanburg. I would love to see it become more like Greenville's downtown for lunch and dining.	7/15/2021 8:26 PM
32	I love the closed square and recommend pretty brick walls on either end to match park area in center and to either plant trees or place trees in giant pots around the square to help cool and provide shade, one downtown Greenville's greatest features is the preponderance of shade trees. And their downside is that they have too much traffic thru center. So close the square and add trees	7/15/2021 5:57 PM
33	Stop stop stop. Also - the scooters are terrible. No one follows rules and everyone rides on sidewalks. Why won't anyone listen to the people that live there??!??	7/15/2021 1:01 PM
34	If there were more than nine-teen or so parking spaces, it might be different. I've never gotten a parking space there. People are more likely to discover your store walking to and from the restaurant than just a destination of the restaurant.	7/15/2021 12:28 AM
35	I love the Morgan Square expanded dining area!! My favorite part about Spartanburg!!	7/14/2021 9:06 PM
36	Research what Charlottesville VA did with their "Downtown Mall". I lived there for years and it was a HUGE draw for tourism and live music	7/14/2021 7:47 PM
37	I saw a better atmosphere since they closed down w main st and it looks like it's a downtown now	7/14/2021 4:29 PM
38	Morgan Square should be opened except for special events.	7/14/2021 3:41 PM
39	We used to drive through downtown regularly and it made us want to stop or come back later that night. Now we have to go around and it's an afterthought. We end up staying home or eating near hillcrest.	7/14/2021 3:39 PM
40	The outdoor sitting concept has allowed the community and expanded area to socialize and	7/14/2021 8:59 AM

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feel comfortable with distance due to COVID. The community is my willing to be outdoors and use the space available to them that the restaurants have provided. There are many places to park and many ways to get downtown even with Main Street closed. It has not once in the past year been an inconvenience to go downtown. I enjoy going downtown more with the outdoor seating - it offers a more vibrant downtown and city like feel. It needs to stay!!!

41	The homeless like to congregate sometimes and pan handle for money, I have no issue with them looking for a dollar to eat, but when they follow and harass people, that's an issue	7/14/2021 6:22 AM
42	I LVOE THE SQUARE. SO MANY TOWNS HAVE THIS. WE SHOULD BE ONE	7/14/2021 12:53 AM
43	Only benefits Delainey's. Open it or charge Delainey's and not taxpayers.	7/13/2021 10:48 PM
44	The restaurants are booming and it's only a few restaurants getting to take advantage of the extra dining area.	7/13/2021 10:07 PM
45	An amazing part of downtown, so glad to have it.	7/13/2021 9:47 PM
46	Love the street being closed/. We visit much more often. Enjoy the safety of less traffic and love the outdoor dining and small town feel.	7/13/2021 9:43 PM
47	loveeeeeee the atmosphere that morgan square closed brings to downtown spartanburg. would love to see it stay	7/13/2021 8:06 PM
48	If we end up closing the section of W Main permanently I would like to see the square developed to support outside dining and events better, have the whole thing be like a downtown park almost.	7/13/2021 9:14 AM
49	I absolutely love the outdoor dinning. There is plenty of places to park elsewhere and I think if the outdoor dinning went away the appeal of going out to eat so often would be gone and I would be looking for other restaurants that offer it elsewhere.	7/12/2021 10:38 PM
50	If people want to kept traffic flowing downtown just reroute traffic flow to Dunbar St. Everyone wins.	7/12/2021 5:55 PM
51	I now have more incentive than ever to visit the Morgan Square Dining area. To me, it is an absolute destination!	7/12/2021 4:29 PM
52	Unsure	7/12/2021 3:54 PM
53	I almost never drove on that stretch of W Main before 2020. There aren't that many parking spots, the speed limit and crosswalks make it slow and inconvenient compared to driving around to a more likely parking spot. I truly find it difficult to believe that the people complaining of traffic now didn't previously spend just as much time in their cars driving up and down as they looked for a spot.	7/12/2021 10:43 AM
54	It is both illegal and unfair to tenants of downtown who are not restaurants. I own a small business downtown, and it creates nothing but confusion. Further, and most importantly, it drives people away from downtown altogether. People simply drive around the area using St. John and avoid it.	7/12/2021 8:20 AM
55	The expanded dining area is great. Please keep making the foty pedestrian friendly. We have been visiting morgan square weekly, usually on weekdays after camp, eating lunch. I'm so glad I can walk around downtown with my 3.5 year old and not have as much fear about being hit by a car.	7/12/2021 5:10 AM
56	I love being able to sit outside, and in the winter having the tents was awesome. I think having the street open to traffic on weekdays is a good compromise for the businesses that have been losing business without the street traffic, but the logistics of moving/storing all the outdoor seating doesn't line up.	7/12/2021 1:06 AM
57	I really enjoy the outdoor dining and music I would probably stop coming if it was opened back up to traffic.	7/11/2021 11:32 PM
58	Also consider closing the road in on the other side of the square — it's often closed off for various events prep or other reasons and would be nice to have all on that square pedestrian	7/11/2021 10:15 PM
59	We must support our local businesses. Without them, we are nothing	7/11/2021 10:15 PM
60	It's so hard getting to the stores that I stopped coming downtown.	7/11/2021 7:20 PM

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61	This is a special area of the city that didn't exist until you closed it for the restaurants. It's fantastic now so please leave it like this	7/11/2021 6:44 PM
62	Thank you	7/11/2021 4:59 PM
63	Nobody comes downtown to sit outside. I am charged taxes for use of the roads and now i am denied use of the road so delaneys can sell an extra beer? Be serious.	7/11/2021 4:55 PM
64	Ok	7/11/2021 3:07 PM
65	It has been great, especially for a family with young children.	7/11/2021 3:00 PM
66	Love sitting outside and watching friends and others walking by.	7/11/2021 2:14 PM
67	It's awesome	7/11/2021 12:40 PM
68	The experience in downtown would not have been the same without the outdoor seating and downtown scene!	7/10/2021 10:11 PM
69	We love having main street closed for dining purposes!!!	7/10/2021 10:09 PM
70	The closed street and outdoor dining is an extremely positive experience for Spartanburg	7/10/2021 10:01 PM
71	I can't imagine the impact on removing this dining area on some of our favorite downtown restaurants. Even with the weekend option the set-up and tear down (or resulting reduction of seating area) would be a nightmare.	7/10/2021 8:55 PM
72	Don't use the expanded area just for out door dining, but bring more culture or vendors to the area with that space.	7/10/2021 6:02 PM
73	I have not had any loss in accessibility to downtown due to the closure. I have actually had improved accessibility to the restaurants. I am more inclined to go to downtown now that it is more walkable to pedestrians. And parking is easy and readily available all over, so the closure hasn't changed that for me either.	7/10/2021 1:53 PM
74	It's stupid to have all of the road blocked off. It's a road for a reason and the restaurants are meant to be eaten inside. Open the street back up so if you want to ride around downtown you don't have to go around buildings	7/9/2021 11:23 PM
75	Making it seasonal (winter vs summer) vs weekend/weekday would be another perhaps better approach	7/9/2021 10:45 PM
76	I love the idea!! It's going to be amazing!!	7/9/2021 10:26 PM
77	The expanded seating has been wonderful the last year. My family has sat outside on numerous occasions and have enjoyed it immensely! It makes Spartanburg feel like a more lively city and a place to gather and enjoy. Please keep the outdoor seating full time!	7/9/2021 10:21 PM
78	Downtown's vibe is super elevated by this closure!	7/9/2021 9:45 PM
79	Please do not open W Main part of the time. That is a horrible tragedy waiting to happen!! People wouldn't know when it was open or when it was closed. Please keep that portion of W Main closed forever!! It has brought in so much foot traffic!!!!	7/9/2021 8:28 PM
80	I love having outdoor dining!! Please keep the traffic closed!!	7/9/2021 7:39 PM
81	A closed down town is a great gathering place. I would not visit without the outdoor seating area.	7/9/2021 7:38 PM
82	My family and I have been enjoying it SO much! We love having the street closed to traffic. It's so festive and energetic- makes our town unique!	7/9/2021 7:12 PM
83	Na	7/9/2021 6:58 PM
84	Enjoy the expanded outside dining/wining areas. We only shop as an afterthought after eating.	7/9/2021 6:00 PM
85	I come downtown mainly for the wine shops and eating and shop while here	7/9/2021 5:58 PM
86	Safe. Easy to Park. Better for downtown to close the road.	7/9/2021 5:35 PM
87	It does a great job activating the downtown area!	7/9/2021 3:59 PM
88	I have loved the extra pedestrian space!	7/9/2021 2:56 PM

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89	It's perfect and makes Dt Spartanburg better than Greenville keep this and do better than those *removed profanity*	7/8/2021 10:26 PM
90	None	7/8/2021 8:55 PM
91	Love it closed! It's too much to expect restaurants to move around tables for diners for evening only. And if people really want to go to those retail shops there's plenty of close parking and they likely would have had to walk anyway because of the limited parking in that space. Better handicap options may be necessary. But retailers and customers saying those 30-40 spots being closed during the days is devastating their businesses are being dramatic and there are other more likely reasons for loss of business.	7/8/2021 7:17 PM
92	Love the opportunity to walk around the square and not have traffic. Also love the night life, music on Thursday and Friday. Please keep it closed to traffic.	7/8/2021 6:23 PM
93	I feel most have adjusted to the present arrangements	7/8/2021 3:06 PM
94	Plenty of cities have an area that is pedestrian only and it is a cool feature. Businesses are easy to get to and there is plenty of parking in spartanburg, I actually visit more than before with the expanded pedestrian area.	7/8/2021 2:52 PM
95	Great place	7/8/2021 11:37 AM
96	Love it	7/8/2021 11:27 AM
97	Outdoor dining options allows for more seating room for busy hours, allows versatility for people with pets, and great for people who do not like eating in cold restaurants. All other major downtown areas have outdoor options, this would be great to keep if the dining tables and umbrellas were uniform and the barricades were not such an eye sore. Less people will come dine downtown if you remove the outdoor option.	7/8/2021 10:26 AM
98	This will open up opportunities for more events in downtown	7/8/2021 6:13 AM
99	Love it brings back the small town feel and makes it always seem alive and welcoming	7/8/2021 4:05 AM
100	It has helped to bring community together and always meeting new people and friends. It a gathering spot for our community.	7/7/2021 8:55 PM
101	Always lots of people outside in that area. Downtown feels more alive with families out eating and kids playing in the square	7/7/2021 6:51 PM
102	It's a pain in the neck.	7/7/2021 5:25 PM
103	We love it!	7/7/2021 4:47 PM
104	Before COVID19 Morgan Square was open. Now Gov.McMaster has ended the mask mandate. Morgan Square need to be reopened immediately.	7/7/2021 3:40 PM
105	I think it's wonderful to have all of the outdoor dining. I am much more likely to try to go eat downtown now. And as I sit and eat outside, I look around and notice all the shops and other stores in the area. Please keep it like this!!	7/7/2021 3:30 PM
106	I love it	7/6/2021 9:28 PM
107	Beautify downtown and leave Main Street closed to vehicles!	7/6/2021 7:49 PM
108	Open the street already! It's a pain to go around everyday.	7/6/2021 7:29 PM
109	I think it makes the atmosphere downtown very enjoyable and lively.	7/6/2021 7:23 PM
110	It was good at first, now its annoying	7/6/2021 4:05 PM
111	It's deeply good for community.	7/6/2021 2:59 PM
112	Please redesign Morgan Square for better functionality and more appealing design.	7/6/2021 2:14 PM
113	Block the other part of Main by Fr8 also and recruit more unique clothing retailers, restaurants, and bars	7/6/2021 1:33 PM
114	I don't know that closed or open impacts my decisions regarding the square. I park wherever I can and either wander around to find a restaurant or I already know where I'm going. Driving by doesn't change my choice much.	7/6/2021 12:59 PM

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115	If Spartanburg has any ambition of becoming a “modern” town/city, then this is the most logical option to begin that process. The street in question is virtually all restaurants and bars who would experience significant financial, and social, benefits from the closure of the street. Spartanburg needs to accommodate pedestrian foot traffic, the newly recognized social distancing that has become the relative norm in modern society post-pandemic, and embrace the changing societal dynamics of social interaction. Closing this street will provide tangible economic benefit to the downtown area, as well as incentivize families to walk downtown, enjoy the scenery and shop after a meal. Cars traveling in front of these restaurants and bars only increases the chances of an accident with pedestrians maneuvering from Morgan Square proper to the entrance of these places of business.	7/6/2021 8:30 AM
116	Restaurants are not paying for the extra seating with the closed road. It is not fair for other businesses like spice traders. I used to frequent their shop since I could park in front of their store. I'm sure it hurts their business.	7/6/2021 7:21 AM
117	Love love love new outdoor dining. Couldn't imagine not having it but mostly use in the weekends. I would be OK if you could drive through during the week as long as we keep it as is in the weekends	7/6/2021 6:56 AM
118	None	7/5/2021 10:15 PM
119	Don't block traffic. Use the square.	7/5/2021 8:39 PM
120	The outside dining is exactly what the city needs. We don't have many options and despite what many business owners think they are getting as much if not more exposure by people sitting outside rather than just strolling by.	7/5/2021 8:34 PM
121	The coolest downtowns in the world all have pedestrian squares - let's think bigger than "I have to make two more turns to get to _____." I get that some businesses off the square are less in favor but they'll thrive w more people coming down there! I think Morgan Square to Denny's plaza should all be pedestrian and let the energy spill into the streets! I understand that's a bit much. But the Square itself as a pedestrian way... easy yes!	7/5/2021 3:42 PM
122	I love outdoor dining.	7/5/2021 3:07 PM
123	Keep it cleaner	7/5/2021 12:55 PM
124	Absolutely love the outdoor dining!!!	7/5/2021 12:04 PM
125	It looks tacky. And in bad weather or extreme temps, I often decide to eat at places other than downtown due to the long walk from parking	7/5/2021 10:40 AM
126	I have enjoyed having the street closed! I love sitting outside and enjoying our beautiful city. It creates a fun small town feel to Spartanburg! It also creates a more dog friendly atmosphere! My dog has loved getting to go to dinner with my fiancé and I. I recently had a friend come to visit from out of town and she talked about how nice it was to have the street closed for outdoor dining. I think it has also brought great business to our local restaurants on Main Street. I hope the city of Spartanburg continues to keep it closed.	7/5/2021 8:51 AM
127	The Morgan Square outdoor dining is one of my favorite places to visit in Spartanburg. I ate outside here when I was moving to the area/looking for apartments, and I chose to rent an apartment right here downtown. Please keep the street open to restaurants full time.	7/5/2021 12:25 AM
128	I was reluctant choosing to close W Main Street for good, because it is a real burden. The investment in this area really needs to make up for the sacrifice in mobility. Also, nobody wants to shuttle or valet on a regular basis. More parking is needed off of W Main that you can still easily walk in and out of to access downtown businesses. One more thought: make sure you think about individuals (maybe young professionals) that want to live downtown but have to drive to work outside the city center.	7/4/2021 11:31 PM
129	None	7/4/2021 10:34 PM
130	I love outdoor areas like this. I hope to have more areas like this in the future.	7/4/2021 10:25 PM
131	Brick the road from the sidewalk to the fountain so it's actually a town square.	7/4/2021 8:50 PM
132	Need to open downtown square	7/4/2021 7:30 PM
133	Businesses need traffic. If you want to expand dining, move the road and reduce the footprint	7/4/2021 7:04 PM

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of the square. Businesses did fine prior to the closure, now they have a taxpayer funded expanded dining area to generate more revenue. If they want it closed, they should subsidize the other businesses that do not benefit from the free access to increases capacity of their establishments. Retail shops and restaurants on the east side of church are not awarded the same luxury.....

134	I enjoy being able to dine outside rather than being crowded indoors. I feel like it gives people another option than to be crowded in what may be a small, loud, indoor space.	7/4/2021 5:53 PM
135	I love having Morgan Square closed to traffic. It makes the area much more enjoyable.	7/4/2021 5:15 PM
136	Closing it does not appear to affect vehicle traffic so I don't see any reason not to continue the way it is	7/4/2021 3:56 PM
137	Keep the square closed to traffic please	7/4/2021 3:33 PM
138	It's inconvenient to keep the street closed- I find that we have visited the restaurants and stores less because we've changed our driving route. It's not as easy to hop out and run into a store/restaurant that's closed to thru traffic. I forget often about the shops that are located on the strip that's closed to vehicle traffic. I have children in car seats and the shuttle option is not convenient for me.	7/4/2021 2:32 PM
139	I think having the outside seating is great for the community	7/4/2021 2:04 PM
140	We have young kids and enjoy being able to walk around Morgan Square without the sounds and smells of vehicles. Parking is so close and readily available that it does not deter us from visiting.	7/4/2021 2:01 PM
141	The outdoor dining in that area only benefits Delanys.	7/4/2021 10:54 AM
142	I love the patio for me and my family. Make it permanent it will be great for tourism and expanded seating helps the businesses and creates ideas for more events.	7/4/2021 10:43 AM
143	I do not like having to detour around Main Street to get to work every morning.	7/4/2021 10:16 AM
144	Include a playground, public restroom for Music on Main, solar outdoor phone/Device charging stations, drinking and pet fountain, vending machine area and contemporary public art (sculptural and mural). Lastly, interactive touch screen kiosks with maps to businesses and landmarks will be helpful for tourists.	7/3/2021 8:59 PM
145	Keeping the square closed to traffic for pedestrian use is a huge BOON to public life, a sense of community, and really soeacial as a downtown dining experience. It would frankly be insane to prioritize cars over people. There is ZERO problem with traffic flow. Who are we here for? People or cars?	7/3/2021 8:26 PM
146	it's been great please keep it open!	7/3/2021 7:17 PM
147	LOVE HAVING IT CLOSED TO TRAFFIC!!!!	7/3/2021 7:06 PM
148	Please keep it closed love eating outside	7/3/2021 5:54 PM
149	Not fair to businesses in other locations.	7/3/2021 2:40 PM
150	Could we add pet hydrating stations around downtown? Since many families uses outdoor seating it would be amazing to have water for our amazing pets.	7/3/2021 2:27 PM
151	It's such a great walkable area that brings the community together and allows families space to spread out. I live just down the street and have loved having the street close and to wander through there to see the community every day.	7/3/2021 1:51 PM
152	It's been great and after covid still is .. creates a great vibe	7/3/2021 1:48 PM
153	Having the expanded dining and open space to play, walk, mingle, eat has made huge impact on my enjoyment of the town. I doubt I would go very often if that area re-opened. Please keep the roadway closed to vehicles.	7/3/2021 1:41 PM
154	Would love more greenspaces!	7/3/2021 1:18 PM
155	Closing down the main thoroughfare through downtown will make it less likely for people to see a shop that piques their interest and then stop and shop. More people are likely to drive around downtown and not bother stopping. The closure of Morgan Square only benefits the restaurants	7/3/2021 12:52 PM

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that are located there which is why those owners are screaming loudly for it to remain closed permanently. They are able to vastly increase their dining capacity without paying for the extra space. Retail stores are not able to do this; only eateries. Downtown was thriving with the configuration before the pandemic. Open it back up! It's the only fair thing to do for all businesses, drivers, & pedestrians.

156	More dining space brings in more people. Okay a few parking spaces are lost. Not that much trouble going around. Spartanburg needs to grow. Seems to build community with more space available for gathering.	7/3/2021 12:20 PM
157	Love the open eating area and walking room	7/3/2021 12:01 PM
158	While I enjoy more seating options, I'm concerned fit businesses that may be losing business because of the road closure.	7/3/2021 8:08 AM
159	It looks nice and makes it feel like a larger downtown	7/3/2021 7:12 AM
160	I feel safer walking down main st. I have visited more shops and businesses because being on foot gives a different perspective of the buildings and changes the whole vibe.. its beautiful to see the community grow. We are better and safer than Greenville.. dont open it pretty please.	7/3/2021 7:08 AM
161	We really need this road opened back up. Sometimes it's a huge inconvenience trying to find parking then walking over a mile just to get to a certain place.	7/2/2021 9:46 PM
162	Redo the streets to be more versatile and more enjoyable area so you are not sitting on a road	7/2/2021 9:39 PM
163	The dining area has an awesome feel on weekends! There aren't as many people eating out here during week nights and I think a great solution would be to open it up to traffic during the week and keeping it closed off on weekends. I know a lot of stores would appreciate the foot traffic. Thank you for taking out input!	7/2/2021 9:33 PM
164	I think it's a good idea to have it open to traffic sometimes and closed to traffic sometimes. It's a good compromise	7/2/2021 7:20 PM
165	Delaney's is my favorite restaurant in town and I love being able to have seating right away inside or outside! Outside seating has only made the atmosphere better for Spartanburg!	7/2/2021 7:09 PM
166	This was a great idea to keep dining options open during the height of the pandemic. Those times have now passed and restaurants are open at full capacity. If pedestrian safety is a concern maybe we could offer an option like Charleston does on the famous king street. The 2nd Sunday of every month is foot traffic only on the street during a specified time in the afternoon. This may be a good starting point to find common ground for those for and opposed to the reopening of increases dining area.	7/2/2021 6:34 PM
167	We think you should beautify the area kind of like the pedestrian street in Greenville	7/2/2021 6:20 PM
168	You need to open the MAIN ARTERY of the city!!!! Diverting traffic makes people not want to drive through downtown. What the heck!! Open up the heart of the city!! You are destroying the stores in front of Morgan Square. I know some merchants are getting together to hire a lawyer for a class action law suit!!! Thai is a poor decision made to appease ONE rich person and we all know who this is.	7/2/2021 6:11 PM
169	Please open the street	7/2/2021 5:59 PM
170	It's perpetually empty outside of the dinner hour, an eyesore, and, most importantly, hurts local retail shops.	7/2/2021 5:17 PM
171	Extended dining was a temporary fix. It's breaking up the flow of traffic through all of the businesses. I think a more structured plan could be set in place for curbside dining but this just doesn't look or work. The extended dining is always empty with no one using it.	7/2/2021 5:14 PM
172	It is unfair to close Main Street for traffic and allow restaurants to expand their dining while the retail shops have had to sacrifice the option of parking for their customers. Downtown retail businesses pay rent based on parking access. If they continue to keep it closed to traffic, rent prices should be substantially less. Please reconsider this!	7/2/2021 5:10 PM
173	We just recently moved here and had been regretting our decision to live in Spartanburg over Greenville. I spent one evening at dinner and grabbing drinks at the Morgan square area and loved it. Made me feel like Spartanburg had more to offer and could be a great place to go for dinner and walk around, so we don't always have to drive to Greenville.	7/2/2021 3:59 PM

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174	Seems like this benefits a few places, especially Delaney's. Because of this, their tables use outside for free? Not every restaurant in Spartanburg gets free square footage	7/2/2021 12:44 PM
175	Open it	7/2/2021 11:17 AM
176	The rest of Main Street , past Denny's, needs to be closed to traffic	7/2/2021 8:10 AM
177	Unsure why my race and gender are important. Our society needs to be race blind!	7/2/2021 7:54 AM
178	Love the square and that it is used for more outside activities. Can't wait for the music events and festivals to return using the square.	7/2/2021 12:28 AM
179	The downtown seems more lively when there are people outside dining. When they are in the restaurants, it doesn't seem like a place to gather, just a slow sleepy town. We LOVE the downtown square closed to traffic with kids - they like to run around and play!	7/1/2021 10:07 PM
180	I think it would be an amazing addition to our beautiful city to close the square off permanently. It would make Spartanburg an even bigger spot on the map for the downtown if we had more space for events, festivals, etc.	7/1/2021 7:13 PM
181	I think it's absolutely fantastic. It feels so incredibly warm and cozy and like we're all a part of the city. Love playing with my daughter safely by the fountain. The only thing I wish us that the tables weren't all wonky because of the slight slope of that road ☺ And I wish there was more sun shade somehow during sunset! But otherwise it's fantastic and I have literally no idea why anyone could complain about closing that small section. It's so perfect!	7/1/2021 6:35 PM
182	More of the restaurants downtown need to be open for lunch to attract people and support the business people. The homeless population needs managed for safety and image of the town.	7/1/2021 4:29 PM
183	We need safer ways to bike downtown from Converse Heights.	7/1/2021 2:56 PM
184	Thank you for all that you do, and I really hope the street re-opens	7/1/2021 12:42 PM
185	Need more handicapped access parking at building entrance areas.	7/1/2021 12:31 PM
186	I love the space. It brings life to downtown. Add a stage for live music and bring in good cover bands to play. See Wilmington nc downtown sundown for a visual. It could be fun to have a outdoor vendor shopping experience out there once a month or something. With local stuff, art, handmade goods, and boutiques.	7/1/2021 12:26 PM
187	I love the expanded area for restaurants and pedestrians. But is it fair for retail and office space to close? What about Thursday night to Sunday night. I bring visitors to town often, nothing beats staying at the AC, walking to dinner after work, enjoying the restaurants and live music.	7/1/2021 11:18 AM
188	I do feel for business owners that feel they have lost business due to the street closure. However, I wonder if the loss of business might be due to Covid. My hope is that people will get used to the street closure, people will go downtown more as Covid rates are low, and business for downtown will increase. My family loves walkable spaces where children can be active without worry because of car traffic. These are the kinds of places where we want to spend our time.	7/1/2021 11:10 AM
189	Think is great to have more outdoor space downtown for pedestrians and families with children. Love dining outside.	7/1/2021 9:45 AM
190	Keep W Main Street closed to vehicle traffic indefinitely!! It is so nice and I think our community will miss it if we decide to open it to traffic.	7/1/2021 9:20 AM
191	Open the road. There is no justifiable reason to keep two blocks closed to through traffic.	7/1/2021 9:12 AM
192	Open the road to traffic. You are destroying small businesses downtown. The only ones thriving from this are 3 specific restaurants, everyone else is suffering	7/1/2021 9:03 AM
193	I personally love all the outdoor dining. It's been a really nice to be able to bring our pup with us on dates. I've loved getting to enjoy the nice weather while eating dinner with friends	6/30/2021 11:29 PM
194	The traffic barriers need to be more aesthetic. They are ugly. During winters, open up to traffic again.	6/30/2021 10:58 PM
195	If W Main stays closed permanently then it needs fixing up - nicer planters, chairs, tables, umbrellas, etc.	6/30/2021 10:56 PM

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196	The expanded Morgan Square creates a defined “community center” in downtown Spartanburg. I believe it improves the downtown feel.	6/30/2021 9:55 PM
197	N/A	6/30/2021 9:52 PM
198	The expanded dining was great at first when major restrictions were in place. Restaurants needed the space to allow for dining. But now, it's time to open up. There is still part of the sidewalks that can be used for some outside dining, but it's time to give the street back.	6/30/2021 9:02 PM
199	More availability to fresh air while eating outside	6/30/2021 8:22 PM
200	I love this and people seem to enjoy it but there are concerns re: retail establishments. I personally think it would benefit the retail. You should specifically get feedback from the retailers (non dining) located in that section and weigh that heavily.	6/30/2021 8:21 PM
201	It affects such a small area for traffic but it makes the outdoor space a lot nicer as a pedestrian. If it closes I'd rather spend more time in Greenville because of the outdoor space	6/30/2021 7:23 PM
202	Love outdoor dining and would love to have it remain.	6/30/2021 6:15 PM
203	If the square is to continue to be closed, several of the surrounding streets need leading greens added to allow left turns.	6/30/2021 5:52 PM
204	Love it! Make it more permanent and visually attractive having a common area is great for the growth of the city and attracting young professionals.	6/30/2021 5:29 PM
205	I love the look and functionality of the expanded dining area!	6/30/2021 4:52 PM
206	Love it! It has brought much needed vibrancy and a wonderful atmosphere to the area, and we love bringing out of town visitors to shop and dine here. Just need a better parking solution!	6/30/2021 4:46 PM
207	We love the atmosphere and the added safety of having the road block!	6/30/2021 4:30 PM
208	Too much trouble to access Morgan Square restaurants with the street closed.	6/30/2021 4:09 PM
209	It has been nice to have the outdoor dining option and would love that to continue. Maybe open it to traffic during colder months, but it is so much nicer to have more walking and sitting space when the street is closed.	6/30/2021 4:03 PM
210	I love the European atmosphere of downtown with more outdoor seating. Having the park to look out on and people with their pets and children enjoying the park with no worries of traffic coming through. There is plenty of parking, we don't need the few spaces that we have lost with the closure of Morgan square. Let's all get out and walk the downtown!	6/30/2021 4:00 PM
211	I've loved the bustling community created by the closed block of W Main Street! My only concern is for people with limited mobility who might need help getting closer to those businesses, but as a fully mobile person, I've never had trouble finding parking in one of the nearby decks or lots. The street closure was a great solution to issues brought about by the pandemic, and I think it's ultimately improved the downtown - even as people return to indoor dining!	6/30/2021 3:46 PM
212	Love being able to eat outside .	6/30/2021 3:45 PM
213	I support either decision except for the hybrid model. The current look of street closure (tables on blacktop, temporary signage) looks unprofessional. Either open the street or make Morgan Square an official pedestrian area with paving and street scaping to match. I think dining on open blacktop feels tacky. Please still enforce no smoking.	6/30/2021 3:32 PM
214	I'm 100% in favor of keeping this area closed to traffic, but think a hardscape/landscape project is need to make the area more enjoyable. Leaving it as an asphalt street with a sloped grade is not a long term solution.	6/30/2021 3:18 PM
215	Need square programming. Give people entertainment/reason to be there	6/30/2021 3:11 PM
216	I just prefer the traffic flow of being able to go straight down main street, but I would be open to a hybrid of closed on weekends, if that was the only alternative.	6/30/2021 2:59 PM
217	Valet parking and especially shuttle is most important at night especially from a safety/security point of view.	6/30/2021 2:40 PM
218	Should Morgan Square be expanded for pedestrian use only, consider creating more permanent	6/30/2021 2:37 PM

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outdoor seating for neighboring restaurants. As it stands now, during peak hours, it is difficult for pedestrians and those using wheelchairs, etc. Longterm-- Dunbar would be a greta alternative to expand (two lanes of traffic for both directions) for vehicular use.

219	N/A	6/30/2021 2:35 PM
220	It will help businesses because people forget what's in our downtown	6/30/2021 2:33 PM
221	I think all of Main Street should be closed to motor vehicle traffic and be completely open for pedestrians. I think other shop and restaurant owners should benefit.	6/30/2021 2:21 PM
222	I believe that permanently closing W Main Street to vehicle traffic is the best route forward. This is a great amenity to downtown and a differentiator from other downtown areas. I believe that better communication of parking areas, valets, etc. would alleviate some of the issues retail establishments have with the setup. I think it has been a great example of a private/public relationship and would be best if permanently implemented. More landscaping in the area to match what has been completed in the square would be great as well.	6/30/2021 2:05 PM
223	My main frustration is that you cannot turn west onto Dunbar St when you're coming from the south on Church St. That would make it much easier to get downtown when coming from the south or east. Also, I often commute by bike and there are not enough places downtown to secure a bicycle.	6/30/2021 2:03 PM
224	I think that making downtown more pedestrian-friendly/keeping Morgan Square closed to traffic & making it feel even more like the "center of the City" will ultimately be GREAT for economic growth as well as the general feel of our area. I think that having it as a designated no-traffic/green-space/pedestrian-friendly space would be an EXTREMELY beneficial, strategically progressive move that would be fantastic for current & future citizens. (Of course there will be some push-back & a learning curve at first, but ULTIMATELY, if designed/implemented correctly: it will be SUCH a step in the right direction for the City of Spartanburg.)	6/30/2021 1:41 PM
225	It looks terrible. It closes off businesses. Look at other cities... they are open!	6/30/2021 1:28 PM
226	The dining area certainly helps with traffic calming overall in Morgan Square and downtown in general. As someone who works downtown and also lived downtown for a year (and moved due to incessant street racing on Church St. and too many instances of crossing Church St. to go to work on Morgan Square and almost being hit by cars not yielding to pedestrians [while having a walk sign]), I think anything that can be done to make the Morgan Square area and central downtown more pedestrian-friendly will be crucial in helping Spartanburg thrive—particularly with the addition of the Blue Duck Scooter program.	6/30/2021 1:27 PM
227	Better organization and encouragement and placement for other restaurants	6/30/2021 1:15 PM
228	I believe that the expanded Morgan Square dining area is very beneficial IF significant improvements are made to the look and feel. In its current state, it is not a positive representation of our downtown. Many other cities have a block that is closed to vehicular traffic, but the appropriate street scaping and physical connectivity has been created. In order for this to be successful in Spartanburg, a reimagination of the entirety of Morgan Square should be considered. I do not personally feel that the closure of this block inhibits vehicular traffic enough for that to be an important consideration.	6/30/2021 1:15 PM
229	I think it is wonderful and provides additional opportunities to the restaurants providing services.	6/30/2021 1:13 PM
230	Has worked out great. Would be interesting to figure out how to incorporate the park more into it. i.e Food trucks on other side for weekends or some other way to activate the park side	6/30/2021 1:13 PM
231	I've loved the more open feel of Morgan Square ~ so inviting!	6/30/2021 1:11 PM
232	Or you may make the closing of Morgan Square seasonal. No one really eats outside in the winter. Open the street in late fall and winter and close the street in the spring and summer.	6/30/2021 1:04 PM
233	It was fine before you could dine in - it is past time to open it back up.	6/30/2021 12:06 PM
234	This keeps the downtown area safe for pedestrian traffic. Slows down shopper and adds window shopping to the enjoyment of the down town area. I wish the whole Main Street was closed.	6/30/2021 11:24 AM
235	I feel as the temperature rises this will allow more customers who do not use the valet services to park closer during the week. I bet there is an increase in older customers during	6/30/2021 11:23 AM

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the week....right? Allow the restaurants to make this decision and look at their bottom line.

236	Consider Tokyo traffic light configuration at four corners where grouchos and lime leaf and other two corners are. Pedestrians in Tokyo can cross or crisscross from any corner to corner at special light for them. Also a whistle sound is sounded for anyone who has vision issues. Just a thought	6/30/2021 11:17 AM
237	Good for the city. Square needs to be a pedestrian plaza. Think Italy Ft. Worth	6/30/2021 11:06 AM
238	It's safer, more enjoyable and feels more like a quality downtown shopping and dining experience, especially since there's that big office building across from Morgan square that people do not patron. It only seems to make sense to keep that side open for traffic and the opposite for pedestrians to enjoy. During the school year I'm downtown everyday and I don't mind driving around. The benefits by far outway the cost of going around it driving.	6/30/2021 11:02 AM
239	Morgan Square as a dining and pedestrian area brings such an enriched community feel to downtown Spartanburg. Also, it cuts down on vehicular speeding on Main St. which has to be helpful!	6/30/2021 10:50 AM
240	Keep it as is. It makes downtowns atmosphere so much more inviting. I think people are happier overall with it shut down to traffic.	6/30/2021 10:40 AM
241	We love the extra pedestrian use on w. main st. Parking isn't always convenient but always availble and the other resources are phenomenall!	6/30/2021 10:10 AM
242	We haven't used the outside dining facilities.	6/30/2021 10:01 AM
243	I think the idea of helping the restaurants was a good plan to extend during the pandemic. In every city I've lived any restaurant or bar had to pay a "license or fee" to utilize any sidewalk areas outside their business. The Morgan Square restaurants are getting an unfair advantage by getting all that real estate for free use while other restaurants cannot offer outdoor seating. The City should come up with an enhancement (infrastructure) plan to add additional outside plaza/street/sidewalk opportunities for the other areas around downtown. Magnolia Street is a great exampale and positive way of how that could look.	6/30/2021 10:01 AM
244	I love eating outside, and the expanded area has provided many more opportunities for that. It's safer and seems much more friendly. It was frustrating to try to drive or street park there before the closure.	6/30/2021 9:55 AM
245	We need some vehicular traffic through Morgan Square for eyes to see what is going on. However, Morgan Square needs to be redesigned.	6/30/2021 9:54 AM
246	Please keep Morgan Square pedestrian only! It has such a wonderful feel to it to have no traffic in that area. As frequent downtown visitors, we have loved it!	6/30/2021 9:49 AM
247	The worst decision you can make is the hybrid approach as it will make neither party happy. The best decision is to focus on the future and what will make Spartanburg great-a place to move to and a place where resident can enjoy. The Daniel Morgan area is an opportunity to engage brilliant design focused on pedestrian use to attract the most amount of downtown traffic that will ultimately be best for all business and great quality of life- which is what will make Spartanburg iconic. Spartanburg lacks pedestrian friendly areas as that is the design future for talent attraction in all major up and coming cities,	6/30/2021 9:33 AM
248	I just love that this street has been closed off during the pandemic. While my family and I haven't been able to enjoy it as much during this time (because of COVID-19), when we have been down to the area, it always feels so festive and alive. You see people. You feel as if you're part of a community. It also reminds me of European cities. I could see a winter/Christmas market happening here in December similar to what you see in German cities. It seems to me that this city planning development is one of the more positive things to come out of the pandemic and would help strengthen downtown shopping and the restaurant businesses. Please keep and develop--including getting rid of those ugly road barriers!	6/30/2021 9:28 AM
249	Have enjoyed using it and would like to see it stay in some form.	6/30/2021 9:23 AM
250	There are many senior citizens in Spartanburg who are now driving to downtown Greenville fir dinner snd shopping because Greenville has street parking in main areas.	6/30/2021 9:21 AM
251	na	6/30/2021 9:19 AM
252	This has been such a treat to experience, especially during the pandemic. In the earlier	6/30/2021 9:19 AM

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months, I felt much more comfortable dining with colleagues and strangers outside than inside. So, thank you!

253	Permanently closing W Main to traffic would allow the city to make the area a lot more attractive and better connect the shops/restaurants on W Main to Morgan Square.	6/30/2021 9:16 AM
254	In addition to the extra out door dining, I believe having the street closed off forces drivers to drive slower and more cautiously around the downtown area.	6/30/2021 9:13 AM
255	I don't like the look or feel of it. It is like a festival and I don't enjoy eating outside in a crowd.	6/30/2021 9:04 AM
256	The square being closed off to vehicle traffic and reserved to foot traffic only has been such a benefit for the downtown experience. It's given a much more open feel to the city's core, and really made the sense of community thrive. It's also much easier to relax in the square, knowing that I don't have to worry about moving cars constantly coming through. It's made Morgan Square much more of a destination, and it's one of the best things Spartanburg has done.	6/30/2021 9:02 AM
257	I enjoy al fresco dining and have appreciated the availability during the pandemic.	6/30/2021 9:01 AM
258	We love the enclosed section - outdoor dining has been fun for us.	6/30/2021 9:00 AM
259	Would love to expand the grass area and make the road closure permanent	6/30/2021 8:57 AM
260	Dining establishments need to maintain sidewalks for walkers. The Ducks are dangerous.	6/30/2021 8:54 AM
261	It served a good purpose, but now is more problematic than helpful.	6/30/2021 8:54 AM
262	We LOVE the new vibe created by the pedestrian square. Ironically, closing the other end of Main Street back in the 70's was disastrous, while closing the Morgan Square section is sensational!	6/30/2021 8:47 AM
263	Closed for weekends and after 5 on weekdays. Open for traffic during the daytime on weekdays. That would allow option to shop or eat at given times daily.	6/30/2021 8:47 AM
264	Having it closed on weekends give an extra flavor to the city. Keeping it open during the week would give some relief to local business.	6/30/2021 8:40 AM
265	I love being able to walk along Morgan Square without worrying about cars, but I've heard some businesses don't like it, so I think closing it on the weekends is a good compromise.	6/30/2021 8:38 AM
266	We love to eat outdoors, and think the permanent closure of this street would bring more a lot of character to our city.	6/30/2021 8:37 AM
267	Closed it benefits only a few businesses. The others are suffering!	6/30/2021 8:35 AM
268	Closing the street makes Main Street more walkable which is very important to me as a young person in a growing city	6/30/2021 8:31 AM
269	I like the concept. I feel it's unfair to businesses that are non restaurant. I'm not going to take a shuttle to go to a shop that's not a restaurant	6/30/2021 8:20 AM
270	Weekend closing would be second choice. I do not want to park in parking deck every time I want to run in a shop downtown. Shuttle is not appealing for shopping. Late night walking back to parking deck is not safe unless you are with a group. Rerouting traffic around area will cause those streets to be more congested with more speeders & cars zooming through red lights. Unfortunately, police presence is sparse in Spartanburg City & County. Spend the \$ to help increase pay & police presence!	6/30/2021 8:18 AM
271	This is a good addition to Spartanburg. Our whole family uses it.	6/30/2021 8:13 AM
272	If it hadn't been for the pandemic, Morgan Square wouldn't have gotten its awesome outdoor seating!	6/30/2021 8:06 AM
273	For restaurant use, I will use other parking options like parking garage/shuttle but for other retail use, if I can't park street side, I don't bother to shop. Don't penalize these small retailers for the sake of restaurants by continuing with full time road closures.	6/30/2021 8:03 AM
274	Keeping that area blocked off from traffic has made it way more pedestrian friendly.	6/30/2021 7:58 AM
275	You can't cater to restaurants only, as it will not create enough \$\$\$ to cover the high rents, and will chase out all other businesses. The parking situation is horrible even with the valet &	6/30/2021 7:58 AM

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shuttle service. The Planning Commission doesn't is only looking for \$\$\$ and cares nothing about flow or infrastructure, just look at total mess at Main & Pine - entry and exit are very poor and it's only half occupied, Pine is now a truck route and Main looks like Woodruff Rd in Greenville more often than not (really poor planning, again). I moved here 11 years ago because of the smaller town feel but the powers that be have really neglected the people.

276	Many of the Morgan Square restaurants are not open for lunch. So daytime traffic is disrupted without purpose.	6/30/2021 7:55 AM
277	This is a small area of our downtown and and it has been easy to get around the closing with plenty of parking in other areas. If the square is closed permanently, and beautified it only makes our downtown more desirable to visit.	6/30/2021 7:51 AM
278	I am a senior and handicapped using a walker. Used to go downtown often as I could park in front of the restaurant. Since closed off do not go. Walking distance with oxygen too hard. By closing street you have made it impossible for handicapped people. Therefore making downtown useless	6/30/2021 7:46 AM
279	It is much more relaxing when you are walking or eating we love it the way it is	6/30/2021 7:44 AM
280	Love it	6/30/2021 7:41 AM
281	Keep it closed,businesses are doing an amazing finally something for Spartanburg that seems so behind the times!!!!Please look at the expansion and development of Greenville!!!!!!!!!!!!	6/30/2021 7:41 AM
282	While I have not used the outdoor dining area, I like being able to walk more safely around Morgan Square. Previously, vehicle traffic often disregarded the law about pedestrian right-of-way, making it more dangerous to cross at intersections and pedestrian crossings. I feel safer walking around downtown becausd of the Morgan Square driving closure, and more apt to visit local businesses. I don't understand why some businesses, especially non-restaurants that would not need an outdoor dining area, feel that opening the area would help— their business may be suffering because of COVID-related issues, not vehicle traffic.	6/30/2021 7:41 AM
283	I love the square being closed to traffic. I have been downtown many more times because of it. We typically eat in the square and walk to hub city for ice cream after or Spill the beans. Before we would just park eat and leave.	6/30/2021 7:38 AM
284	We love visiting downtown Spartanburg to dine and shop. I also work downtown so I really think the current West Main Street closure is working great.	6/30/2021 7:37 AM
285	Spartanburg appears to be trying to mimic Greenville. Let's be Spartanburg! We have much to offer and need to distinguish ourselves for what is unique to our city. Keep Spartanburg Spartanburg!	6/30/2021 7:35 AM
286	I know other vendors in the downtown area that are not a long Morgan Square find the closure unfair. That being said it is my understanding that the roads in public spaces are paid for by all tax paying citizens. The best use of the space, which is in my opinion a permanent closure of W. Main St. is the best use of the space.	6/30/2021 7:29 AM
287	I understand that parking might be challenging for folks with mobility issues, but the valet and shuttle can help with that. For most, parking shouldn't be a problem. I like having that area blocked for safety of pedestrians in that very busy area and because it creates a fun atmosphere for visiting downtown.	6/30/2021 7:28 AM
288	Love having Morgan Square closed permanently for dining, ice skating, concerts, children playing, etc. It should be an urban park!	6/30/2021 7:22 AM
289	It provides a feeling of a true downtown square which is different than other towns in our area and more representative of the international town that we are.	6/30/2021 7:21 AM
290	My husband and I have mobility issues. We are unable to go inside the closed area. We have supported downtown for many years . Open the street for ALL of Spartanburg!	6/30/2021 7:19 AM
291	I love the option of eating outside.	6/30/2021 7:17 AM
292	I feel safer with the square closed to traffic,	6/30/2021 7:08 AM
293	Noticing ppl have started feeding the wildlife more. I think that's dangerous, the squirrels walking up to tables scary disregard.	6/30/2021 5:30 AM

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294	Since the closure I refuse to visit down town. It's ridiculous.	6/30/2021 4:03 AM
295	The closing of downtown Main Street allows for a venue of congregation for the myriad of downtown restaurants of the patrons as well as an added exhibit for entertainment from our local artist. This does not hamper the potential for business in the other venues of downtown. This has only increased the amount of foot traffic downtown and adds to their business.	6/30/2021 12:37 AM
296	Downtown Athens, GA did something similar, and I love this closure as much as I love the one there. It makes staying in the square all day more feasible	6/29/2021 10:19 PM
297	Love it keep it closed	6/29/2021 9:48 PM
298	N/a	6/29/2021 9:43 PM
299	Our door service has been great for adults and social distance, I really enjoy with friends on that way.	6/29/2021 9:24 PM
300	.	6/29/2021 9:09 PM
301	It's been awesome being able to come downtown and enjoy the weather	6/29/2021 8:28 PM
302	Yes	6/29/2021 8:10 PM
303	There are only 10-20 parking spots that are unavailable in the closed off area. There's a high probability that people going there to visit retail stores would have to park elsewhere and walk anyway. The pros by far outweigh the cons. Create an atmosphere to walk from one restaurant/bar to the other. Perhaps even a limited open container area to promote all restaurants in that area.	6/29/2021 7:45 PM
304	We love the dining experience with Main Street closed. Parking is not convenient but it is available.	6/29/2021 7:19 PM
305	Really like the out door dining. Very rarely do we ever drive down main street because you couldn't find parking anyways so what was the point	6/29/2021 7:15 PM
306	It's nice eating outside!! Keep it how it is!!!	6/29/2021 6:40 PM
307	Keep it closed for pedestrians all the time. Keeping it closed brings more people downtown to spend money and have a good time	6/29/2021 4:43 PM
308	Unless you are a restaurant on Morgan Square you don't get the pedestrian traffic like they do. Open it up to make it fair to all businesses downtown.	6/29/2021 4:18 PM
309	I think the road should be open. It isn't fair to the other businesses that are not in that area. They don't have the option of using the street as part of their business.	6/29/2021 4:08 PM
310	Only close it on weekends for extra dining space!	6/29/2021 3:52 PM
311	Love all the outdoor dining options and feel much safer without car traffic in that area	6/29/2021 3:43 PM
312	Surely there are other ways to enjoy downtown, outside dining other than closing off the entire road. I look forward hearing and participating in future conversations regarding the livelihood of our downtown.	6/29/2021 3:40 PM
313	Love it	6/29/2021 3:30 PM
314	Street closure only benefits a few restaurants. It's ridiculous that the retail stores there have lost everything for some alcoholics to drink outside... City officials are all about politics. They don't care about small business.	6/29/2021 3:15 PM
315	I like the dining and music on the weekends. But I hate to hear it is hurting the businesses on that street	6/29/2021 2:49 PM
316	The restaurants got additional square footage with outside dining. If they want to keep it maybe they should pay an additional fee.	6/29/2021 2:14 PM
317	I think main st would benefit everyone more if closed on weekends only.	6/29/2021 2:13 PM
318	Open the area back up for places to park and to shop!	6/29/2021 1:59 PM
319	We love this closed off pedestrian only space!!! Please keep it closed. It is so nice and special to Spartanburg. I would like to see it become permanent.	6/29/2021 1:38 PM

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320	Improve Morgan Square to become a visually attractive city center by building nice street barriers instead of the unattractive orange temporary barriers	6/29/2021 12:54 PM
321	Would love for this area to be more landscaped/manicured (less of a feeling that you are hanging out in the street) and to create a relaxing atmosphere with plants, garden, walkability at all times - think it would be a great place to hang out and a big draw for the city!	6/29/2021 12:54 PM
322	Please keep it closed. It's so nice being able to hang out outside and not having to hear people's loud and obnoxious cars flying down the road 10 over the speed limit. It's also really nice to see downtown so packed with foot traffic. When I'm walking from Fr8 down to RJ's/Main on the weekends, it's always nice running into loads of different people I know out on the square.	6/29/2021 11:13 AM
323	I've seen many versions of the square through the decades and this is much preferred. It may seem like a challenge to parking and local businesses. But once people are accustomed to a way of doing things and work out bumps for themselves, it would seem that the closed square would both be inviting to those visiting downtown (feeling safe from thru traffic), would foster shopping and spending money at multiple businesses (rather than going straight to one and leaving once business is concluded there), and would help build and maintain a sense of community and belonging for those who use the area regularly.	6/29/2021 11:04 AM
324	I love the vibe of the outdoor dining. Not only does it look great (with room for improvement!) it makes the downtown area more friendly to pedestrians. I've been able to meet people and form connections	6/29/2021 10:44 AM
325	Love the expanded dining area but wish it was more visually appealing. There is a lot of potential to the space to make it more inviting for people!	6/29/2021 10:33 AM
326	I only recommend the alternating weekend/weekday option for W. Main Street if it isn't detrimental to other city services (i.e. we have the staff and time to do it). Otherwise, I recommend it stay closed to vehicle traffic full time. Business owners that oppose keeping West Main an option for dining because "it's unfair" have no right to block a decision that will benefit the city as a whole. And if there is a question about whether or not this will bring more money and pedestrian traffic to the city, then do a study on it and prove it. I have no ties with any downtown business other than being a patron, so this isn't personal for me. It's simply up to each and every business owner to figure out how they'll be successful moving forward, whether they benefit or are hurt by this decision. West Main Street is city property, it should be treated as such: opened and closed to pedestrians at the will of the city council and other relevant powers in order to benefit the city as a whole. Thanks for listening.	6/29/2021 10:32 AM
327	Leave it closed	6/29/2021 10:21 AM
328	I would love for us to have those pop-up traffic barriers that are used in Europe to change the traffic flow for nights and weekends.	6/29/2021 10:15 AM
329	Permanently close the road and expand Morgan Park. Please keep the outdoor dining area.	6/29/2021 9:49 AM
330	Playground for kids, more shopping options like major retail stores. Not enough variety of shopping options and are closed when most people come down town to dine after work.	6/29/2021 6:36 AM
331	I think that it is not equitable to businesses who are not at Morgan square that the business at Morgan square have the additional seating outside at no extra cost. A fee should be charged to those businesses which is proportional to their expanded dining square footage and that should be distributed to the other businesses who don't benefit from that. If that cannot be done, it needs to be opened back up and made equitable.	6/29/2021 1:30 AM
332	Please reopen West Main Street! Continue valet service.	6/29/2021 1:13 AM
333	The expanded outside dining area has provided downtown Spartanburg with a more intimate communal setting for patrons over a myriad of venues. The outside area provides entertainment and the ability to congregate with patrons from these different venues rather than being just isolated to their specific locations.	6/28/2021 11:42 PM
334	Close it after 6pm for evening dining and strolls	6/28/2021 11:37 PM
335	Most cities who have a designated area for pedestrians thrive and grow. Downtown diversity happens when the car is NOT king! Keep W Main closed off- people have gotten used to it- don't lose ground on progress.	6/28/2021 10:11 PM

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336	Keep church street quite. Too many people drive by revving their engines or motorcycles	6/28/2021 9:41 PM
337	Please enforce the noise ordinance. The a-holes with loud exhaust should be ticketed and discouraged for revving their engines. It's awful and scares kids and animals.	6/28/2021 9:38 PM
338	Why not??	6/28/2021 8:55 PM
339	Closing the street keeps the stupid loud vehicles away. But if you keep it closed, the city should consider building attractive sun/rain protection for diners. But do NOT touch the trees on Morgan Square. They are finally mature, beautiful, and providing much needed cooling shade.	6/28/2021 8:09 PM
340	Would love to see the square stay as is for dining and pedestrian traffic	6/28/2021 6:54 PM
341	The closure of Morgan square has not been good in my opinion. I used to enjoy driving down main street. now the detour that takes me off main street has basically has made me not visit those shops and restaurants like I did in the past. I enjoy driving by and seeing something that catches my eye and then motivates me to come back. It has nothing to do with the parking for me. I like the parking garages and use them regularly - especially on weekends. I have heard visitors state that it was awkward to not be able to drive through town. People get detoured coming into the city onto ST Johns or Broad and never circle back in. I'm sure pedestrian traffic is up around Morgan Square BECAUSE THE ROAD IS CLOSED! However you are underestimating the value of the drive by window shopper / diner. I have not heard any positive feedback from our clients, friends, family or store owners. We closed off downtown once before and downtown died. If we need a space for people to gather and be outside, then let's create a better space somewhere like the Grain District. Please don't keep Morgan Square closed. It just isn't the best solution.	6/28/2021 5:08 PM
342	Took a visitor for dinner last week and was disappointed that all shops except cupcakes were closed. We would have loved to browse after dinner. There were a lot of people eating and walking around. Maybe the shops that are complaining should adjust their hours.	6/28/2021 4:31 PM
343	Kids still need a safe area to run and play in the grass	6/28/2021 4:14 PM
344	Open the street for driving but expand the sidewalk to get rid of parking spots in front of the restaurants.	6/28/2021 2:58 PM
345	I love the option of outdoor seating it hasn't affected my business and it makes spartanburg look more livelier at night	6/28/2021 2:30 PM
346	The closure seems to me that it would hurt businesses on main st. That border the closure. I avoid main st now that I have to avoid driving through Morgan square. I would never know about any new businesses on main since I don't drive there.	6/28/2021 2:02 PM
347	Lo	6/28/2021 1:59 PM
348	I like the square closed...but want the physical space to be professionally designed and managed..and Wall Street the same.	6/28/2021 1:51 PM
349	I don't think there is enough retail on the square to warrant leaving it open, but it is a good compromise to pilot. If it doesn't increase traffic to the retailers who are concerned, leave it closed for good. And, work on attracting retail that will draw diverse visitors (not just high end women's clothes)!	6/28/2021 12:57 PM
350	Since opening Main Street to pedestrians, the data - like pedestrian traffic, hospitality and sales tax - have been remarkable in spite of a pandemic and no events. Responding to the data by keeping W Main Street opened to pedestrians would be a boon to downtown businesses, a solid investment for taxpayers and welcomed by downtown patrons (who overwhelmingly support the current configuration). I am hopeful Council will be guided by data.	6/28/2021 8:47 AM
351	The expansion helps make the town feel like it's moving forward to be more current. Most downtowns that attract people have an Area like this. It makes it feel like you want to come and hang out vs come eat and leave. Added landscape like plants would help. There is such a need for the town to feel like it's not tired and stuck in 1975. The downtown street is an enhancement! Bring back concerts on square too. Please don't take this away!!!	6/28/2021 6:20 AM
352	Is prefer it to be closed indefinitely, because I think we could really develop it into a great little spot for people to hang out and gather.	6/28/2021 12:08 AM
353	At the very least, keep it closed on the weekends. It is fantastic! Parking is always available.	6/27/2021 11:34 PM

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354	We killed downtown before when we closed off Main Street, lets not do it again.	6/27/2021 10:08 PM
355	Where is the fairness to the restaurants on MAgnolia?	6/27/2021 10:04 PM
356	The Morgan Square area has been a great place to hang out!	6/27/2021 9:04 PM
357	I would recommend extending the sidewalk to eliminate the parking spots to allow for outdoor seating while still having traffic through.	6/27/2021 4:25 PM
358	I like having a pedestrian friendly area	6/27/2021 12:42 PM
359	Please keep the street closed but beautify the area a bit. Being able to have your kids and pets play without the threat of people speeding down W. Main has been a game changer. The expanded outdoor dining seems to have brought an influx of pedestrian traffic that HAS to help the retailers who choose to stay open and capitalize on the sheer amount of people that are out.	6/27/2021 11:16 AM
360	My only concern with keeping this section of Main St closed is maintaining accessibility for persons with disabilities. Even with valet and shuttle it seems an awful long way for someone to have to walk/ wheel themselves without assistance. I think there are tons of parking garages and lots available and would suggest the possible action of turning the majority of parallel parking spaces into handicap spaces or pick-up/ delivery parking only.	6/27/2021 11:16 AM
361	By creating an open inviting dining atmosphere outside the restaurant walls, it creates a cozy neighborhood effect, and this needs to be applauded	6/27/2021 9:05 AM
362	Get more parking close to Main Street	6/26/2021 11:21 PM
363	You have made downtown the destination, now please make it beautiful. Thank You	6/26/2021 11:12 PM
364	I love the closure	6/26/2021 10:56 PM
365	Please keep Morgan Square CLOSED to traffic!!!!	6/26/2021 10:45 PM
366	Spartanburg has gained a true asset and uniqueness by keeping the road closed. Please keep it this way	6/26/2021 10:27 PM
367	Because of the outside dining, I visit downtown 3 or more times a week	6/26/2021 8:15 PM
368	It has created an great atmosphere and I think has increased the attractiveness of the downtown area.	6/26/2021 8:14 PM
369	parking always has been a deal and it is worse now especially for us older folks	6/26/2021 7:25 PM
370	I have throughly enjoyed the outdoor seating. It seems to give downtown Spartanburg a more trendy vibe.	6/26/2021 7:13 PM
371	Please keep it closed. It brings to Spartanburg community closer together and helps small businesses	6/26/2021 7:09 PM
372	Open up the street bruh. It's not that hard.	6/26/2021 6:05 PM
373	Let's go back like it was	6/26/2021 4:19 PM
374	We have come downtown more in the last year than in the last decade. We LOVE the atmosphere created by the closed street as do our adult kids who ask to come downtown when they're visiting here. The potential for creative outdoor programming is fraught with possibilities if the square is kept closed. We would love to see Morgan Square become the social hub of Spartanburg!	6/26/2021 1:37 PM
375	We love it being closed to traffic but open to events and eating	6/26/2021 12:27 PM
376	Expanding for food is great but it makes it so difficult to get to other businesses.	6/26/2021 12:16 PM
377	Make sure the shuttle and valet is better advertised.	6/26/2021 10:48 AM
378	It can also be seasonal opening or make it to one way street?	6/26/2021 10:01 AM
379	If you keep it closed- Bring in food trucks or something cool- just don't expand it for a select few restaurants!! I live across the street and it is an eyesore. No one is outside in the heat during the week. You should get rid of the stupid scooters or make sure people know those	6/26/2021 9:01 AM

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rules- should not be used in sidewalks! Reopen the street and focus on getting tenants in the empty graffiti covered buildings. Residents are starting to get mad

380	Keeping the street closed will drive out the businesses there oh except for the few restaurants benefiting. When you don't drive by you forget what stores are there.	6/26/2021 8:39 AM
381	Often times when I go to a restaurant downtown for dinner, many of the shops close early. I would visit them if they actually had decent shopping hours. Working full time and with kids, it is hard to shop local when their hours are not convenient.	6/26/2021 7:20 AM
382	Having alternating schedules will be confusing for drivers. I wouldn't like having to alter my route on weekends vs weekdays. I also think turning it into a permanent eating patio would add something special to downtown that I haven't seen in other cities.	6/26/2021 1:42 AM
383	Love the freedom and amount of people that have come out. I can only imagine businesses are reaping the benefits. It's a great thing to see so many people out on the weekends using the space free of cars.	6/25/2021 9:41 PM
384	I love having the street closed, not only for dining but also as a place where my kids can run across the street to the park and I don't have to worry about cars. Pedestrian friendly areas are pro-family	6/25/2021 9:30 PM
385	Mega slip n' slide!	6/25/2021 9:28 PM
386	I don't like the open area outside for dining. The restaurants that use it are not paying extra taxes for the upkeep of this area. This is FREE space for them and not fair to the rest of the shops and restaurants downtown.	6/25/2021 9:23 PM
387	It's nice to be able to walk not having to worry about traffic visiting all the diners and restaurants	6/25/2021 8:39 PM
388	Love the expanded area!	6/25/2021 7:30 PM
389	I love sitting outside	6/25/2021 7:12 PM
390	Na	6/25/2021 3:47 PM
391	It is extremely useful, profitable, and enjoyable. However, when winter comes it won't be of much use and I feel like we can resort back to the use of the roads.	6/25/2021 3:32 PM
392	I think that it has both benefited the restaurants in morgan square as well as led to a more friends and family oriented space without fear of traffic.	6/25/2021 3:04 PM
393	I love the street being closed so much please do not get rid of it. It's created such a better family environment and has improved the downtown life quality exponentially. To get rid of this expanded seating would be a major loss.	6/25/2021 2:57 PM
394	Currently, business are getting a free dining area on tax payer money for roads. And only a select few are using it, however everyone all over Spartanburg is paying the tax. Not only that, but the issues the handicapped are facing is ridiculous. You have a shuttle? Well, that is wonderful, when the person can enter and exit the shuttle without the threat of falling. I came one day to watch people and how they acted before making my decision on this matter. Then said to myself "one day isn't enough". So I spent several days watching. People bring their kids and sit down at the table, then tell their kids to go play. They run wild all over the square and right out into unclouded roads with still moving traffic. This angers the parents and soon enough they are yelling "the whole down town should be closed off". Listening to them yell and having other tables join in with the display, I heard some pretty rude things, several of the comments were aimed at the handicapped, how it was nice not having to be around them or put up with them having easier access. Stuff like that. Not "hey young person, stay out of the road". The other businesses do seem to be suffering. The foot traffic comes in for restaurants, they eat, drink, sit for hours and chat ordering nothing else, then leave. I didn't see a single person or party get up from a table and go to any of the stores. People like myself who come to shop at a couple of the stores have to park and walk up. This isn't normally a problem until you have to walk around people who have made themselves a little to "at home". Stepping over outstretched legs, navigating the land mine field of children (who will slam into you at full run and not say sorry or care if they knock you over), and rude comments about having to put up with people walking by their tables. The only good day I had was because of a couple and a very well trained dog. When a dog knows to stay out of the road, but children don't, there is a problem. An exclusive minded environment has been created. It wasn't meant to happen, but	6/25/2021 2:36 PM

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here we are. If you keep it closed, you have to work on that mentality. And keeping walking paths clear. Traffic and child safety. If a whole huge area is blocked off, and kids decide to play chicken with the traffic, the blame moves to child and parent. You have a whole ton of issues to think about because the sheer amount of self absorbed elitism I have witnessed is insane. There are safety rules! Not only for cars, but for foot traffic as well. I haven't been downtown in the past month and a half because I couldn't stomach it. I was born and raised in this city, I grew up here, laughed, cried, watched parades, been in those parades. Watched it go through stages of good and bad. But this has brought on a level of cruelty and hostility I didn't think the city of Spartanburg would tolerate. But here we are. I will order my stuff online, it makes me sad, but I don't feel safe downtown anymore. None of the food downtown is of the quality to make me want to risk the trip. I am a lucky born and raised, so I know several places to eat, better than downtown. And I don't have to step over peoples leg, get knocked down by unsupervised children, or have random drunk people (yes, male and female) ask if they can "pet my puppies" (my breast, if you needed a translation). You have a mess on your hands, and no one will be happy. Maybe if you know about some of bad things I witnessed, it will prepare you for the bad things to come, no matter what choice you go with.

395	I love eating outside on the street. Great atmosphere	6/25/2021 2:34 PM
396	N/A	6/25/2021 2:29 PM
397	This closure mostly benefits Delaneys and keeps general traffic from seeing or easily accessing the other businesses, especially if the newer ones have not been adequately advertising their location. It seems unfair.	6/25/2021 2:16 PM
398	Why would you ever re open that road? Close it permanently and really put some money into it , Make it a destination ,something beautiful !	6/25/2021 12:50 PM
399	I thought the outdoor dining served its purpose during the pandemic. But now I believe that it's time to open it back up to traffic. We don't go there often because we can't drive through but have to turn either left or right. It's made it inconvenient to go to that part of downtown.	6/25/2021 11:33 AM
400	Why would those restaurants on the square get extra seating, tables, free space at the cost of tax payers. What about the other restaurants on Main Street they too have suffered through the pandemic. Don't pick and choose which should get help and which shouldn't. Have it be the same for all!	6/25/2021 10:56 AM
401	our taxes paid for the road, keep it open	6/25/2021 10:40 AM
402	Closing the street to vehicle traffic has made downtown much more enjoyable to visit and walk around!	6/25/2021 10:23 AM
403	I really enjoy it. Makes it really nice to come have lunch and a drink during nice days/nights.	6/25/2021 9:58 AM
404	The outdoor dining is not being used at lunch. Only after work hours. New restaurants have no visibility. This survey can be taken multiple times. I can't imagine the livelihood of the businesses on main will be based on this survey 🙄	6/25/2021 9:45 AM
405	1. The ROAD CLOSED sign makes it look like a construction zone. I have seen street closures in other cities where verticle posts are anchored in the street. 2. The city should financially help retail stores move off of the square and keep it for restaurants. 3. The city should improve the rear signage and rear access to the buildings from Broad Street where street parking is available. Possibly expand parking lots on Broad Street. There is one but I don't know who owns it.	6/25/2021 9:16 AM
406	In fairness to the retail businesses on Morgan Square, a hybrid solution (open on weekdays, closed on weekends) should be tested before making a final decision. Closing the square was clearly good for restaurants, not so much for retail. Let's let retail get a chance to see what the hybrid solution does for their business and then decide the square's future.	6/25/2021 8:52 AM
407	My faand I really prefer the street to be kept open. We have eaten outside in that area and it is nice, especially with concern of COVID-19. If it helps and is safer, outdoor dining for the *weekend only would be a beneficial option for business owners and patrons.	6/25/2021 8:49 AM
408	Very few businesses actually benefit from this, mostly Delaney's. I think if anything an option would be to only close Main Street on occasion for special events. The city just spent money not too long ago straightening and widening areas of main street to facilitate outdoor dining. Why don't we move restaurants further down main street without spaces available.	6/25/2021 7:47 AM

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409	It's awesome! Keep it.	6/25/2021 7:19 AM
410	It's been such a great experience - a community feel, a gathering place.	6/25/2021 7:05 AM
411	I like the outdoor dining area it's nice and seems like I'm in a bigger city inside a smaller one (plus safer)	6/25/2021 6:03 AM
412	All of the temporary tents look very cheap	6/25/2021 5:34 AM
413	The street being closed has made an incredible impact on the downtown community. Businesses are thriving and I have never seen it this consistently busy the entire time my family has lived in Spartanburg. We should absolutely leave it closed and upgrade it to a permanent closure.	6/24/2021 11:34 PM
414	The out door seating is the reason I have increased my visits. I also can watch the kids move around in the grass while we wait for food. My kids get anxious or bored waiting for food.	6/24/2021 10:34 PM
415	n/a	6/24/2021 9:45 PM
416	BJs for \$10	6/24/2021 9:06 PM
417	Retailers should stay open later so that they can benefit from the increased evening foot traffic.	6/24/2021 9:01 PM
418	I've brought a lot of out of town company to Morgan Square during the pandemic and all LOVE the expanded seating. If not for all the outdoor seating, I wouldn't have gone to any of the restaurants along there pre vaccine.	6/24/2021 8:49 PM
419	Please keep it closed. Such a great option and experience in downtown.	6/24/2021 7:03 PM
420	N/A	6/24/2021 4:55 PM
421	Factor the parking spaces in the considered area....nobody gets a spot there. Close it and beautify it instead of temporary k rails or traffic cones.	6/24/2021 4:55 PM
422	We visit downtown more than ever. Excited for music and events to return. We love the closure and the atmosphere it creates. Parking - we are more likely to walk by other shops now than prior. There's plenty of parking. We go often and have 3 small children in tow - no issues. Please keep it closed.	6/24/2021 4:00 PM
423	I believe the workers within downtown should have more access to parking as most of the parking garages are reserved.	6/24/2021 3:59 PM
424	Having the street and road blocked off has discouraged me from visiting downtown.	6/24/2021 3:54 PM
425	All good	6/24/2021 3:08 PM
426	Love the option of outdoor dining but it is not fair to retail business to have no parking. Look at how downtown Greenville is designed... on a few corners they have the best of both worlds with outdoor dining, driveable streets and parking. It's possible to have it all!	6/24/2021 3:02 PM
427	As a chef in downtown on magnolia st I would love to keep the area closed all the time it creates a dog and family friendly environment more ppl coming to all of our respective businesses i feel if its opened back up we'll loose a lot of the ppl who enjoy being there I come downtown once a week just to eat and help support the other kitchens in the area not to mention the 5 days minimal i work there about 100 ft from the Daniel Morgan statue	6/24/2021 2:18 PM
428	I would like to see better outdoor seating and spacing between tables as a vaccinated family. I won't do indoors and I have health issues. Crowded together outside is not okay either. Using the square for additional outdoor fun would be a good option.	6/24/2021 1:56 PM
429	Best decision Spartanburg has ever made is to keep the square closed for outdoor seating	6/24/2021 1:51 PM
430	Keep it open. It gives restaurants the ability to hold higher capacity of people. I personally love being able to sit outside and this gives more people that option.	6/24/2021 1:47 PM
431	City is eroding the value of prime real estate by allowing in center block areas expanded dining areas while corner occupancy comes at a premium... Under what authority was it originally closed that requires a vote for it to remain closed. Whatever is done, please do it right. It looks very haphazard in its current conditions. Tables and umbrellas on asphalt.	6/24/2021 1:07 PM
432	Closing West Main at Morgan Square made sense during the pandemic when restaurants were	6/24/2021 10:51 AM

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closed for indoor dining and needed to expand outdoor dining areas. Now that indoor dining has resumed and retail shop owners have suffered considerable losses during the pandemic, West Main should be fully reopened to vehicular traffic at least during the weekdays so patrons can have the option of parking in front of, or at least closer to, the retail shops along Morgan Square. A hybrid option, as described above, should be tried for at least the rest of the summer and data involving traffic and pedestrian counts as well as retail sales should be collected and analyzed during this trial period.

433	The street needs to remain closed. I live in downtown and have heard so many people comment on how much they enjoy the street being closed. A lot more people come through because of that and it feels safer	6/24/2021 10:39 AM
434	It is a good idea to make it permanently closed to vehicle traffic.	6/24/2021 10:30 AM
435	Love having it closed down for more space	6/24/2021 10:29 AM
436	Safer for the public not to have cars running right through downtown especially on busy nights where there is a lot of activity downtown. People love to show off there loud exhauts and I have personally seen people almost get hit in the cross walk across from Delaneys.	6/24/2021 10:21 AM
437	The stores there are hurt by this. Also, why is the city paying for items to help the restaurants?	6/24/2021 10:03 AM
438	Having a total pedestrian area in downtown is very appealing	6/24/2021 10:02 AM
439	Seems to be working fine the way it currently is.	6/24/2021 9:58 AM
440	Keep the scooters off the sidewalk, I hit by a drunk frat boy last night when I was coming out of the coffee shop.	6/24/2021 9:48 AM
441	This has been the best thing to happen in my opinion I love it closed I go several times a week just for a walk	6/24/2021 9:33 AM
442	Working downtown and visiting downtown, I have witnessed firsthand how much better businesses are doing with the expanded dining areas. I think this will continually be beneficial to our local city economy	6/24/2021 9:24 AM
443	I know shops would love to have the traffic come past their stores so they are seen. (Out of sight, out of mind.) However, we love eating outside as do many of our friends. Keeping the street open AND offering nice outside areas to eat would be great. Spartanburg has so much going for it - wonderful restaurants, great shops, tons of art and music, friendly people, dancing and theater, biking, hiking, water ways, scooters, and much more near by. Keep up the progress.	6/24/2021 9:10 AM
444	None	6/24/2021 8:59 AM
445	Maybe another hybrid solution...have some outdoor dining available Monday-Thursday, but set up where it won't block traffic.	6/24/2021 8:55 AM
446	We enjoy the expanded outdoor dining and use it except in extreme weather conditions . I'd really hate to see it go away	6/24/2021 8:49 AM
447	Open it back up! I think it would attract more people to downtown. I am a person who likes to drive through places and see what it has to offer. Afterward I will park and then walk the streets and go in and out of retail stores and restaurants.	6/24/2021 8:32 AM
448	The positives of having that area closed far outweigh the negatives. It has expanded foot traffic and made events safer by removing vehicles. That portion of Main Street was never a good route to drive through town and the parking spaces it adds are minimal; keep it closed.	6/24/2021 8:22 AM
449	It's nice having the outside areas blocked off to cars but just for the summer	6/24/2021 8:11 AM
450	Outdoor green space is important to community life.	6/24/2021 7:00 AM
451	I live the pedestrian fee of it, but we haven't visited in a while because with small kids, I used to bank on grabbing street parking during the day. There are a few shops in that stretch that I haven't been in since because it's just an extra step to get there.	6/24/2021 6:46 AM
452	Need to be open for traffic that area is not made to be closed off. You can still have foot traffic and cars at the same time, look into Greenville how they are constructed	6/24/2021 5:53 AM
453	If you're going to keep it closed, spend the money to brick up the street and ACTUALLY block	6/24/2021 2:15 AM

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it off. Giant flower pots and barriers look tacky and lazy.

454	Why can't we make Dunbar more handicap accessible? It would help a lot with the handicap parking argument.	6/24/2021 1:54 AM
455	I work at Delaneys at literally the outside patio is out most popular seating option and the atmosphere is beyond amazing	6/24/2021 1:43 AM
456	The continued dedication of public streets and adjacent city property to the benefit a limited few businesses is an city-sanctioned illegal taking for private use. At the very least, users of this space need to pay for the privilege. They are in a sense renting the area to the exclusion of others for Free.	6/24/2021 1:34 AM
457	Love the expanded dining and family friendly atmosphere. It's great to not have to worry about traffic in one of the most vibrant areas of Downtown.	6/24/2021 1:24 AM
458	i LOVE the extra outdoor dining area. It gives a touch of class to downtown, and reminds one of a world- class international city square. There is plenty of parking available. This puts spartanburg wellabove greenville in terms of a relaxed outdoor experience. I specifically go to eat outdoors, and would not visit as often otherwise. I cant say enough good things about the pedestrian-only setting.	6/24/2021 12:58 AM
459	Either it should be completely open or completely closed dining wise on Main Street!	6/24/2021 12:40 AM
460	Helps restaurant businesses and more foot traffic for stores	6/23/2021 11:54 PM
461	I hate not being able to drive downtown. It's inconvenient to go around, and I dont walk down through the restaurant dinning. I wonder what is down there that I am missing.	6/23/2021 11:33 PM
462	I think the street closing is the worse.	6/23/2021 11:27 PM
463	I work downtown and "day time" foot traffic is very low except during peak lunch hours. The shops downtown are losing the exposure they would receive from a mobile thoroughfare. We need to reopen at least on a hybrid schedule.	6/23/2021 10:49 PM
464	I enjoy being able to drive through downtown, it's royally how I learn about new shops or special events due to the signs.	6/23/2021 10:30 PM
465	None	6/23/2021 9:22 PM
466	Nice safe fun vibe	6/23/2021 9:19 PM
467	It is unfair to other downtown businesses and takes away from parking spots for other restaurants "off the square" like Poki Nori, Miyakos, etc	6/23/2021 8:40 PM
468	The street closure downtown only seems to truly benefit one restaurant. Does the city not take the welfare or opinion of other businesses into account?	6/23/2021 7:25 PM
469	I wish they had never shut the Main Street Mall down	6/23/2021 7:10 PM
470	I think it's a great start but could be a more attractive feature if it were permanent. Take out the street and parking and use pavers to make it a more pedestrian friendly area. It is very easy to drive around the square. It would give downtown a destination point and a place to gather.	6/23/2021 6:51 PM
471	I love the option of increased outdoor seating	6/23/2021 6:44 PM
472	I feel that having outside dinning brings more people to the area and it makes our downtown more family friendly and safer.	6/23/2021 6:44 PM
473	It just seems like it's been a much more expansive and lively communal spot since the expansion, also the traffic redirection actually doesn't cause much issue. It makes it easier to turn left in a few areas as well, which makes it easier to get to certain parking locations.	6/23/2021 6:42 PM
474	We have enjoyed the outdoor dining multiple times throughout the Covid Pandemic. We can't wait for Music on Main to come back to Spartanburg.	6/23/2021 5:59 PM
475	I have preferred outdoor dining long before COVID, so I've been eating at outdoor restaurants pretty much every day. I hope that continues.	6/23/2021 5:56 PM
476	It's great. Keep it closed. Make it more friendly if possible	6/23/2021 5:34 PM
477	You should turn the whole block into an expanded park	6/23/2021 5:30 PM

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478	This is wonderful for local restaurants and businesses. It helps our community to the fullest!	6/23/2021 5:22 PM
479	Great option especially if we have a long Autumn or Spring.	6/23/2021 5:21 PM
480	We actually haven't been going as much since the tent was removed.	6/23/2021 5:10 PM
481	Is there a way to use the parking spots along W Main closed off for restaurant seating while keeping the road available for driving on?	6/23/2021 4:53 PM
482	Open the road!	6/23/2021 4:52 PM
483	It's very nice but does make it hard to find parking unless you go to the parking lot at Spartanburg City Police Dept. On the other hand, it's nice not having vehicles riding by blowing the horn or thumping music while we try to have a nice dinner.	6/23/2021 4:49 PM
484	Downtown needs this! Open area for families to enjoy downtown without any worries. Also a great spot for Music on Main!	6/23/2021 4:47 PM
485	Concerts, food and drink trucks	6/23/2021 4:45 PM
486	i think that closing off morgan square has brought more business to downtown and given the city a better sense of community.	6/23/2021 4:34 PM
487	The closure is a great improvement. Love the atmosphere. If it is hurting businesses could offer incentive to move to another part of downtown.	6/23/2021 4:22 PM
488	I think downtown being closed is a wonderful concept in itself that as Spartanburg offers something like this that nowhere in the area offers -	6/23/2021 4:19 PM
489	Downtown is so much more inviting and provides a unique experience for travelers and locals. It would be crazy not to keep it closed for outdoor seating/other purposes. There are plenty of other ways to go throughout downtown in a vehicle other than the few blocks of main street.	6/23/2021 4:15 PM
490	It's a wonderful thing to have. More people come out to walk the shops and restaurants to see what is available.	6/23/2021 4:08 PM
491	People in businesses other than bars and resturants do pay for their business to be on Main street rater than having a resturant in their front door. Just my thought!!!	6/23/2021 2:09 PM
492	It's really more difficult to get to loop around when that section is closed. I don't want to valet. I don't have a hard enough time to trust a stranger to park my car. Free valet for a swanky restaurant is one thing. I know the employer. Free valet for a city... just feels different trust relationship.	6/23/2021 2:04 PM
493	I like the idea of opening the square to traffic again. It allows cars an easier way to get through downtown, and they're able to look at the shop windows while driving by. I do think it's unfair that only a select few restaurants located on the square are able to have access to the outside dining area.	6/23/2021 2:01 PM
494	It provides a beautiful atmosphere and are for gathering without being enclosed	6/23/2021 1:58 PM
495	I love outside dining on Morgan Square. I love driving downtown and seeing people eating and walking on the square. Spartanburg needs the square to be closed. I feel it brings people downtown through the week and also on weekends. I joined friends last night (Tuesday) on the square for trivia and all the tables were occupied with friends and family.	6/23/2021 1:56 PM
496	I think the hybrid option is the best option now that things are returning to normal.	6/23/2021 1:55 PM
497	If the area is going to be closed off, it should be redone to look nicer and traffic from Main at the church at intersection should be better directed.	6/23/2021 1:30 PM
498	I think it is a wonderful idea and has brought more of a community feel to downtown. It's getting more people outdoors and enjoying the weather as well as bringing restaurants more business especially after having such a hard time with Covid and more job opportunities.	6/23/2021 1:25 PM
499	N/a	6/23/2021 1:10 PM
500	The other businesses deserve to have traffic access and not just cater to restaurants	6/23/2021 12:33 PM
501	None	6/23/2021 11:51 AM

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502	Closing the strip of street along the park doesn't block off any roads; vehicles can access the same destination by just driving for a minute or so more. I haven't dined outside in the square, but I often take walks downtown as a resident. It has made the city more pleasurable and walkable, which is something I believe was lacking before. Having more people outside not only promotes a livelier environment, but also a safer one. There are few active outdoor "gathering" spots, and limiting traffic through the main square has allowed people to come together within the city.	6/23/2021 11:45 AM
503	I think it wasn't fair that the city blocked off and allowed the restaurants along Morgan Square to set up outdoor dining during Covid while most of the other restaurants in Spartanburg struggled to survive.	6/23/2021 11:22 AM
504	Getting in and out of vehicles can be painful. Shuttles add to the number of times in and out. Parking in the public street is much easier physically. It helped businesses during shut down, that's over please help the rest of us patronize the businesses without health impact now	6/23/2021 11:07 AM
505	Since the "reopening" of our city/state, other restaurants and businesses feel "back" while the Square still feels closed.	6/23/2021 9:57 AM
506	We live within walking distance to downtown and love it. We would drive through downtown often to get to the east side. We do NOT miss the small road that has been blocked off for outdoor dining. We absolutely love the downtown area being closed for dining. Please keep it closed indefinitely. It adds so much to our city and will no doubt be an even stronger attraction in the future.	6/23/2021 9:49 AM
507	I think the downtown outdoor dining options are great.	6/23/2021 9:48 AM
508	Our family eats downtown way more often now that we can eat outside in the expanded eating area. The square is more enjoyable with less traffic.	6/23/2021 9:30 AM
509	Great idea. Seems to bring a more diverse patronage to downtown area.	6/23/2021 9:25 AM
510	I think it's good to make more permanent. I like dining outdoors, it expands restaurants capacity, opens up the possibility of entertainment, etc	6/23/2021 9:17 AM
511	My kids love to play in dt. In the big circle and it is much safer with downtown closed.	6/23/2021 9:08 AM
512	Eliminate the parking spaces on the square to expand sidewalks for dining. "Treat" the street to slow traffic (cobblestone, humps, etc.).	6/23/2021 9:05 AM
513	Keep it closed but with more permanent changes. A lot of people say it "looks bad" but that's a fix that can be easily made with intentional planning and funding.	6/23/2021 9:03 AM
514	I think it is difficult to make an honest opinion based on the effects of the year of the pandemic. Street was only closed to help merchants stay open. Merchants weren't hurting before the pandemic while the street was opened.	6/23/2021 8:22 AM
515	Open the road back up so we can drive down Main street	6/23/2021 8:17 AM
516	Places are opening you need to give business the option to have the same traffic as they did before covid	6/23/2021 8:04 AM
517	Highly recommend gathering data on retail and restaurant sales before, during, and after the pandemic to see if there is any negative impact by the W. Main closure. Additionally, our City needs to look to precedent across the world as to how to treat a public square/plaza.	6/23/2021 7:42 AM
518	It is really nice to be able to sit outside and enjoy nice weather while you dine. When the musicians are out some evenings it's even better.	6/23/2021 7:30 AM
519	Why is this still closed! They have sidewalks to sit tables for people that want to sit outside ! Such a inconvenience to drivers who want to get to Main Street	6/23/2021 7:30 AM
520	Please keep the square closed to vehicle traffic. It's safer for people to enjoy.	6/23/2021 7:30 AM
521	The only qualm I have with it is the rumored 15-20k a month the city is spending renting tents and etc. those restaurants probably don't pay extra taxes to pay for the closure yet they have had a large advantage all pandemic long. So that seems pretty unfair to the tax payers at large and specifically the other tax paying business on main st. If the business who benefit from it directly want it closed that's fine, but I think they should be paying for it out of their own pockets	6/23/2021 7:22 AM

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522	I enjoy sitting outside to eat. There is plenty of parking close by. We don't need those spaces in front of those restaurants.	6/23/2021 7:13 AM
523	Closing on weekdays gives more options for dining space and on the weekdays leaving it open gives more parking options and better access to the road for people who need to drive thru during the week.	6/23/2021 7:03 AM
524	I love the idea of keeping it closed permanently, but I don't want businesses to fail because of it. Being closed hasn't changed my shopping experience, but I'd support street closure for just the weekend if it hurt the non-restaurant businesses in particular to have the street closed all week.	6/23/2021 6:46 AM
525	I've noticed more people downtown since street closure, so it seems like a win win for customers and businesses. It's hard for me to believe that any business would think that closing one block of downtown that most people drove around anyway when it was open (I've been driving around that block for 6 years getting from w main and e main via broad st and that seems to be the consensus with other vehicles). There are also plenty of parking lot and garages. If people aren't willing to walk a couple blocks to a store, that seems like an issue with the store, not with enclosing the block.	6/23/2021 6:43 AM
526	I live on Morgan Square. It's become a destination location for thousands each week. Foot traffic has increased 5 fold. I've seen it first hand for 10 years.	6/23/2021 6:42 AM
527	Keep it closed permanently!!	6/23/2021 6:38 AM
528	It is much more pleasant to eat outside without the smell of car exhaust	6/23/2021 6:33 AM
529	I love this!!!!!!! We love going to eat and walk around with the street closed!	6/23/2021 6:25 AM
530	I'm not coming back until the street reopens.	6/23/2021 6:21 AM
531	The street needs to be reopened. It is a hassle to get around downtown.	6/23/2021 6:18 AM
532	Close the other street in front of the office building if you want expanded. Or expand the sidewalk	6/23/2021 5:45 AM
533	It's such a beautiful area. It's the only place you can sit outside and chat with friends and grab a drink without car exhaust choking you	6/23/2021 5:26 AM
534	Outdoor dining has been what downtown Spartanburg has been lacking. As a longtime resident of Spartanburg County and a resident of the city for 5 years now, I have never seen downtown so full of life. This is only helping the revitalization of Spartanburg's downtown area. Please leave this closed, at least until winter!	6/23/2021 5:12 AM
535	Be like Greenville open the whole downtown up! As we continue to grow, don't set limits, by blocking off Main st!! Some people like to show off their cars and ride through downtown	6/23/2021 4:25 AM
536	None.	6/23/2021 4:09 AM
537	Open the roads, please	6/23/2021 1:04 AM
538	Live the atmosphere !! Makes an amazing destination fit downtown!	6/23/2021 12:58 AM
539	Having lived here since 2003, I've seen Morgan Square before the renovation and have spent plenty of money downtown. The renaissance of downtown was built on pedestrian traffic, engaging public events and investment local business. That said, there seems to be incorrect revisionist history at play. Downtown THRIVED with traffic using West Main. The Dunbar side was often closed for various reasons and it didn't seem to affect the flow of downtown. Closing West Main for special events I certainly agree with, but closing it forever I believe will have long term unintended consequences. A Fri-Sat closure, while it sounds fine, is logistically impractical. Possibly a better idea if someone is looking for a compromise is closing for the summer (Memorial-Labor Day), and reopening the road in the colder winter months. Either way, the blueprint of success - and it has been a massive success - of downtown was not made with the road closed indefinitely.	6/22/2021 11:19 PM
540	Seems like whatever is best for the Morgan Square businesses is what should happen	6/22/2021 11:07 PM
541	Keep the dining on the square, spartanburg finally has the availability to create a profitable, safe and inviting environment. Find creative ways to route traffic around it. Put up signs to inform people who don't travel downtown often how to navigate with road closures In the	6/22/2021 10:51 PM

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square instead of waiting until they see the barriers. More parking is always going to be a big concern from the opposing argument and I agree but the joy I witness of so many people actually using the square is worth far more in value. Keep up the good work Spartanburg.

542	Let's not cut off our easy access to shops and restaurants like we have done in the past. We don't need to repeat our mistakes from the past.	6/22/2021 10:33 PM
543	The square being a pedestrian area adds a vitality to downtown. Main Street is not a good thoroughfare anyway and the benefits FAR outweigh the concerns. Foot traffic is key to the success of the businesses in the area and the pedestrian hub gets people on their feet instead of just driving through.	6/22/2021 10:30 PM
544	I never tried to find parking on Main Street near the square before the pandemic b/c it was so limited, so it's not a change to park in one of the lots or garages nearby.	6/22/2021 10:23 PM
545	Retailers can adjust by having hours in the evening and weekend. Closing it all can allow for more purposeful development to better draw a crowd. Business that don't want to adapt can make way for new ones willing to be a more full day option. This would be better in line with the 24 hr downtown feel Spartanburg is striving for.	6/22/2021 10:09 PM
546	It seems like the road closure has brought so many more people downtown! It is so great to see the life in our downtown!	6/22/2021 10:07 PM
547	It is a great idea. Should expand it one block further to add Starbucks and the restaurants across the street	6/22/2021 10:04 PM
548	This offers a safe and family oriented environment like no other in the upstate. The expanded dining has brought us to downtown more than ever and we visit at least once a week because it is the perfect place to relax. I doubt we will visit downtown as much if the expanded dining options close.	6/22/2021 10:03 PM
549	The road closure has made Morgan Square so much more inviting. I love the outdoor dining. I feel like I'm in a European city.	6/22/2021 10:02 PM
550	Morgan Square is a special gathering space for all to enjoy. It should be expanded and more events planned to bring folks into the city.	6/22/2021 9:47 PM
551	Please open the street back up.	6/22/2021 9:27 PM
552	We absolutely adore the outdoor dining experience and would not go Downtown anymore if they reopened the road. It really makes the city bright and beautiful.	6/22/2021 9:26 PM
553	Enjoyed dining outdoors in Morgan Square and hope to continue	6/22/2021 9:23 PM
554	The expansion makes it much easier to get around the shops and restaurants in Morgan square	6/22/2021 9:16 PM
555	Making Morgan square a pedestrian zone creates a true heart for our city. It reminds me of plazas in Europe. There's plenty of parking options downtown. If I come downtown on weekend nights, I take Uber or Lyft. I'm 49 years old. Treasuring. Parking place "right in front" of your destination is selfish, in my opinion. The valet and shuttles are perfect for less mobile individuals. I find myself wanting to go to Morgan Square more since it's been closed off.	6/22/2021 9:16 PM
556	I enjoy the outside dinning and is the only reason we choose to eat downtown. It is nice atmosphere and makes Spartanburg similar to Greenville.	6/22/2021 9:15 PM
557	If Spartanburg desires to be a progressive southern city, our downtown can not be closed. That shows closed mindedness. If Morgan Square closes, businesses and restaurants will eventually close too. Open it back up!	6/22/2021 9:12 PM
558	There's no reason to have both of the streets running through Morgan square. I think we should permanently close the side closest to the restaurants.	6/22/2021 9:11 PM
559	I love the idea of a big ol patio on the square, great for tourism	6/22/2021 9:07 PM
560	Too confusing to only do on weekends! Parking lots seem dangerous to us. We've heard too many stories of unsafe issues people faced	6/22/2021 9:00 PM
561	See last response.	6/22/2021 8:53 PM
562	W. Main closure should ONLY be for city festivals/events	6/22/2021 8:45 PM

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563	There's more to Spartanburg than dining. The closure is impertinent.	6/22/2021 8:42 PM
564	It is unfair to all non restaurant businesses.	6/22/2021 8:36 PM
565	If the street is permanently closed, build level terraces for dining so my beer stops sliding off the *removed profanity* table.	6/22/2021 8:29 PM
566	The road has been closed long enough just open it back up so we can go back to normal	6/22/2021 8:13 PM
567	Make first floor of office building across the street commercial.	6/22/2021 8:11 PM
568	N/a	6/22/2021 8:05 PM
569	Nothing	6/22/2021 7:54 PM
570	I like it closed so people can dine outside	6/22/2021 7:54 PM
571	I would love to see the land mass of Morgan square redeveloped into a plaza for events and dining. It could become very european and a destination- "oh I'll meet you on the square and we can go to dinner"	6/22/2021 7:54 PM
572	Like it and if we're made permanent more appropriate and aesthetically pleasing streetscaping/landscaping could be done.	6/22/2021 7:53 PM
573	there are SO MANY other driving options. keep it closed so people will be safe. no one knows how to pay attention while driving anymore. add lights like downtown greer. maybe some sunshades to add color?	6/22/2021 7:52 PM
574	Closing down that entire area is one of the city's best decisions in a long time. Keep it closed, renovate it to entice families by adding kid safe areas. Also, let's please do something with Barnett Park. Free concerts every Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to bring people to that area. It is embarrassingly underutilized.	6/22/2021 7:47 PM
575	Need the space for vehicles	6/22/2021 7:43 PM
576	Not cool to only benefit a couple businesses.	6/22/2021 7:27 PM
577	I love the street being closed!	6/22/2021 7:25 PM
578	Leaving the Square closed will encourage pedestrian traffic, dining, and shopping and allow for more music and special events. Pedestrian nalls have been used in many cities including very large cities around the country and the world with fantastic results	6/22/2021 7:20 PM
579	Habits and culture take time to change, but looking at other thriving cities you see expanded pedestrian and dining areas in the retail and restaurant areas of the city. If Morgan Square were revamped as a purely pedestrian area, it would be amazing! The naysayers will subside and the payoff will be worth it.	6/22/2021 7:04 PM
580	I think having tables permanently sitting on a road in the middle of downtown looks trashy. If it's to be permanent, it shouldn't be a road.	6/22/2021 6:47 PM
581	I think the closure has been great for restaurants and I've really enjoyed dining in the outdoor area. The street closure has not been an issue for me and I think it would be more confusing to only close it on the weekend.	6/22/2021 6:42 PM
582	I love Morgan Square and outdoor dining is very desirable It feels like most European towns	6/22/2021 6:36 PM
583	I miss being able to drive down main street and see what new business have opened up. If I'm forced to go down Broad street like now. I stay on Broad. What was the point of all the money we put into redesigning Morgan Square and straightening out Main street so people could drive on Main if we are still going to force them to go to Broad street like we did before.	6/22/2021 6:29 PM
584	Safer for everyone! And makes for a fun dining experience	6/22/2021 6:27 PM
585	For data purposes - I just moved to Spartanburg on May 9, 2021. Very excited to live here and love the new changes coming!	6/22/2021 6:24 PM
586	Permanent closure should be followed with construction to enhance the area for outdoor dining, events and long term pedestrian use.	6/22/2021 6:22 PM
587	Working at a restaurant in the middle of downtown. It helps with our business to keep this open. At least during the summer months	6/22/2021 6:19 PM

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588	I think your destroying business and detouring people from coming down there. Parking is bad enough as it is. Those 20 or so spots make a difference. I refuse to eat at any restaurant on that row and will only eat cribbs and miyakos and the restaurants beside it. Stop hurting businesses when there is no excuse since covid is over. If those restaurants outside dining they can move locations or remodel with roof top seating	6/22/2021 6:07 PM
589	I don't think it's fair that those restaurants benefit exponentially than other restaurants downtown that are limited with their seating	6/22/2021 5:53 PM
590	Our downtown is built for cars, not people. Downtown Greenville beats the pants off our downtown because it is more pedestrian friendly.	6/22/2021 5:50 PM
591	I believe there should be a compromise for the owners located on the northern part of Main St and on Church St to benefit from the road closure. I enjoy being able to walk downtown more freely but I understand how some owners might feel left out for example Pokenori, Growler Haus, etc. I wish there was a way to include them so everyone could benefit. Just because something has always been done, doesn't mean it can't change.	6/22/2021 5:44 PM
592	Please open up our city and end the street shutdown!	6/22/2021 5:38 PM
593	Many people who are from out of town have trouble finding the businesses due to the road closure, because they can't walk from their hotel. In many urban cities, such as Greenville, the Main Street corridors are open all the time, except for Saturdays for a local farmers market set up. This makes the most sense. If Greenville has thrived downtown more than ever since the pandemic, then spartanburg should take notes on what to do, and not to do.	6/22/2021 5:37 PM
594	I've been following this in the news articles. And I think it's a great idea to keep it open permanently. It sets us up to be competitive with other cities that has similar amenities. It seems that the individuals that are complaining don't really have a basis to complain. The real voice should be from the businesses that touch that area of the street. There's plenty of parking in the entire area. And my thoughts on it ate that if your business is not getting people coming to it it's not the parking that's the issue.	6/22/2021 5:31 PM
595	Personally, I think it's a great thing. It really gives downtown a much more welcoming feel. The closed square has really created a nice feel. Like a public park. All downtown areas need to have that one common meeting grounds, and that is what has been created here. People can gather for food, drinks, and/or hangs without having to worry about the drivers in downtown. Most of whom don't know how to follow proper traffic laws or etiquette to save their own life. Also, I have never once driven into downtown Spartanburg and thought "I'll never find a parking space". There's plenty.	6/22/2021 5:29 PM
596	No additional thoughts	6/22/2021 5:25 PM
597	It's incredibly unfair to other businesses that the closure is only benefiting the restaurants. Are they paying additional rent to the City for the free space? Will the City Council vote to allow all businesses to display and sell their merchandise? Until that happens, open the road.	6/22/2021 5:25 PM
598	I feel safer walking around and eating with my kids with the area closed.	6/22/2021 5:24 PM
599	I love the closed street set-up, it's friendly to pedestrians, especially those with children who are visiting the park, restaurants, etc. It also cuts down on noise and air pollution from car and motorcycle traffic and the stores and business are close enough together that there shouldn't be an issue of walking a few feet to patronize your business of choice. Plus, the lack of a mandate for car inspections in this city allows for ridiculously dilapidated cars to roam the streets, causing so much uncomfortable noise and gasoline pollution that if we can reduce it the smallest amount by closing a stretch of Main street, it can only be a good thing for businesses and the people who want to support them.	6/22/2021 5:22 PM
600	I love that we can eat outside like in Greenville. Keep it closed all year bi also feel safe knowing my teens are waking the closed area for ice cream and coffee. Wouldn't let them go alone otherwise.	6/22/2021 5:07 PM
601	Nobody wants to sit outside and have cars and motorcycles polluting their air and ruining their dining experience. Permanent planters should block the square, not plastic barricades. When I travel to a new city, I look for where the cafe tables are and go to those spots. It's a draw for the city.	6/22/2021 5:02 PM
602	I understand both sides of the discussion. Personally, I love having it closed off and the	6/22/2021 5:01 PM

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outdoor dining, particularly in the warmer months. I felt it was silly having it closed in the winter though. If it was to become a regular feature, the city should invest in a redesign of the area. Perhaps expanded paver-laid area and one-way EB traffic with Dunbar for WB traffic.

603	I have greatly enjoyed having the downtown area closed to vehicle traffic. More open to enjoyment, and safer not having to worry about getting run over. It's been really nice.	6/22/2021 5:00 PM
604	It never should have been closed to begin with having to go around all of the blockage just makes me want to avoid downtown spartanburg altogether	6/22/2021 4:51 PM
605	I think the current outdoor dining set up is awesome and brings a lot more people into downtown Spartanburg. I think the city should potentially look at making the area into a green space with outdoor dining and areas for the public to enjoy. I know MUSC shut down a busy street on their campus and is in the process of turning it into a green space and think this is something the city of Spartanburg should look into.	6/22/2021 4:46 PM
606	Increased walk ability is a big plus for living near downtown and I enjoy seeing anything expand that. I do wish the valet was moved to Dunbar street as it can block traffic at the current location.	6/22/2021 4:45 PM
607	I live in the city for 21 years, and I say Keep the square closed. I wish the city could reduce Church street to two lanes from the Library and to Marriott. I believe most the people bitching about the square being closed don't even live in the city limits. Their opinion doesn't count. They don't pay city taxes. I am sure all the young people moving into all the new apartments downtown want the area to be pedestrian friendly. I love living in City of Spartanburg.	6/22/2021 4:45 PM
608	This is a wonderful area to eat and be with your family and friends. We want people to stop, shop, eat, and play in downtown not just drive through it. Add live music out there and it will be perfect!	6/22/2021 4:43 PM
609	I love the increased activity on Morgan Square. For the handful of lost parking spaces, 20 or so, it seems a good trade off especially in spring, summer, fall.	6/22/2021 4:43 PM
610	Make the closure permanent and landscape the area for outside dining and foot traffic	6/22/2021 4:40 PM
611	The companies on that street are paying for street front rent but losing business because of the closure.	6/22/2021 4:39 PM
612	As a resident, I am sick of it. Time to reopen. No need to benefit a few restaurants. Let traffic flow. Maybe focus on all the graffiti covered abandoned buildings instead!!!	6/22/2021 4:29 PM
613	While I appreciate everyone's right to rejoin society as an American, as a responsible citizen, no one should feel free to use that right if they do not feel obligated to help prevent the spread of Covid. The expanded seating is for distancing, I'm assuming, so that we can accommodate those that don't help by getting vaccinated. Why cater to those that don't believe in helping eradicate the very disease that *removed profanity* down these businesses in the first place? Businesses downtown moved downtown knowing the limitation on patronage of the building they got into. That patronage can, and should, provide for that business. We need to allow for things to get back to normal for the businesses that don't just serve food and will not benefit from the loss of valuable parking that cause some of their patrons to choose a different business, that isn't downtown, out of convenience. If we care about our downtown, and not just our restaurants, we support all of the businesses equally by not pandering to those that do not care about anyone else in the first place. If this means we go back to masks, so be it. But no one will care about that, either. So without enforcement, the spread risk is always going to be prevalent. Distancing measures are no longer reasonable. Spread will happen either way. Restaurants can manage their bottom lines at their full capacity, meaning only the other businesses have to keep suffering with the continued shutdown of downtown.	6/22/2021 4:28 PM
614	It's stupid! Just open all the restaurants to 100%!	6/22/2021 4:24 PM
615	I believe the expanded dining areas give the feel of a REAL city with a public town square.	6/22/2021 4:19 PM
616	I think the pedestrian area should be expanded if possible	6/22/2021 4:15 PM
617	Closing the square off so that those few restaurants can use the street, only hurts other businesses	6/22/2021 4:06 PM
618	Love the idea, but am unable to visit businesses anymore as I have had 3 total knee replacements and am 73.	6/22/2021 3:53 PM

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619	I like the additional outdoor seating options but understand it impacts traffic and parking. To me it makes sense to close it on the weekends when more people are wanting to dine outside. Thanks!	6/22/2021 3:49 PM
620	More	6/22/2021 3:45 PM
621	The redesign of Wall Street as a pedestrian area is wonderful; the opportunity to expand that to cover W Main Street is an opportunity that the city should take advantage of. With the revitalization of downtown over the past ten years or so, this is a logical next step to increase the usability of the space and make it more inviting to people. There's ample parking close enough to downtown that is eminently affordable. The loss of those few spots is absolutely worth the greater gains.	6/22/2021 3:43 PM
622	I would be in favor of keeping it closed if it looked better. Right now it just looks like tables and chairs sitting in the street.	6/22/2021 3:40 PM
623	It's been shut down for so long that it's not even an inconvenience. Keep it shut down for the people to make the most out of the space.	6/22/2021 3:37 PM
624	There are other restaurants in Spartanburg aside from the seven located near Morgan Square. They are already struggling from Covid and having to compete with this new concept makes things even worse. Not only are you offering these businesses free space but you are also making tax payers pay the additional fees.	6/22/2021 3:35 PM
625	N/A	6/22/2021 3:32 PM
626	The Main Street needs to be opened. The current situation is an eye sore. Main Street in every town should be open all the way down the Main Street	6/22/2021 3:24 PM
627	My family loves the expanded Morgan square dining area. It really makes the entire downtown are more appealing. We love the outdoor dining spaces and not having to worry about loud cars driving through. It feels safer and more enjoyable over all. We have noticed we spent more time downtown since the area has been blocked off to traffic. It would be very disappointing to see this option go, especially when it's just as easy to go around in a vehicle and find parking elsewhere.	6/22/2021 3:24 PM
628	The road being closed offers dining and entertainment to the public, in an area where people can enjoy Morgan Square with kids or pets, without worrying about vehicles speeding or blasting music. This area has really helped grow the Morgan Square appeal in my mind, and I live right across the street in the Palmetto building, and see people loving that space 24/7.	6/22/2021 3:21 PM
629	I love the closed off part of the street!	6/22/2021 3:20 PM
630	I love it! It's safer for foot traffic, no one is "rolling coal" past the outdoor seating and it makes it wonderful for nightlife and music. The diversion of vehicle traffic is not that big of an issue seeing as most parking spots are one block over.	6/22/2021 3:16 PM
631	It is unfair to the restaurants across the street who are not getting expanded dining space. It looks unappealing to have barriers up, plastic tables and metal chairs. It looks like a hodge podge and messy. It is inconvenient to people traveling from one side of town to the other.	6/22/2021 3:15 PM
632	Bring back more events	6/22/2021 3:13 PM
633	There is zero added value of opening the street back up!	6/22/2021 3:11 PM
634	I really enjoy the outdoor expanded outdoor dining experience.	6/22/2021 3:11 PM
635	We want Spartanburg to grow. This is the future not more traffic or people complaining about parking. We have plenty of parking but people are lazy to walk!!	6/22/2021 3:09 PM
636	I'd people can't figure out how to go a block over, that's a them problem.	6/22/2021 3:07 PM
637	I love the outdoor dining experience but I do see why some people are upset about W Main being closed full time. While I do not necessarily find it to be an inconvenience, I would have no problem with it being open on days that aren't as busy (Mon-Thurs) and allow for the option on the weekends to enjoy the outdoor experience.	6/22/2021 3:04 PM
638	I think that the expanded dining area is great for downtown Spartanburg! If it was going to be opened up for parking/traffic, I would say only during the winter months since less people will be inclined to sit outside.	6/22/2021 3:03 PM

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639	My family and I have really enjoyed the open air restaurants in the downtown area. Possibly we could entice more business downtown by providing food truck parking during the weekends. This way more people would be drawn to our wonderful downtown community.	6/22/2021 3:03 PM
640	I think the dining area is beautiful and is much more inviting than having to cross traffic to get to the fountain and bench areas. It's wonderful to see families enjoying a meal outside in the sun and the kids playing	6/22/2021 2:59 PM
641	Keep the square closed my children love it!	6/22/2021 2:56 PM
642	It is time to open the street again. Not all businesses have benefitted from extra space. More outdoor dining options were very beneficial when there were occupancy limits but since many people are vaccinated and numbers are going down, those limits have gone away. It is time to return the street to normal.	6/22/2021 2:54 PM
643	I think we needed more outdoor dining spaces.	6/22/2021 2:53 PM
644	The only reason I visit downtown shops/ restaurants so much is because I can walk to them and sit/ eat outside. Oftentimes I visit shops that I wouldn't have (DK Boutique, Spice and Teas) if there is a wait at a restaurant that I am walking to. I reside downtown and also work downtown and have never once wished for more parking (when it is someone like this who typically would). I do not think for one moment that an extra 20-50 spaces that were never available anyways should constitute limiting restaurants from being able to serve 2x more people, families from actually enjoying the green space without cars coming by, and outside dining options (that are very limited without this closure). People who complain about having to make a (very short) detour, or ones who are unwilling to walk an extra block from the ample free parking in the garages and lots, or use free shuttle services are the very same people who wouldn't go out of their way to shop at a spice store or local boutique if the very spot in front of the store was filled with a car, either.	6/22/2021 2:53 PM
645	Love the outdoor eating experience	6/22/2021 2:46 PM
646	I prefer you keep the street open all the time. I think a few tables outside are enough, I think it's more trouble to have the street closed and it discourages me from visiting those businesses.	6/22/2021 2:46 PM
647	I like it close to dinning outdoors	6/22/2021 2:45 PM
648	I frequent downtown multiple evenings per week. Restaurants can still use sidewalk seating (some did so before this closure) with no impact on pedestrians or diner personal space. In reality, I don't care which decision is made as I rarely even tried to park on Main Street because they were always full so I just go to my default locations first. But you asked and I answered honestly.	6/22/2021 2:42 PM
649	Ideally the people who should be making this decision are the businesses affected and those who work downtown.	6/22/2021 2:36 PM
650	I think this block is wonderful being closed	6/22/2021 2:35 PM
651	I think there should be a compromise because some vendors need the closure in order to bring in business and if those who do not prefer the closure have Mon- Thurs. then its a win win for both. I do feel that eventually Morgan Square should open up to through traffic once we get the Covid-19 virus more under control.	6/22/2021 2:30 PM
652	I like not worrying about traffic however I now never shop downtown	6/22/2021 2:29 PM
653	Opening Morgan Square back up does not add a lot of parking spaces. The argument is ridiculous. Much better to have outdoor seating like other larger Metro areas.	6/22/2021 2:27 PM
654	Opening the square for restaurants during the pandemic closures was a good decision to help them through that time. The time is over. Now all it is doing is hurting most other local businesses. You are literally steering people away. Keeping the square closed permanently did not work in the past and it is not working now. You are destroying local businesses for the sake of 2 or 3 restaurants, it sucks.	6/22/2021 2:26 PM
655	Dining and entertainment venue is unique. Spartanburg finally leading, instead of following. Add more planters to break up asphalt road feeling.	6/22/2021 2:14 PM
656	Change the closed area to European style pedestrians area similar like wall st.	6/22/2021 2:13 PM

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657	Thru traffic on W. Main is pointless and it should be kept closed. Expanded handicap parking near W. Main could help those who need more direct access to those businesses.	6/22/2021 2:10 PM
658	Would love to see a family, sports experiential attraction centered around the square and restaurants to there is something else to do. I am qualified to create the experiences and would increase revenue and attendance	6/22/2021 2:10 PM
659	Keep it closed all the time or close the entire downtown area for the weekend (from Denny's to rj rockers)	6/22/2021 2:09 PM
660	This is a no-brainer for me. Keeping the Square car-free, especially with turning the street into more of a plaza with landscaping, would create a great hangout. Safe. Fun. Only lose like 13 spaces that are hard to get during peak times anyway? That's no loss. As the pandemic ends, even the shops that don't need outdoor seating should benefit from more foot traffic, if they adapt and don't just pout in jealousy. PLEASE KEEP IT CLOSED!	6/22/2021 2:08 PM
661	No comment	6/22/2021 2:05 PM
662	Closing Main Street is the best thing the city has done in years. If anything they made that area safer since nobody is trying to back out of diagonal parking spaces into two way traffic anymore. Keep it closed. Please. It's better this way.	6/22/2021 2:04 PM
663	It makes no sense to have main st closed. That is the main corridor between the east and west side and if you are trying to grow downtown you should promote down town traffic. Right now everyone drives around downtown.	6/22/2021 1:59 PM
664	None	6/22/2021 1:58 PM
665	Keep the square closed it is a wonderful place for families to visit and much safer without cars!	6/22/2021 1:57 PM
666	Love the pedestrian area - please don't take it away! Parking is really not that big of a deal. The walking area is really nice and honestly I think the lighting and atmosphere brings out more people and makes the square safer at night.	6/22/2021 1:56 PM
667	I wish it would go back to the pre covid way... make the road drivable again	6/22/2021 1:55 PM
668	There are more people downtown now than ever. Business owners should take advantage by extending operating hours. Folks like At Steven's complaining about elderly people not walking are forgetting the same elderly people have to climb steep stairs to get in his building. Our culture of parking in front of the place you are going has to change. Walking a block or half block to get somewhere is still very convenient. Business owners complaining about more foot traffic need to evaluate their business model and adapt, or move to a strip mall with "close" parking that is probably as far as downtown. No one complains about parking at Walmart and walking, which is a lot further than downtown. Adapt and overcome! If we keep doing things the same way and not adapt, downtown will die again like in the 80's.	6/22/2021 1:55 PM
669	This only benefits Delaneys Wild Wings, Monsoon, and Mezcal. What about the other businesses. They don't get to close off streets to generate more foot traffic, and dining area to them. Kevin Moore shouldn't be able to persuade this vote, and that fact that he can shows that this whole survey is useless. I think its time we on the council have a sit down with Mr. Johnson. I'd sure hate to see a lawsuit with the city of Spartanburg, for loss of revenue, and/or allowing Kevin to pull strings he has no right to pull.	6/22/2021 1:52 PM
670	I think that I'm weekend closure of the street would make a lot of sense as that is when majority of people visit the square and eat at the restaurants.	6/22/2021 1:51 PM
671	Please don't open it back up to traffic. Opening Main Street has reinvigorated the restaurant and night life scene in spartanburg	6/22/2021 1:49 PM
672	I personally like the street being closed, but I'm friends with non restaurant business owners. Feel a compromise is needed.	6/22/2021 1:48 PM
673	Send the diners back into the restaurants.	6/22/2021 1:46 PM
674	I love the dining outside. It makes the downtown areas so inviting.	6/22/2021 1:44 PM
675	I think the spaced closed provides a nice out side dining and makes it safer for pedestrians and families	6/22/2021 1:42 PM
676	Temporary closure was probably the right decision at the time. But, I see no need for it now. If	6/22/2021 1:38 PM

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bars/restaurants are allowed to continue to put tables on sidewalks and street, they need to be paying the City rent.

677	The only way I could see keeping the road closed is if we create a "town center" where it's a square of entertainment options rather than 1 row of businesses	6/22/2021 1:34 PM
678	None	6/22/2021 1:33 PM
679	OPEN Main street back up! I do not trust anyone "valet" parking my car. The businesses need the foot-traffic!	6/22/2021 1:33 PM
680	Change is hard and old habits die hard but once we can change people's mindset about where to park and how to navigate downtown, the pedestrian centric square is ideal. It is a destination, it creates vibe and community, it is safe, and it provides outdoor gathering for our almost year-round outdoor climate.	6/22/2021 1:30 PM
681	Open it up!!! It blocks traffic flow!!!	6/22/2021 1:28 PM
682	I enjoy outside dining and drinking when the weather is favorable	6/22/2021 1:27 PM
683	Closing the square may be good for the restaurants, but it adversely affects the merchants' businesses.	6/22/2021 1:26 PM
684	The format of outdoor dining and pedestrian malls has been growing in popularity in many cities long before Covid. It's only one block we are blocking off so it's not that problematic to traffic, as opposed to places that block off entire sections of downtown for weekends or certain hours etc. I've never seen so many people in downtown as I do now with the street blocked off. I think it should stay this way at all times indefinitely.	6/22/2021 1:24 PM
685	This is not good for the city. There is strict favoritism with the restaurants and hurting businesses and other restaurants who have closed due to the city not allowing them to use tents etc for their outdoor dining during the pandemic	6/22/2021 1:24 PM
686	I love the outdoor dining! I loved the tents in the winter. I do not mind that we cannot drive through. It feels safer and an all around better more "community" experience without the traffic passing through. Way to go Spartanburg! Keep it up!! These things you are doing enhance our way of life, and it's appreciated.	6/22/2021 1:23 PM
687	Absolutely think it's better now. Training people to park and walk takes time but is worth it for the health of a downtown.	6/22/2021 1:22 PM
688	We like to sit outside when we come downtown to eat. If you open it up to vehicles there aren't a lot of tables and we have to wait too long, so we end up going elsewhere to eat.	6/22/2021 1:22 PM
689	Open the road. It wasn't made for dining. It was made for driving and parking.	6/22/2021 1:20 PM
690	Through the week the city should open the road for the businesses that operate through the week. close the road for the restaurants to see most of the volume through the weekend. I think that supports a happy medium or you can see both sides of peoples issue by also giving restaurants access to extra seating through the weekend. The road is a public road the businesses do not own it and if they do they should have to pay tax to occupy the space for the weekend or the whole time. It's unfair to other businesses downtown especially other restaurants who can't close the road in front of there establishments to add seats.	6/22/2021 1:19 PM
691	I believe keeping it closed deters visitors and hurts retail businesses. If it is to stay closed, even with a hybrid model, HANDICAPPED people need to be considered. We cannot easily get to the restaurants and stores in the Morgan Square zone. The shuttle and valet services only get us to the outside ends of the zone. Cutting through businesses on Broad Street is not a good option since those are rarely accessible entrances and one must walk all the way through to get to the eating areas (if staying in that business) or to the entrances on MS to go elsewhere. Not accessible for those of use with mobility issues. Neither is parking on Dunbar and walking through the square. There are only 8-9 spaces there, it's uphill to restaurant row and to get to the ramped walk (instead of steps) takes you out of the way. Not a straight shot. When I answered the number of times I visit, it was based on pre-Covid/closure days.	6/22/2021 1:19 PM
692	keep it closed it helps bring people out	6/22/2021 1:18 PM
693	I love eating outside with the street closed. It makes it much safer and easier to eat out with kids. I hate the noise and chaos of traffic there otherwise. If it stays closed I plan to eat	6/22/2021 1:18 PM

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downtown more and start going to the morgan square music events. It is so much nicer and safer. There is still plenty of parking to go shopping there too.

694	I like the idea of having outdoor dining spring through fall--maybe weekends only. That's why I come to downtown	6/22/2021 1:14 PM
695	There needs to be more entertainment venues downtown such as a movie theater, a performing arts stage, museums and better shopping. It looks trashy near the Carolina Cash Company and Smiths Drugs. We need more stuff to really fill out the block with thins to do.	6/22/2021 1:07 PM
696	The expanded dining area attracts more foot traffic, allows for alternative seating and increases hospitality dollars.	6/22/2021 1:06 PM
697	Keeping the road closed only benefits a small portion of the businesses and is an inconvenience for everyone else	6/22/2021 1:05 PM
698	Changing dates and times of opening and closing streets will be confusing. I enjoy outdoor eating and have liked having that option.	6/22/2021 1:05 PM
699	N/A	6/22/2021 1:03 PM
700	I absolutely adore the expanded Morgan square dining. It does not hinder me from parking and walking to other downtown stores or restaurants. I think it feels like a street festival everyday which I adore. I love seeing residents of Spartanburg outside enjoying meals and walking around! I really hope it's here to stay!	6/22/2021 12:58 PM
701	I visited Stone Street in NYC several years ago and thought it was amazing! I never dreamed we would have something like that down town, and now we do!	6/22/2021 12:57 PM
702	It's so nice to be able to walk through downtown, without the fear of being ran over by speeding motorists.	6/22/2021 12:57 PM
703	As a downtown resident I've noticed that the only people really using the tables in the square are the people drinking at the Irish pub. During the day it's mostly empty. I don't care for drunk people being the only market we cater to in downtown. It doesn't make me want to visit the square.	6/22/2021 12:55 PM
704	More restaurants	6/22/2021 12:52 PM
705	It makes downtown better for everyone. It adds so much for restaurant goers and pedestrians, but is barely an inconvenience for cars that only have to drive one street over.	6/22/2021 12:52 PM
706	Please reopen Main Street!	6/22/2021 12:49 PM
707	Open the road that the tax payers paid to have built and have been denied use of so that Delaneys and select other businesses could only benefit from. This is monkey *removed*.	6/22/2021 12:48 PM
708	Outdoor dining great! Need easier parking. But I can try valet	6/22/2021 12:48 PM
709	I have never seen so many people using the downtown areas since we have allowed this seating.	6/22/2021 12:46 PM
710	It's definitely a unique and welcomed change. It should be permanently made this way with the addition of those metal poles of waist height to prevent cars from speeding in and allows people to walk in. Each of the poles can be decorated in some way by a minority artist, similar to the light bulbs. It can set the downtown appeal of Spartanburg apart from others and also would encourage use of the bikes and scooters added.	6/22/2021 12:46 PM
711	There has been study after study after study about how cities that are built for people walking and not cars are the most successful. If walking 100 yards is too much chances are you can't walk around downtown regardless. There is plenty of handicap parking. And with the valet service it should be even more accessible	6/22/2021 12:45 PM
712	I like the street dining, but I can see where it reduces the flow of traffic to many businesses, while only providing benefit to 3-4 businesses. It's not fair to stores that see no benefit, but have significant reductions in traffic.	6/22/2021 12:43 PM
713	It may be helping restaurants but it is hurting other small business.	6/22/2021 12:41 PM
714	Do one thing right Spartanburg.	6/22/2021 12:39 PM

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715	If you permanently shut down Main Street and made it a park/dining/whatever that would be fine, but to shut down a road with no overflow plan for traffic and parking is not wise. There should be 2 more parking decks by city hall and on Daniel Morgan and the traffic pattern needs to be revamped. Please don't create the mess that the new high school and the fernwood Glendale bandaid caused elsewhere in town. It's pathetic and the city planners should be better than that.	6/22/2021 12:39 PM
716	most cities have an option that closes of certain parts for the weekend savannah being one	6/22/2021 12:36 PM
717	While we haven't used the outside area to dine, we think it's been a great expansion for the restaurants downtown. There are so few parking spaces in that area, it's not worth omitting the pedestrian access and outdoor dining tables. It is not difficult to find parking in other places nearby and walk.	6/22/2021 12:33 PM
718	If you keep the area closed the vehicle traffic, Would look much better to remove the temporary blockades and do something more permanent that is a nicer looking traffic barrier	6/22/2021 12:33 PM
719	Even though I like having the road closed, I'm worried about the effect this has on the retail businesses on that strip, like the Tea and Spice shop.	6/22/2021 12:32 PM
720	Open all of Main St. especially since keeping part of it closed is not giving those who own businesses and pay Main Street rent fair chance to thrive. Be very open about what future plans for downtown are. Trust has been broken for anything positive to come of downtown if all of Main Street cannot flow from one end to the other. Too many mistakes have been made in the past decades by inept decisions and catering to a few when there are many businesses having to close due to poor city decisions. Someone in leadership needs to have insight or the ability to see around corners.	6/22/2021 12:32 PM
721	Love it!	6/22/2021 12:31 PM
722	There should not be a discussion about permanently closing the Main Street through downtown. There are other options to create a community space downtown without the city providing all kinds of "perks" to a few restaurants on the Square. Open the street asap!	6/22/2021 12:28 PM
723	I believe that the closure of Morgan Square brings a great atmosphere for families to spend the afternoon in downtown Spartanburg. I personally like to get ice cream from Hub City Scoops and go to the square to listen to music.	6/22/2021 12:27 PM
724	Even before Covid, I have long felt that Morgan Square ought to be closed to car traffic. It is much more pleasant to be downtown (esp. with kids) now that it's closed. The reason why those stores lost income isn't due to the closing, it's because people like me stayed away from non-essential shopping until I got my shot and it was safe to do so. As the downtown builds up and gains a larger resident population, keeping a pedestrian-only core at Morgan Square, and expanding safe bike corridors and transit frequency between the outer neighborhoods and the downtown core area will work way better than continuing to funnel an increasing flow of cars through that densifying space. Spartanburg is changing as it grows and densifies, and we need to plan intelligently for that future reality rather than trying to force the old one to continue even after it has stopped working. We were already wrestling with increasing congestion, parking shortages, nuisance cruising, and auto-pedestrian accidents in the years before Covid. The solution is to make it easy for people to get downtown without having to drive through the center.	6/22/2021 12:26 PM
725	I have really enjoyed the way morgan square is now, and to go back to having cars zip through there would be crazy. The expanded dinning area is great and makes spartanburg feel more social and lively	6/22/2021 12:25 PM
726	Absolutely love it. Great for eating with kids. Keep the outdoor area open and expand.	6/22/2021 12:22 PM
727	The area is a great anchor point for visitors downtown. We always see a steady stream of pedestrians walking by when we sit outside dining.	6/22/2021 12:17 PM
728	There is plenty of parking. I like the outdoor dining options.	6/22/2021 12:15 PM
729	We have enjoyed the outdoor dining but we think the traffic flow is more important.	6/22/2021 12:14 PM
730	I'd like to see the area made to look like a permanent walking/dining/event area. Fix it up and build a permanent, nice, medium sized stage/amphitheater somewhere on the square. Something that Spartanburg can be proud of.	6/22/2021 12:11 PM

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731	Make West Main St at Morgan Square open all the time or closed all the time. Too confusing and too much work to change it back and forth. Make Dunbar St two-way traffic from Magnolia St to N Converse St to enhance traffic around the Uptown District. And when did you start calling it "Downtown", like it's down in a valley? It's been "Uptown" to me all my life because it is the top of a hill, "up." Too bad you can't talk to Geri Greene and Ginny Holmes of the Uptown Merchants Association. They knew. When the Pedestrian Mall was built, Broad St was made one way East, and Dunbar St was made one way West. Since the Pedestrian Mall was removed, Broad St was made two-way traffic again, but Dunbar is still one way. Make Dunbar St two-way traffic again to improve traffic flow. Thanks for listening. I hope you realize that, even though I favor it, making West Main St closed to traffic through Morgan Sq a permanent situation is a disruption and I feel that you need to look at the whole area of streets and parking within a half mile radius of the Morgan Statue to get a true idea of what the traffic flow needs are Uptown Spartanburg. Sparkle City - a wonderful place to live, work, and play.	6/22/2021 12:11 PM
732	Closing the street is not fair to retail business. The city is favoring a handful of restaurants. This is not fair for the other business.	6/22/2021 12:09 PM
733	I think it is a fun idea that promotes more people hanging out downtown.	6/22/2021 12:08 PM
734	This has been great for the community. It's fantastic to be able to walk around and have your choice of music, dancing, talking, eating, drinking, and meeting new friends.	6/22/2021 12:08 PM
735	Driving through Downtown is often done to get a feel for the area by people from near and far. A quick drive through Downtown leads to a stop for ice cream, lunch, shopping, etc. By disrupting traffic, less people are likely to check out the Downtown area, resulting in less people supporting Downtown businesses. The closure benefits only a few places, but harms many. I strongly support opening it back up. Example: I always visited Little River prior to the closure. It's more frustrating to visit them with the traffic disruption and I haven't been nearly as often since the road closed. I tend to forget about all the businesses past Groucho's, simply because I no longer drive past them. It's certainly not benefiting them.	6/22/2021 12:07 PM
736	We love the open atmosphere. It's inviting and seems to have brought a stronger community feel to downtown. It is especially nice for us as parents to be able to eat and walk easily to the fountain or grass lot for our kids to play while we wait for food or after while listening to live music.	6/22/2021 12:06 PM
737	Closing the street makes it safer and more convenient for diners, walkers, children and musicians. The area is so much nicer without having to dodge cars backing out of blind parking spots. It feels friendlier.	6/22/2021 12:06 PM
738	The best thing Spartanburg could've done.	6/22/2021 12:03 PM
739	Nicer tables, fans for summer	6/22/2021 12:03 PM
740	I think it's a fantastic way to get people walking thru the area instead of driving. Safer for everyone actually in Morgan park as they go between shops and the square. Very pleasant and relaxing without the cars always going by.	6/22/2021 12:01 PM
741	From my viewpoint, I've noticed that the foot traffic has been better and there seems to be more availability to eat, now that there is outdoor seating. I've also experience more interaction among residents of Spartanburg. I take my dog downtown almost every Sunday for brunch, but wouldn't be able to do that if it opened back up. I would probably stop going as often if it opened back up to vehicle traffic because I enjoy the additional space and not having to just walk on the sidewalk or worry about crossing that street during busy hours. It really isn't a long walk from the parking garage or parking lot. There are definitely more positives than negatives to keeping the area closed.	6/22/2021 12:00 PM
742	Please continue to make this city friendly to and safe for pedestrians and cyclists.	6/22/2021 11:58 AM
743	I like having downtown be more pedestrian friendly even though I haven't eaten at the restaurants on the square.	6/22/2021 11:52 AM
744	Hybrid solution seems reasonable	6/22/2021 11:52 AM
745	This adds so much life to downtown. Love the street closure, and just as convenient to go around the square. Maybe even more so, with the left hand turn onto Church from Main, facing the square.	6/22/2021 11:52 AM
746	Love the move made. It saved the restaurants down there. Love the outdoor options still but	6/22/2021 11:52 AM

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it's overkill now. Delaneys doesn't need 100 outdoor chairs, but maybe 40. Compromise is best at this point. Let's think of the boutiques and retail guys that depend on drive by traffic.

747	i avoid morgan square and downtown spartanburg now because of the closure	6/22/2021 11:50 AM
748	With the closure of Morgan square I have not been very fond of the road closure. Even though I visit a couple times a month, it is always a topic of conversation on when the road is going to be open again. Some people are driven away from downtown due to this. Where is handicap parking? I would love to see Morgan square normal again just like pre-COVID.	6/22/2021 11:49 AM
749	I often find the tables on the road empty. Its not a comfortable place for dining. There is no shade, unlike the sidewalk tables. especially in the summer, i prefer inside dining with air conditioning. The road is a waste of space	6/22/2021 11:49 AM
750	It's beautiful and creates better experiences for all diners inside and out. Allows downtown to feel like a larger downtown space. More people walk a little further passing other stores and restaurants.	6/22/2021 11:48 AM
751	No	6/22/2021 11:45 AM
752	I love having that block closed to traffic!	6/22/2021 11:45 AM
753	N/A	6/22/2021 11:40 AM
754	Keeping west main closed is fine. I'm concerned about how any improvements to the square will be paid for - the city has plenty of needs; redesigning the square is a "want."	6/22/2021 11:40 AM
755	I love it! It'll be great to have & attract people during special events... the downside is the outside dining area may take up space for future events, like bbq fest, etc. And customers dining outside may not like the noises during concerts/outside performers.	6/22/2021 11:40 AM
756	Open it back up. It is not fair that certain restaurants are using the space for free and others have a beautiful courtyard for dining that the owner bought. Plus in another month who is going to want to eat outside 8n 100 degree heat	6/22/2021 11:39 AM
757	I find the road closure inconvenient. I think it's unfair that only the restaurants on Morgan Square are getting this additional help. Honestly, Spartanburg doesn't feel big enough for a city center plaza, and Morgan Square has multiple issues as far as its potential use as one, Church Street being only one of them.	6/22/2021 11:38 AM
758	With the opening of events such as music on main I love the street being closed even more. Downtown used to be somewhere that I never went to. Over the last handful of years it has changed into a beautiful city to be proud of. The outdoor area around Morgan square is such a great place to be. In addition it has opened up the ability for more involvement from the community. I am part of a group that utilities it often and I know more groups than just ours do.	6/22/2021 11:37 AM
759	Open air dining is enticing and promotes walking visitors. Completely closing Main St on the square is unnecessary and frankly a waste of space as it is rarely completely full.	6/22/2021 11:37 AM
760	I think the are being closed is nice addition and would love to keep it that way and have more music and bands in the center where the tables are set up.	6/22/2021 11:35 AM
761	It is so nice to have outdoor dining and allows more opportunities for outdoor entertainment. I think it encourages more people to come downtown. Not being able to drive through the square is not an inconvenience and there aren't many former parking spaces there anyways. I feel like having the square closed off makes downtown Spartanburg a more desirable place to be and will continue drawing foot traffic.	6/22/2021 11:34 AM
762	Bring more business... arcades seafood more music	6/22/2021 11:33 AM
763	The expanded dining as it is now favors certain businesses over others.	6/22/2021 11:31 AM
764	Please expand the area closed to vehicular traffic. It would be great for the area to be even more pedestrian friendly.	6/22/2021 11:31 AM
765	The street closure provides free, additional, square footage for a few restaurants that the city typically caters to. This closure is hurting small business and is unfair. The city isn't providing additional retail or office space for any of these business. This should be something the voters get to choose instead of council members who are regularly found in Delaneys.	6/22/2021 11:31 AM
766	I love using the expanded dining area and think it should stay!	6/22/2021 11:27 AM

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767	It's not really too much of an inconvenience to me to reroute past Main Street to avoid the pedestrian use of West Main St. If it's more of a boon to business, I say keep it closed.	6/22/2021 11:27 AM
768	I enjoy the expanded dining, but also am not opposed to an additional tax on businesses taking advantage of the expanded dining. I think it is appropriate.	6/22/2021 11:27 AM
769	Beautify the area where it is blocked off at church and main	6/22/2021 11:26 AM
770	It has been, in my opinion, much better for downtown businesses and residents/visitors if the area to have that entire road blocked. When it was open to many drivers didn't pay attention to pedestrians and it allows much more customer flow and people to converse and hang out together.	6/22/2021 11:25 AM
771	This is a no brainer in my mind. There were so few spots to park on that stretch anyway. Best thing to come out of the pandemic in Spartanburg.	6/22/2021 11:25 AM
772	The vehicle closure of main along Morgan Square is inspired. We love the outdoor dining and music experience, and the effect of the closure on traffic is minimal at worst.	6/22/2021 11:23 AM
773	I love the "patio" please keep forevermore	6/22/2021 11:23 AM
774	The closed area should feature more than just dining. Street fairs, retail fairs, live musicians.	6/22/2021 11:23 AM
775	I love the square being closed to cars. I believe it increases foot traffic for all of Spartanburg city	6/22/2021 11:23 AM
776	For seniors like me that use walkers and oxygen I need to have a space right by restaurant . You have taken that away from me and dissappointed and leave city to restaurant. You hurt the handicapped	6/22/2021 11:16 AM
777	Love it!!! Keep it!	6/22/2021 11:15 AM
778	Foot traffic has increased since Morgan Square's been closed, plus most people still feel more comfortable been in the open air while dining, rather than been inside a building.	6/22/2021 11:12 AM
779	It's too hot for the outdoor dining, and it's a great inconvenience not to have that road	6/22/2021 11:10 AM
780	Morgan Square is about 70 times more relaxed without motor vehicles. It adds to the experience by not having to deal with the noise and fumes.	6/22/2021 11:10 AM
781	I love the ability to sit outside and eat while enjoying everything else. During Christmas, it was so nice to sit outside under the tent and eat and watch people ice skate. The parking on that road is terrible and I've never parked there. It is easier to park and walk to any of the shops in downtown. It is also nice to be able to make a left turn now that cars are not coming up the street. I hope the road is blocked off and more stuff is added to the square!	6/22/2021 11:10 AM
782	LOVE all the outdoor dining, makes us drive into downtown to take our dogs for walks there and grab dinner and shop!	6/22/2021 11:08 AM
783	Keeping the road closed is the right thing to do. It's safer, more attractive for visitors of Spartanburg, not an inconvenience to get around town, and overall a better experience for Spartanburg residence. The road needs to stay closed.	6/22/2021 11:06 AM
784	If the downtown restaurants are being the advantage of additional floor/table space in the Square not offered to other business so that they can display their wares in the same space, then the restaurants need to be taxed additionally based upon the space they use in the Square; otherwise accommodations needs to be made to all downtown businesses to allow them access to additional "floor" space in the Square to give everyone equal opportunity to reach their customers.	6/22/2021 11:06 AM
785	Keeping Morgan Square dining open for outdoor dining gives Spartanburg something unique that surrounding communities do not have. I think it has, and will continue to, increase business for Spartanburg.	6/22/2021 11:03 AM
786	Restuants should have to pay the city rent for the space. If the rent was market rate per square foot , there probably would Not be any takers . Its not fair to all the other restuants in the city. No free lunch for a half dozen bussinesses on the square.	6/22/2021 11:02 AM
787	As a lifted vehicle driver as many residents of Spartanburg are, parking garages are not an option for us, we rely on that parking along the street. I also feel that if restaurants are free to	6/22/2021 10:59 AM

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use extra outside dining options, then other small retail business should also be allowed to use area to expand and offer outdoor shopping experience, this is only fair, that if restaurants are given free extra space to use then all business in downtown Spartanburg should be given the same treatment

788	I love it the way it is, and would love to see it expanded to include more seating and an actual stage for live music.	6/22/2021 10:58 AM
789	A hybrid model sounds nice, but in practice I think I would lose track of when it's open and still end up driving around. Now that I'm used to just taking St. John St. it's not a big deal to drive around. The only downside I see is that I used to drive through downtown on my way to other parts of town and would frequently be reminded of a restaurant or see a new business that I wanted to visit. Since the pandemic started, my outings are much more intentional and I don't find myself wandering out and about as much. I'm sure that's not everyone's experience, but if a place downtown doesn't immediately come to mind I might forget it as an option when I'm thinking about where to go, especially if I'm wanting to do takeout. That being said, I think a bit of intentional advertising, promotion of a downtown business hub/list would solve that issue, and it's probably not one that everyone has. I have enjoyed the walkability when I've been downtown, and I think if it were permanent rather than a hybrid model that would allow for more landscaping and really making that area a beautiful pedestrian space. The only other suggestion I have is maybe adding a few 15 minute parking spots on Spring and Church for pickup orders. With the public lots and garages, parking is definitely not an issue if I'm going out for a night or planning to wander downtown for a while, but if I just want to run in to grab lunch and might have a short window to do so, the extra time spent checking for street parking or walking a few blocks is a deterrent, lame as that sounds. If I knew for sure there was going to be a spot that would let me pop in and out I'd be more likely to do a quick pickup run. I felt this way even before the street was closed though. Either way I think a few pickup spots would be lovely.	6/22/2021 10:58 AM
790	I don't care THAT much, but I wonder about the negative impact on the non-restaurant retailers. I never cared to park on Morgan Square that much anyways and there is ample parking nearby.	6/22/2021 10:57 AM
791	Redesign the square as useful public space. While it is lovely and green, it does not support public gatherings and activities well.	6/22/2021 10:57 AM
792	The outdoor dining area gives Spartanburg a UNIQUE feel . . . I believe it will only benefit the city to keep the street as a dining area.	6/22/2021 10:57 AM
793	Keep the dining indoors or on the sidewalks. The streets on Morgan Square should be open to vehicular traffic. We pay taxes to operate our vehicles on the road. Open it back up!	6/22/2021 10:54 AM
794	Love the outdoor area and look forward to it becoming permanent	6/22/2021 10:53 AM
795	Keep it as is, even pave it as a patio. The traffic through there was already really slow and it helps expand seating for the restaurants and make the area feel safer for kids and dogs	6/22/2021 10:49 AM
796	This has provided tremendous opportunity for Spartanburg to lead in downtown activity and living.	6/22/2021 10:47 AM
797	I haven't visited downtown area since you have closed the roads.	6/22/2021 10:46 AM
798	Would love even more locally owned dining and activity options	6/22/2021 10:45 AM
799	I have some mobility issues on occasion, and have always found it challenging to find convenient parking downtown. Now that Covid restrictions have been lifted, it's only fair that ALL businesses in that area be able to get back to pre-pandemic business. Unless these restaurants are paying a hefty premium to close down a public street for their benefit, they are receiving an unfair advantage.	6/22/2021 10:44 AM
800	I enjoyed the outdoor space during the fall and spring. It's just too hot now and not fair to all businesses to keep it closed when getting such minimal use	6/22/2021 10:43 AM
801	If we keep dining we need to try to make it look nicer..have restaurants table & chairs coordinate	6/22/2021 10:40 AM
802	I love the dinning in Morgan square, but I know having the road closed really hurts a lot of non-food businesses. So I'm in favor of closing it on the weekends and keeping it open during the week. I come to downtown in the middle of the day during the week and it it rare to see many	6/22/2021 10:40 AM

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people sitting in the dining area in Morgan square. Sidewalk seating is great! Just close it on the weekends! Also I wish personal scooters and skate boards weren't allowed in the square (I know blue duck scooters aren't-love those by the way) I've almost been hit by skateboarders and personal electric scooters more times than I can count while I'm trying to enjoy dining on the square.

803	Some of the best areas in cities I have visited are set up similar to how MS is now set up - only pedestrian traffic. It creates a safe space to enjoy what the square has to offer.	6/22/2021 10:37 AM
804	None	6/22/2021 10:36 AM
805	Love the closed area! Feels safer for families to eat and walk in the area	6/22/2021 10:34 AM
806	I really appreciate the City's commitment to de-emphasizing car traffic in favor of more human elements.	6/22/2021 10:31 AM
807	I feel so much safer gathering in Morgan Square with the square closed, and also feel safer crossing church st/ main st/ magnolia st with cars slowed due to rerouted traffic.	6/22/2021 10:30 AM
808	We love the way downtown looks and flows wit the seating options outside. It is exactly what Spartanburg needed!	6/22/2021 10:29 AM
809	I haven't really dined in any of the restaurants specifically in Morgan Square, but I fully support keeping it more pedestrian-based. I think it makes it a really nice downtown area. And it's such a *small* inconvenience to just drive around the block. It's not necessary to be able to drive through that section of Main Street	6/22/2021 10:29 AM
810	I think the outdoor seating is great for to spend time outside and enjoy the weather. I would be fine seeing the road open during winter months because no one will want to eat outside then. But the amount of parking that is actually available on Main Street does not make a difference and it's not out of peoples way to go around the block. It doesn't take any less time because of the lights.	6/22/2021 10:24 AM
811	I have very much enjoyed having Morgan square closed to traffic. The expanded seating and safety of eating without traffic has created an inviting atmosphere. I fee better bringing my dogs downtown. Parking has not been an issue; plenty of garage parking near everywhere I need to go. I hope you all decide to keep Morgan square closed and turn it into more of an event space, outdoor eating area, and gathering spot.	6/22/2021 10:20 AM
812	During a pandemic, when we were doing all we could to ensure that businesses survive, it made sense to let businesses use the open space in the street. Now that we're coming out of the pandemic, we shouldn't give free resources to businesses so they can expand their dining area. If they want to use the street to accommodate their business, then they should also be willing to compensate the city in some way. It could be a traditional pay structure or something else (they're responsible for sponsoring downtown music events, for example). But it's unfair for the city to give free resources to a handful of businesses that it can't give to others. If the city can't give an extra dining room to restaurants that aren't in downtown for free, it shouldn't be in the habit of doing so for a handful of restaurants that are in downtown.	6/22/2021 10:18 AM
813	Open road back up. It's for travel	6/22/2021 10:17 AM
814	Dining outside is wonderful. Look at Italy and other countries that have outside Dining. Being outside is good for us all. Air,trees, birds, sky, the beauty of our town.	6/22/2021 10:15 AM
815	I think it's ridiculous to have provided this free expansion to so few of the businesses on and around the square for so long. The barriers are an eyesore. If it's outdoor dining Spartanburg wants I believe the space should be general seating, buy your food and take it outside to the tables provided.	6/22/2021 10:14 AM
816	It's a great idea. Put city events and concerts down there to attract more.	6/22/2021 10:10 AM
817	I refuse to eat outside .and never in the street	6/22/2021 10:10 AM
818	I'd much rather see a larger outdoor seating area/outdoor activities than worry about getting hit by a car not watching where they're going. I would also love to see a curbside pickup area for restaurants if possible. It would be more convenient to eat at a lot of these places if they did curbside behind their buildings. I don't always want to eat out, sometimes I just want takeout.	6/22/2021 10:08 AM
819	I think the closing of the street for dining and pedestrian is an excellent way to bring more people into downtown. It creates a warm welcoming feeling. And it looks great.	6/22/2021 10:07 AM

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820	We love the outdoor seating. There are many roads in the area and limited traffic. It is nice to see families playing on the green and eating.	6/22/2021 10:06 AM
821	As someone who prefers eating outside any time, even before Covid, I have loved the expansion. To me it's not an inconvenience to drive around the area. I do understand that shopping and other businesses may be affected though.	6/22/2021 10:06 AM
822	Love the extra outside dining. Would love for it to be a little more "green/ floral", giving the appearance that it has always been an outside dining experience and not the appearance as a temporary thing	6/22/2021 10:04 AM
823	The pandemic is not a huge worry now with vaccines available to all. You can eat inside now. The only reason you ever did this was to help the restaurants when all we could do is limited capacity and outdoor dining. It was great then. But now there's no reason for that temporary crutch/solution. Reopen Main Street. The non restaurant businesses there are losing business because tables and chairs are clogging the sidewalks so they don't get foot traffic or vehicle traffic passing for potential customers to stop in. On top of that, it is a HUGE inconvenience to have to drive around Main Street and deal with more red lights when Main Street is a direct route. And lastly, with special events coming back with the pandemic restrictions totally lifted, traffic will be worse. Think of traffic flow after Red, White, and Boom or the Christmas Parade. It's slow already. Taking the Main Street route out will only make that worse and more dangerous.	6/22/2021 10:04 AM
824	I think it's great if people are utilizing it and it allows restaurants to reach a larger clientele. Would think about reopening Main Street in the colder months as outdoor dining doesn't make as much sense then	6/22/2021 10:03 AM
825	We immigrated from Australia to Spartanburg in March this year. Closing off the main street on weekends for expanded dining is one of our favourite things and has meant we have come every weekend to dine since moving. It makes a lovely space for our family to dine safely. Our friends back home are jealous of this!	6/22/2021 10:02 AM
826	Added outdoor dining options at the Main St. restaurants has been a huge benefit. Most of those locations don't have space for a patio, so expanding into the street has been really nice. I still find the retail spaces in the closed section of Main St. accessible, and the road closure has not negatively affected the frequency with which I visit those businesses.	6/22/2021 10:02 AM
827	Since the closure, the square has become a quiet, peaceful, and safe gathering place for dining and music. It is wonderful not to be startled by loud trucks and motorcycles. Please keep this area closed to traffic Thurs through Sunday so Music on Main can be more enjoyable. A vehicle noise ordinance is needed downtown.	6/22/2021 10:02 AM
828	I love it! I would actually like it closed off all the time but I think weekend closure for pedestrians is a reasonable compromise.	6/22/2021 9:58 AM
829	Love the atmosphere the outside dining space gives the city! In the winter months it isn't used as much but when it is warm I love all the people outside enjoying their meals and good music :)	6/22/2021 9:57 AM
830	Move the tables to the grass. Parking is terrible and I don't understand why it has to be in the street. I don't really go to the other side of Main St anymore because of not being able to drive straight down and I don't think it's fair to those businesses.	6/22/2021 9:56 AM
831	Keep outdoor dining	6/22/2021 9:56 AM
832	I think the expanded outdoor dining should continue until we are out of the pandemic. Vaccination rates are low in Spartanburg and I would not be comfortable dining indoors.	6/22/2021 9:55 AM
833	I frequent eating at downtown restaurants due to the fact there is plenty of space to eat outside now and now there are not cars rolling beside you while you are eating. It makes for a much more pleasant experience.	6/22/2021 9:51 AM
834	If that is going to become a fixture in downtown Spartanburg it needs to look better than metal fences with tarps over them. It looks tacky.	6/22/2021 9:51 AM
835	You killed downtown once, you'll do it again	6/22/2021 9:50 AM
836	I love not having cars in that area!!	6/22/2021 9:48 AM

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837	Big fan of improved walkability the closed street provides - downtown seems much more accessible this way and encourages longer stays	6/22/2021 9:48 AM
838	If hybrid works best, I think some reworking of the street itself is going to be important, and I also think that you can't give restaurants free space without some agreements, licenses, etc.	6/22/2021 9:48 AM
839	I like it a lot	6/22/2021 9:47 AM
840	While I understand concerns of other wanting this to be open, I find that when we go out for a drive I do not detour around Main Street except where it is closed. There are plenty of roads to turn on to go back towards east main. We have not dined downtown since covid, but allowing the restaurants to use the road and allow for ore space for other would entice me to come and dine out again soon!	6/22/2021 9:45 AM
841	There are many places we can drive to go eat, shop, etc. Why not have this different? I love being able to be downtown without having to worry about my young son walking into traffic. Plus the research is clear- walkable is superior.	6/22/2021 9:44 AM
842	We have spent so much money on Morgan square over the years it has to stop! We can't keep redesigning and rebuilding the square every time someone has a new idea or need. We need to be more focused on the emergency issues or town faces like homelessness, broken families, drugs addiction, crime, EDUCATION SPENDING, access to healthy foods, caring for our elderly. The list goes on of more import things to be doing than another Morgan square makeover!!!	6/22/2021 9:44 AM
843	Since W. Main Street has been closed, I have started visiting downtown Spartanburg more and more frequently. Where I might have gone once or twice a month prior to the closure, my friends and I will meet downtown 3-4 times a week now for dinner or to grab drinks and hang out. I never shopped downtown prior to the closure as none of the stores were particularly interesting, but have noticed that sitting out at the tables in front of the stores now sometimes something will catch my eye and I am more likely to step into the stores. Parking has not bothered me at all, if I cannot find street parking I either use the valet, or am always able to find parking at City Hall	6/22/2021 9:43 AM
844	the street closure makes it so much easier to bring children to Morgan square. There is much more room to move around. Even when that portion of the road is open I typically avoid it bc traffic gets backed up in that area.	6/22/2021 9:39 AM
845	I have absolutely loved the outside dining, I find myself eating downtown waaay more with this new option.	6/22/2021 9:36 AM
846	It's difficult to believe that actual customers have declined in the businesses of Main Street across from Morgan Square. It seems reasonable to run a trial test to track the numbers of "walk ins" as well as actual sales totals for those businesses over a specific period of time with Morgan Square closed to traffic and with outdoor seating compared to when Morgan Square is open to traffic. Then you'd have actual data to compare rather than impressions and conjecture. With the F8 Yard in that block, one would think foot traffic would remain fairly constant. Also, it could be that the pandemic effected foot traffic and that hasn't recovered yet. You need to develop hard data.	6/22/2021 9:09 AM
847	These restaurants have a sidewalk for tables if they want outside seating! It's a pain to have to bypass that area to get uptown! Please open up that area so the uptown area flows. People can also sit inside now! During the heat of the summer who wants to eat in this heat outside , plus what a waste during the day . Open this street up!!!!	6/22/2021 9:02 AM
848	Main Street should be Main Street NOT Blocked Street	6/22/2021 8:56 AM
849	It's dangerous. It's starting to look like five points. How safe is it really? Underage drinking is at a high risk. And i have seen it with my own eyes. Also these businesses are filling up the square with tables. When that could be used for other things for events. It's just a waste of space and makes it very difficult to enjoy when most of the time it's just drunk people running around.	6/22/2021 8:53 AM
850	It's been a real pain for everyone since the road has been closed.	6/22/2021 8:52 AM
851	Road needs to be open. Not enough people using this area to have it shut down	6/22/2021 8:49 AM
852	I believe the Morgan Square dining area is truly only beneficial for Delaney's	6/22/2021 8:43 AM

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853	yall are killing the retailers. They are still paying the same price without the visibility while you've given the restaurants expanded square footage for free.	6/22/2021 8:39 AM
854	The closure looks ugly and people think downtown is closed. The restaurants can put tables on sidewalk. The retail stores will have more business if they will stay open past 5 too.	6/22/2021 8:39 AM
855	It's 100 degrees in the Summer...I can't imagine anyone wanting to sit outside. Maybe do closures during the Spring & Fall when it's not so miserably hot/cold.	6/22/2021 8:33 AM
856	It is really a waste of the space as very few people eat outside in the heat.	6/22/2021 8:27 AM
857	Other cities have streets that are closed like Morgan Square. For example look at Louisville.	6/22/2021 7:56 AM
858	I actually don't mind it being closed for the most part. There are just days where it would be nice to be able to drive through rather than go around	6/22/2021 7:54 AM
859	It's easier if I can park close to the or in front of the stores I want to shop in,I have a hard time walking,and carrying my bags would be easier.	6/22/2021 7:46 AM
860	Streets are made for cars, not tables and chairs. Either open the road all the time, or shut it down permanently and expand Morgan Square. If you shut it down permanently, then I would suggest Dunbar on the other side of Morgan Square be closed permanently also.	6/22/2021 7:43 AM
861	The expanded Morgan Square promenade has only expanded foot traffic based on my experience. Rather than the space being used as a means to drive by the storefronts the space is used by patrons. It is also a safer alternative to having traffic drive through the square, especially when events such as the ice rink and Music on Main are there.	6/22/2021 7:40 AM
862	Open main st.I will Shop and eat.until then I will not go to Morgan square.	6/22/2021 7:37 AM
863	Love the outdoor dining and walking area in the square.	6/22/2021 7:30 AM
864	I think the area could be revamped into something that is permanent, inviting, and nice. People will still want to come shop and explore downtown Spartanburg	6/22/2021 7:30 AM
865	not interested in outdoor dining especially in summer months	6/22/2021 6:53 AM
866	Love eating outside, but also hate to see other businesses not benefit	6/22/2021 6:45 AM
867	It is nice having a larger area to walk and sit. I do not believe it has taken up too many parking spots, those were always impossible to get anyway.	6/22/2021 6:15 AM