

Octavia 'Open Street' Open House (June 4, 2018) – Comments Summary

- General reception (*comments with an evident position received at the event or by email*)
 - Positive (22)
 - 8 – Expand Octavia St car-free space between Fell and Linden streets too
 - 6 – This will improve safety (have seen many close calls, people drive too fast)
 - 3 – Temporary closures were successful
 - 1 – This will provide a respite from the growth in traffic congestion in recent years
 - 1 – This will enhance the park space
 - Somewhat positive (2)
 - 1 – Also slow traffic on Linden St with traffic calming
 - Somewhat negative (2)
 - 1 – Could design the streets as 'living alleys' instead of closing them
 - 1 – Consider relocating residential permit parking proposed to be removed
 - Negative (8)
 - 4 – Concerned about additional traffic on Linden St
 - 3 – Concerned about loss of parking / curb space
 - 1 – Concerned about changes in traffic circulation and access
 - 1 – Closing Octavia St on the west side of the park doesn't make sense (not as activated as east side, access into park limited due to planters)
- Specific feedback
 - *Public space*
 - Neighborhood needs more people/pedestrian space
 - We need more 'elbow room' for people around Patricia's Green
 - The park should feel more peaceful and enjoyable (i.e., without vehicle traffic)
 - *Traffic safety*
 - Improve pedestrian safety when crossing Octavia St at Fell St (near playground)
 - Put in a traffic signal to control the crosswalk at Octavia & Fell streets
 - Add traffic calming (e.g., speed humps, textured pavement) to Linden St
 - Prioritize slowing traffic over closing Octavia St to vehicles
 - Positive on raised crosswalks and stamped asphalt proposed for Linden St
 - *Traffic operations*
 - Consider closing both sides of the park, Fell–Hayes (not just Linden–Hayes)
 - Consider making Linden two-way cul-de-sacs at the Octavia St ends
 - Concerned for maintaining the pedestrian-focused nature of Linden St
 - Consider how to reduce double-parking on Linden St
 - Enforce the 'right turn only' on Octavia St southbound onto Fell St (idea: consider moving bulb-out to other side to channelized right-turn)
 - Require right-turns from Octavia's local lanes at each block to limit thru traffic
 - Make sure the collapsible bollards are easy to repair/replace
 - *Bicycling*
 - Maintain bike access in closure area [staff comment: bikes would be permitted]
 - Stripe bike symbols on pavement within closure area to show bicycling is allowed
 - Add "look right" stencil on Hayes St bike lane to remind riders to look for traffic
 - *Parking*
 - Retain parking – already in short supply
 - Remove parking – reallocate to wider sidewalks / public space
 - *Other*
 - Consider how to prevent the collection of trash (especially on the west side)
 - Concerned for construction impacts from 'living alley' improvements
 - Try to keep the unique, open vibe after the PROXY space goes away