

Taylor Whittingslow

From: Bryan Gallagher [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 3:48 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Paid Public Parking (agenda item 10 11/12/25)

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Dear City of Grass Valley council members,

My name is Bryan Gallagher, and my wife Mariah and I have lived in Grass Valley all our lives (30+ years). The first thing I wanna say is that I deeply appreciate the care and intentionality you put into serving our city and its community. I love that our infrastructure and downtown has been growing into something beautiful and a little more modern without losing the small town charm.

We care deeply about this community and the people who make it special. We understand that larger cities often move toward paid parking to manage growth, but we hope the council will reconsider doing so here. One of the things that makes our town so inviting is how accessible it is for both residents and visitors.

Introducing paid parking could create unnecessary barriers, especially for people who work downtown, like my wife, and for patrons who might otherwise stop in to support our local businesses. Free and easy parking encourages people to spend time, shop, and connect in the our community.

We respectfully ask that you explore alternatives that maintain that accessibility and preserve the welcoming, small-town feel that makes Grass Valley special.

Thank you for your time and for your dedication to serving our community.

Warmly,

Bryan & Mariah Gallagher

530-615-7218

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From: CHAN RACHELLE - Voicemail box 8880 <noreply@voicemail.goto.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 3:40 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Voicemail from CHAN RACHELLE at ([REDACTED]) on Nov 12 2025 3:38 PM
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Time: Wednesday, November 12 2025 3:38 PM

From: CHAN RACHELLE [REDACTED]

Duration: 39 seconds

Voicemail box: 8880

Transcript: My name is Rochelle Chan. My address is 15242 Greenway Place, and as a lifelong resident of Nevada County, I strongly oppose the implementation of paid parking in downtown Grass Valley. Introducing parking fees would deter myself and many others from shopping locally, as it would create an unnecessary barrier to supporting our community businesses. Our town's charm lies in its accessibility and welcoming atmosphere and paid parking could jeopardize that. Let's prioritize the needs of our residents and maintain the vibrant local shopping experience that defines Cross Valley.

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From: Kathy Tillett [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 2:05 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Downtown parking fees

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I am against charging to park in the downtown area. If you do charge for parking, it should be only on weekends or for events. Locals will stop shopping downtown if you charge for parking.

Thank you.

Kathy Tillett
Grass Valley resident

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From: Dave Alfred [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 10:10 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Paid Parking

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There's nothing I need downtown. But we go there for the experience — to walk around, window shop, and socialize. Maybe buy a book, grab an ice cream, a slice of pizza and a beer, or a burger and a beer — none of which I specifically went downtown for, just spontaneous moments. Sometimes we even buy something we didn't need or didn't know we wanted — that's part of the charm of downtown life.

Now the city wants to charge for parking? I already spend less time in Nevada City ever since they installed meters. This would just push locals to do the same here — go elsewhere. Maybe it means more time on our beautiful trails, or better yet, inviting friends over for dinner instead of heading downtown.

Instead of wringing a few extra dollars out of the people who are already supporting local businesses, **how about enforcing the existing time limits? Or maybe focus on enforcing traffic laws — sit at Sierra Star and watch how many people roll through stop signs or stare at their phones instead of watching the road or the pedestrians right in front of them.**

Paid parking isn't going to revitalize downtown — it's going to drive people away.

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From: Mary Ann Townsend [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 5:50 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Parking Fees

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I hope that parking in downtown Grass Valley will continue to be free of fees. It seems that paid parking will encourage shoppers to go elsewhere (Freeman Lane, McKnight, Brunswick, Main Street) to shop, and it would be detrimental to downtown Grass Valley businesses.

Mary Ann Townsend,
a fifty year resident who shops downtown

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From: Nikie McElroy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 6:51 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Downtown parking vote

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Dear City Council,

I am writing about the vote for paid parking in downtown Grass Valley. I cannot attend the meeting in person, but wanted to lend a voice to the request of not implementing paid parking. I love going downtown, especially now that it has been redone, and go there frequently. I take my son to the library and Lazy Dog. I love grabbing a coffee at the Fergan and getting dinner at Thirsty Barrel or Tofanelli's. Parking downtown already can be a hassle when there is an event or when it is busy. If you make people pay to park, it will hurt the business downtown. I personally won't come as often because I think it's ridiculous to have to pay to then shop. Especially at the proposed prices. We are a small town, we should be keeping that small town charm and whimsy. All you have to do is watch the one lot you already put a ticket machine in to see this plan will cause harm to the town. That lot is almost always empty because people cart like the plague. No one wants to pay so they will drive around and walk further to avoid that machine, or just turn around and go home. If the problem is employees parking in lots that are for customers, then you need another plan to fix the problem. Forcing the town to pay for bad employees will hurt all of the businesses instead.

Thank you,

Nikie Fruzza

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From: Tamie Lopez [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 6:48 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: NO for paid parking downtown

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Dear Board members,

I don't believe you should charge for parking in the downtown area. I'm a resident of Grass Valley and I would hate to have to pay for parking. I believe it will discourage local people, who are the ones who shop downtown the most, from shopping downtown. Target will get all the profits. Free parking there. Is that what you are trying to do? Make more people shop at Target?

Free parking is what makes going downtown easy and convenient. Now we will have to "find" free parking on the side streets or any place we can find, because we DO NOT want to have to pay.

This is a bad idea. Find something else to make money, don't punish the locals.

Sent from me

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From: Jannessa Slade [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 4:47 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Comment regarding paid parking downtown voting NO

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Hi there,

I work downtown at Bang! Hair saloon and am sending this message regarding the downtown paid parking idea, I will like to voice that I vote no and feel it will prevent people from coming to downtown or feeling like they need to rush through shopping to get back to their car to avoid being charged more which will impact stores from receiving maximum amount of shoppers wanting to stroll and take there time. Just my opinion. My vote is No.

Thank you

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From: GANSTER CONSTR - Voicemail box 8880 <noreply@voicemail.goto.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 4:44 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Voicemail from GANSTER CONSTR at ([REDACTED]) on Nov 11 2025 4:43 PM
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Time: Tuesday, November 11 2025 4:43 PM

From: GANSTER CONSTR ([REDACTED])

Duration: 19 seconds

Voicemail box: 8880

Transcript: Yeah, I would like to vote no on your continued money grab on parking. No on the parking. My name is Dave. My address is 13670 Axle Court, Grass Valley.

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From: Lisa Landrie [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 12:35 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: New parking fees

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Why are you charging double to triple what Nevada City is charging? That's ridiculous, and will especially hit lower income families that want to spend time downtown. If having a couple glasses of wine is gonna cost me \$3 to \$5 in parking fees, I would choose to go to NC. Downtown merchants will lose business because of this. Keep things consistent with what nc does.
Lisa Landrie

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From: Kiso Cannon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 12:22 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Paid parking?

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As a lifelong resident of Nevada County, I strongly oppose the implementation of paid parking in downtown Grass Valley. Introducing parking fees would deter myself and many others from shopping locally, as it would create an unnecessary barrier to supporting our community businesses. Our town's charm lies in its accessibility and welcoming atmosphere, and paid parking could jeopardize that. Let's prioritize the needs of our residents and maintain the vibrant, local shopping experience that defines Grass Valley.

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From: Kiso Cannon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 12:21 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Park downtown

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From: Derek Ware [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 10:25 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: No on paid parking

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To whom this may concern, I am concerned with charging people for paid parking in grass Valley. I work downtown quite a bit and I also have children that love to run to lazy dog and grab ice cream to pay every time we have to go downtown would definitely Discourage a lot of family from going and putting money back into the community.

Thank you, Derek Warw

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From: Lin Jovanovic [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 10:02 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Parking proposal

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Paying for parking will make it even more difficult to find spaces downtown, even with a new police officer assigned to tickets. That prat also seems like a waste of time as police are needed for more important activities. i think Grass Valley should build a parking structure first. That could be paid parking and would decrease the problems in the downtown area.

Lin Jovanovic
Resident of Grass valley
linmosaic@yahoo.com

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From: RICHARDSON J. - Voicemail box 8880 <noreply@voicemail.goto.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 9:01 AM
To: Public Comments
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Time: Tuesday, November 11 2025 9:00 AM

From: RICHARDSON J. [REDACTED]

Duration: 29 seconds

Voicemail box: 8880

Transcript: Hi, my name is Vicki Richardson. I live at 10854 Alta Street in Grass Valley. I am opposed to paid parking downtown Grass Valley. You're just discouraging the locals from coming down. I think tourists are used to paying. I just wanted to voice my opinion and tell you that I am not in favor of paid parking downtown. Thank you, bye.

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From: WISE JUDY - Voicemail box 8880 <noreply@voicemail.goto.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 8:35 AM
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Time: Tuesday, November 11 2025 8:34 AM

From: WISE JUDY [REDACTED]

Duration: 18 seconds

Voicemail box: 8880

Transcript: This town does not need that charging us for parking in the parking lot. It will hurt the businesses. People won't even pay to park and we'll see more stores closing.

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From: Jody Aha [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 8:33 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Paid Parking Proposal in Grass Valley

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Hello,

I would like to submit my objection to the proposal of paid parking in Grass Valley. Many residents already do not shop downtown due to the lack of parking availability. Charging for parking will provide an excuse for even more residents to not shop downtown. This will further hurt the small businesses in our town. The economy is bad right now and I'm sure many of those businesses are struggling. My guess is some will be forced to close their doors because the foot traffic is not there. A \$1.00 parking fee is excessive. Many are already struggling to put food on the table. Instead of making it more difficult for our community, why not find ways to make it easier for them to park and shop downtown. How about figuring out how to create more parking? It's already a nightmare to find parking during Cornish Christmas. And does this mean I would have to pay \$1.00 to run into the Library to pick up a book? We moved here five years ago and feel blessed to have such a unique downtown we can call our own. We would hate to see this additional fee exacerbate the situation.

Thank you for taking my comments.

Jody Aha

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From: WIRELESS CALLER - Voicemail box 8880 <noreply@voicemail.goto.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 7:49 AM
To: Public Comments
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Time: Tuesday, November 11 2025 7:47 AM

From: WIRELESS CALLER [REDACTED]

Duration: 28 seconds

Voicemail box: 8880

Transcript: Hello, my name is Tiffany Cresswell. My address is 10493 Broken Oak Court, Penn Valley, California 95946. My phone number is 530-263-1842. I'd like to vote no on the parking, the paid parking as we travel to West Valley for work. No on the paid parking. Thank you.

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From: Andrea Guild [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 6:40 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Paid parking

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Members of the city council,

I am writing to express my concern with putting paid parking downtown. The economy is bad enough as it is. Putting in paid parking is going to make it even more challenging for us to continue to support our local small businesses. Please say no to paid parking!

Andrea Gentry

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From: Kiso Cannon [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 11:27 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Paid parking down town

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Kiso

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From: Tisha Hamberlin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 8:01 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Paid parking on agenda

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To the City Council,

We don't want to pay for parking. So we just will stop going downtown if this passes. Please don't. It's not going to generate enough revenue to make it worth destroying the amazing vibes you have created here for our community.

Sincerely,

Tisha Hamberlin,
GV resident and local community member for many decades.

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From: Cindy Kennard [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 7:48 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Grass Valley Parking charges

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I have lived here in Grass Valley for 60 years. My mother grew up here, my husband and I have raised our children here, and our grandchildren are 4th generation residents. My family has seen much change in our area over the years. To be honest, because parking is so difficult in Grass Valley these days, the only shopping I do locally is at the grocery stores. Once, or twice a year I might shop for something specific down town. The parking problem is a deterrent. I don't even like going into Nevada City anymore because their parking is so terrible. I don't know how charging people to park is going to make anything better. What do plan on spending the parking money on?

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From: Sarah Giometti [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 4:18 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Downtown Parking Fees Is a TERRIBLE IDEA

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Absolutely not. This is a terrible idea and is the kiss of death for downtown businesses. We love going downtown, but having to pay parking fees will be a huge deterrent and will result in a lot of people just not bothering anymore including us.

Can you be any more disconnected from the state of the current economy? People are already struggling to pay their bills and put food on the table and you choose NOW to nickle and dime everyone for parking? What the heck are you thinking?

Do not pass this. Vote no. Protect your downtown businesses as they go into the holiday season most likely with reduced sales because people can't afford anything anymore. Good grief, this is a stupid idea.

Sarah Giometti
Alta Sierra Resident

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From: COGV General Voicemail
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 12:27 PM
To: COGV General Voicemail
Subject: Form submission from: Contact us



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Message:

To: Grass Valley City Council and Staff; info@cityofgrassvalley.com

Cc: The Union

From: Terry Lamphier, former District 3 County Supervisor; former
Grass Valley Planning Commissioner

RE: proposed reconstruction of "The Triangle": New Proposed Alternate
#6-B -

Keep freeway access for South Auburn using existing city property
November 10, 2025

To all:

As I understand it, the ideal goals of altering "the triangle" intersection area are to reduce pollution while facilitating traffic flow in the most cost effective manner while minimizing impacts on local businesses and tax revenue.

In ideal conditions, a traffic circle is superior to a traditional 4-way intersection utilizing stop signs/traffic lights but the complicated nature

of the City's currently approved proposal raises significant concerns that this assumed truism holds, particularly as apparently no traffic flow studies have been done, nor comparisons with strengths/shortcomings of other complex traffic circles, nor full consideration of the impacts of the South Auburn "right turn only" design.

As the existing approved plan has significant costs now and in the future, requiring expensive alterations to be made to correct the "right turn only" deficiency, it is incumbent upon the City to use due diligence to evaluate all feasible alternatives.

A major shortcoming of the currently approved plan is the "right turn only" designation for southbound traffic on South Auburn Street. Critics have pointed out that freeway-bound travelers will likely use the Safeway parking lot as a work-around. There is also the unaddressed issue of Neal/Mill Street intersection impacts. Staff has suggested a future (and likely, very expensive) additional traffic circle and/or re-engineering Bank Street to provide alternate access.

There is a third, unconsidered alternative: converting the City-owned parking lot just east of South Auburn (in the 150-block area) into a one-way street going from South Auburn east to Tinloy. This option would allow South Auburn southbound traffic to access the freeway. It would require a small land purchase or swap with the nearby hotel and a designated left turn lane on south bound South Auburn traffic (it would likely not allow traffic to travel east on Neal towards the freeway but this would still be possible by using Bank Street).

I have enclosed in the body of this letter a rough draft of a non-traffic circle option that illustrates this proposal (also attached), modifying my earlier design.

To reiterate advantages of minor and staged reengineering of existing streets using some variant of the enclosed proposal versus a complete large scale overhaul:

- reduces pollution
- maintains safety
- much lower costs
- minimizes impacts on traffic, businesses (and tax revenue) during and after construction
- would reduce number of traffic lights from 3 to 2 (or maybe one)

Under this alternate proposal, the two biggest expenses would be converting one block of the southerly portion of Hansen to a two way street and modifications to South Auburn and the City parking lot. Traffic studies would reveal whether a new traffic light would be required for the Hansen/Neal intersection versus keeping existing traffic control systems. For budget reasons, current under-freeway passage at South Auburn could be closed off with concrete barriers and developed later.

Respectfully,
Terry Lamphier

As a former building contractor, city planning department member and County Supervisor, I have a long history of creative problem solving. I always visited sites and met with affected parties and pertinent staff to learn first hand what opportunities and constraints existed, as I hope you have. If not, I'd be happy to meet you to walk the site. Thank you for your time.

See attached for Option 6-b

Attachment(s) (if applicable):

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From: Katrina Paz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 11:18 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Parking issue

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To Grass Valley City Council:

Charging cars to park will deter me from shopping downtown. I make specific efforts to go to town to support local merchants. Charging for parking will have a negative impact on those businesses and the community atmosphere.

Thank you,
Katrina Paz
Nevada County resident

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From: RICHARDSON N. - Voicemail box 8880 <noreply@voicemail.goto.com>
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Time: Monday, November 10 2025 9:55 AM

From: RICHARDSON N. [REDACTED]

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Transcript: Hello, my name is Nicole Richardson. I live at 19162 Connie Drive in Grass Valley. I'm calling because I object to you charging for paid parking in the downtown Grass Valley area. As a Grass Valley resident, I personally will stop frequenting those shops if I now have to start paying to be able to go shopping downtown. Please take this into consideration when you're thinking about putting up any sort of parking meters, as that will directly impact our local businesses, and it will directly result in local businesses likely having to shut their doors. If you have any questions, you can call me back at 408-612-2497. Thank you.

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