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Good afternoon,

I am writing to give my feedback regarding the Grass Valley Downtown Association.

I have been part owner of Gary's Place for 22 years and have managed for 25 years.

I am so very thankful for the current leadership of the GVDA. Their events, creativity, advertising and pride for the downtown are unmatched.

Never have we felt so included and recognized. I am so confident in their events that we sponsor as much as we can!

The businesses downtown are so fortunate we do not need to advertise because they do such an amazing job for us.

Our business has hit records and I attribute the foot traffic to the GVDA.

The leadership has proven to have our beautiful little town's best interests in hand.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Kim Spinella
Gary's Place
158 Mill St, Grass Valley, CA 95945

Kim

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Good Evening,

My name is Jordan Stratigakes and I am the General Manager at Grass Valley Provisions. I am writing to express my support for continued GVDA BID funding.

We have had the pleasure of partnering with the GVDA and sponsoring community events such as Brewfest, the Wine Walk, and the Car Show. These events provide valuable opportunities for our team to connect with community members, share information about our products, and build meaningful relationships with local residents and visitors.

We are thankful for the positive impact that GVDA's efforts have on local businesses and the vitality of downtown Grass Valley.

Thank you,



Jordan Stratigakes

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Transcript: Good evening. My name is Craig Hamilton, property owner and former GVDA board member and commercial real estate agent in Grass Valley. I was just calling on support of the Grass Valley Downtown Association and the importance that I feel that it has and hopefully the continuing support for it. I have been a property owner for almost 19 years, actually located right next to the old GVDA downtown office to where I've had a lot of interactions with them directly over the years and got to watch firsthand of all that is entailed in putting on the events and working to support the merchants. I've got to see a number of iterations through Howard Levine and some of the predecessors that came after him and the different versions of the GVDA and joined in during COVID and through the transition of combining with the chamber and working with the city. And in doing so, I've got a pretty in-depth experience of all

that is required and what it takes to put on and be a thriving organization, with the intention of helping the merchants and adding to the quality of the experience and being local and or a visitor into downtown Grass Valley. It is a lot of work and I saw it before when it was ran by one person with a handful of volunteers that it really is almost impossible to function in that fashion and was part of the motivation to combine with the chamber and really utilize the large membership of the chamber and partner with the city because it requires a village, no doubt. And in doing so, since then, you know, the numbers don't lie. Our vacancy rates have been basically zero for the past six-plus years. And I know the vents are up 20% in the last three years. And, you know, and the organization itself having, into its current iteration, having clean books, everything itemized, organized, it is a well-running oiled machine and, you know, that comes from, you know, a lot of effort and a lot of intentionality to have it be so. And I'm proud to see that it is partnering with the chamber and the city. I think that we're all working towards the same goals. And it's, you know, why reinvent it every time? Why not all work together going towards the same goal? And the town benefits from it and the merchants benefit from it. And as a property owner, we have benefited from it. So, you have my support and I hope they get your support. Thanks for your time.

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Cc: Reed Hamilton
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Here are our comments for the 6/9/26 Grass Valley City Council meeting. I plan to attend virtually (via the city website) and would like to make a general comment and also comment on agenda items 11 and 12.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Katherine Thompson, President

Sierra Express Bicycle Club of Nevada County

916.835.1541

Good evening Mayor and Council Members:

Sierra Express Bicycle Club of Nevada County (SEBC) has comments on three items. Background: The Club as over 150 members whose mission includes promoting safe bicycling in Nevada County. It also communicates with an additional 70+ bicycle advocates.

This Council meeting includes plans for significant investments in transportation.

General Comment:

Whenever the City invests transportation dollars, those investments should make Grass Valley safer and more connected for people walking and biking

Do this by:

- 1) Showing the public the active transportation improvements being planned,**
- 2) Closing connectivity gaps when roadways are striped, repaved, resurfaced etc**
- 3) Making sure every transportation project improves safety for people of all ages and abilities.**

Item 7: RMRA Funding. SEBC supports using RMRA funding for the 2026 Annual Street Rehabilitation Project on Idaho Maryland Road, particularly because the staff report identifies sidewalk improvements, curb ramps, bicycling facilities, Complete Streets elements, and implementation of the City's Active Transportation Plan.

We would appreciate clarification on several design details. What type of bicycle facility is proposed for Idaho Maryland Road? Will this be a standard bike lane, buffered bike lane, separated facility, or another treatment? SEBC recommends that the City use best practices in the bike lane design, to include separated/protected bike lanes, green markings, marking travel paths through intersections, etc. (SEBC provided the City its resource, "Bicycle Transportation Best Practices" earlier this month.)

We would also like to know what intersection improvements are planned, including pedestrian crossings, visibility enhancements, and bicycle accommodations at key crossings.

Finally, does the proposed design close any meaningful gaps in the bicycle and pedestrian network along Idaho Maryland Road, or is it primarily a pavement rehabilitation project with limited active transportation improvements? Since this corridor is specifically identified as advancing Complete Streets and Active Transportation Plan goals, it would be helpful for the public to understand what connectivity and safety benefits will be delivered. We look forward to meeting with the City to further discuss this project and understanding how and why design decisions were made.

Item 11: Fiscal Year 2026-27 Operating Budget Public Hearing

We appreciate the work that has gone into preparing the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget and the continued investment in projects that improve safety and mobility throughout Grass Valley.

We were encouraged to see funding for projects such as the Wolf Creek Trail Study, the Wolf Creek ATP Connectivity Project, the Centreville Bike Park, McCourtney Road pedestrian improvements, Loma Rica Trail improvements, sidewalk repairs, traffic safety projects, and street rehabilitation. These investments recognize that transportation is not just about moving cars—it is also about creating safe and connected options for people who walk, bike, use mobility devices, or access transit.

As the City moves forward with these projects, we encourage the Council to provide clear delivery schedules and identify public design-review opportunities early in the process. Residents are more likely to support and use these improvements when they understand the timeline and have meaningful opportunities to help shape project design.

We also encourage the City to prioritize safety and connectivity whenever roadway projects overlap with pavement maintenance or rehabilitation work. When streets are already being redesigned or resurfaced, it is often the most cost-effective opportunity to close sidewalk and bike lane gaps.

Item 12: Grass Valley Downtown Association Request for 2026 Parking and Business Improvement District Allotment

Regarding the Downtown Association's request, we appreciate the ongoing efforts to maintain and promote downtown, including sidewalk cleanup, transit partnerships, public amenities, and outreach related to parking changes.

As those efforts continue, we encourage the City and the Downtown Association to ensure that downtown remains welcoming for people arriving by all modes of transportation. This includes maintaining convenient and visible bicycle parking, providing clear wayfinding, and using "Walk Your Bike" messaging thoughtfully so that it improves safety without discouraging cycling access. Parking policies and downtown management strategies should recognize that many visitors and customers arrive on foot, by bicycle, or by transit, and those users contribute to a vibrant downtown just as drivers do.

Thank you for your consideration and for continuing to invest in a safer, more connected, and more accessible Grass Valley.

Katherine Thompson, President (916.835.1541)

Reed Hamilton, Transportation Committee Chair

Sierra Express Bicycle Club of Nevada County

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From: Stuart Campbell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 9:48 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: RE: improved bicycle facilities on Idaho Maryland Rd between Railroad and Centreville

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I would like to support the position of Katherine Thompson, President SEBC:

- We fully support improvements in bicycle facilities in Grass Valley.
- For the Idaho-Maryland Complete Streets Project, we recommend that the City use best practices in the bike lane design, to include separated/protected bike lanes, green markings, marking travel paths through intersections, etc. (SEBC provided the City its resource, "Bicycle Transportation Best Practices" in June 2026.)
- We ask that the City share its bike lane design with SEBC, commuters, and bicycle advocates so bicyclists can provide input to the project.
- We recommend that bicycle facilities continue to be a priority, especially for commuter routes that are in Grass Valley and routes to schools.

Yours very truly,

Stuart Campbell MD FACEP
Nevada City

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From: Rupert Long [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:54 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public Comment on Idaho Maryland Road Rehabilitation Project and Downtown Transportation Access

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Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing as a Grass Valley resident, parent, and cyclist regarding Items 7 and 12 on the June 10 agenda.

Regarding the Idaho Maryland Road rehabilitation project, I encourage the City to include a protected bicycle facility as part of the final design.

I regularly ride with my children, and Idaho Maryland Road is one of the most important connections between neighborhoods, trails, schools, businesses, and downtown. For example, when riding with my kids to Gold Country Gymnastics, we must travel along Idaho Maryland Road. While it is technically possible to ride there today, vehicle speeds and traffic volumes make it feel unsafe, particularly when riding with children.

This project presents a rare opportunity to create a corridor that families can comfortably use. I encourage the City to consider protected bike lanes, green pavement markings through conflict areas, and signage reminding motorists that bicyclists are expected and welcome users of this roadway.

Improving this corridor would do more than make individual trips safer. It would help connect the Loma Rica area, the trail system, downtown, and the proposed Centerville Bike Park/Pump Track. If the City is investing in bicycle facilities and destinations, we should also be investing in safe ways for residents and children to reach them without needing to drive.

I would also like to comment on downtown transportation access.

Recently, while riding with my children on Neal Street near Mill Street, a driver yelled "roads are for cars" and gave me the middle finger as he passed. My children were with me when this occurred. What struck me was that we were riding legally on a roadway that already includes bicycle markings, yet there remains a perception among some drivers that bicyclists do not belong on our streets.

As the City and Downtown Association continue their efforts to improve downtown, I encourage them to reinforce the message that Grass Valley welcomes people arriving by all modes of transportation. Roads are public infrastructure that serve residents traveling by foot, bicycle, wheelchair, transit, and automobile. Bicycle parking, wayfinding, and positive messaging about shared road use can help create a downtown environment that feels welcoming to everyone.

My request is simple: build facilities that make families feel safe riding, and continue sending the message that bicyclists belong in Grass Valley.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rupert Long
Grass Valley Resident

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From: Claire Chapple [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:21 PM
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Subject: Support for Idaho-Maryland Bicycle Improvements June 9th Meeting

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Dear City of Grass Valley Council Members:

I am a Grass Valley home owner and full time resident at 640 Morgan Ranch Drive. I am writing to support approval of funds to be allocated for improving bicycle facilities in Grass Valley because I strongly support and look forward to a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly City. The proposed Centerville bike park will add value to our community for years to come. People will visit Grass Valley to experience the park and hopefully spend some money in our local stores while they are here. Connecting our communities safely is a win for all ages, for locals as well as guests. Please consider approving this project and please consider sharing the bike lane design with SEBC, commuters, and bicycle advocates so bicyclists can provide input to the project.

Thank you,
Claire Chapple

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Hi City Council,

It's Jess, the Unlikely Gems guy from Instagram. I'm writing because I've become increasingly aware of the Flock Cameras all over town. I don't like being tracked, and I can't opt out of it. Flock makes me feel like I'm living in a surveillance state. I also realize smart-phones are notorious trackers — but I have agency to do something about that. PLEASE let's remove this Flock garbage from our town. Santa Cruz got rid of theirs, let's do the same.

Thank you for your service, Jess.

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Transcript: Hi, my name is Jess Regal and I Become aware recently of the flock cameras all over town and grass valley and I've started to notice them as I'm driving by and I vehemently oppose these types of tracking devices it just makes me feel uncomfortable and like Like I'm living in a surveillance state as I'm driving around town Even though that I'm not it's like I hear the argument like well if you're not I'm not doing anything wrong like why should I worry about it? But I Still don't like it, and I don't think that we need it and I think that it would be a safer and a more trusted community without These devices and I don't even know where I mean period and also You know, how is this information? Like, where is it even going? It's going on the internet, it's going on the cloud. It's so Big Brother, you know, 1984. Like, it's unnecessary and I, my public comment is, let's remove all these. Thank you so much.

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Mayor, Council Members, and City Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the Grass Valley Downtown Association (GVDA) and its annual BID Assessment funding.

As a hotelier on the fringe of downtown, I have a unique perspective. I hear directly from the people choosing to visit our town—why they came, what they loved, and what made them want to return. Over the past four years, the feedback has become overwhelmingly positive, and much of that conversation centers around the energy, events, and sense of community the GVDA has helped create downtown.

Visitors consistently mention how welcoming, vibrant, and authentic our town feels. They talk about the events, the walkability, the local businesses, and the atmosphere that makes this community special. Over the past several years, I have heard increasing praise for events such as Cornish Christmas. One guest recently shared that *"Cornish Christmas was superior in every way. We loved it. The splendid Christmas tree in the center, the stalls and stores, the food offerings, the friendly folk, the atmosphere—everything came together beautifully."* Comments like this have become increasingly common. Attendance has grown to the point that our hotel now adds parking lot security on Friday nights during the event—not because of concerns, but because of the increased volume of visitors enjoying downtown. To me, that reflects both the event's success and its growing appeal as a regional destination.

At the same time, I understand the concern many residents have about maintaining local identity and preserving the character of our town. I do not believe supporting tourism and supporting locals are opposing goals. Through my volunteer work at events such as Thursday Night Markets and Cornish Christmas, I have had the opportunity to interact with both residents and visitors. What I consistently see is that these events bring the two together. Locals enjoy gathering with friends and supporting community traditions, while visitors appreciate the opportunity to experience something authentic rather than a manufactured tourist attraction. Our hotel guests are often delighted to discover the Thursday Night Markets during their stay, describing them as an unexpected highlight of their visit. In my experience, the strongest tourism economy is rooted in exactly this kind of authentic local culture.

The GVDA has helped strengthen that balance. It is not simply bringing people into town; it is creating opportunities for local businesses, encouraging community participation, and helping generate the kind of positive reputation that benefits all of us. Tourism supports jobs, restaurants, retail, lodging, and city revenue, but beyond economics, it also builds pride in our community. When visitors leave excited about their

experience here, that reflects the work being done by organizations and volunteers who invest their time and energy into making our community a place people want to visit—and return to.

The positive impact I have witnessed over the past four years has inspired me to become more involved in supporting downtown initiatives and community events. That desire to engage more deeply in our community reflects the confidence I have in the direction the GVDA has taken and the value it continues to bring to residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

For these reasons, I strongly support the continued work of the GVDA and the investment that allows these efforts to continue. The positive impact on our downtown, our local businesses, and our community has been clear, and I believe the momentum built over the past four years is worth sustaining.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

KathE Garcia

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Message:

Hello, I am a resident of Grass Valley and I was recently made aware of the fact that the city council had denied merchants on Mill Street the ability to put Pride flags on the street for pride month. This seems a great Injustice to a large number of Grass Valley and Nevada County residents and a ridiculous inability to meet the needs of the 21st century in America. I do hope that you reconsider and place Pride Flags along the Mill Street corridor, so that all humans who live here feel celebrated. Thank you so much for paying attention to this message.

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Tracie Hicks

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Your Phone Number:
[REDACTED]

Message:

Please stop the flocking of our town! We don't need them we don't want them! They are atrocious! They emmit EMFs and are not conducive to the aesthetics of the area! We are already surveilled left right and center! It's a waste of money and energy and just beyond the realms of sanity! Please! Please! Please no more!

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Susan Frisbie

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Message:

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,
I appreciate the opportunity to address this issue and want to begin by making one point very clear: this discussion is not about being anti-technology or anti-law enforcement. Law enforcement should absolutely have effective tools to investigate crime and help protect the community. My concern is about transparency, constitutional safeguards, and the long-term implications of normalizing large-scale surveillance infrastructure within our communities.

The issue is not simply the presence of a camera on a street corner. The concern is the creation of a searchable historical record of the movements of ordinary, law-abiding people. Systems capable of storing and analyzing movement data fundamentally alter the balance between government authority and individual privacy.

Constitutional protections are most important before abuse occurs, not after. Safeguards exist precisely because history has repeatedly shown that surveillance technologies often expand beyond their original purpose once the infrastructure is established. Even when current

leadership acts with good intentions, future administrations, agencies, or outside entities may not operate under the same standards.

The existence of searchable movement histories can also have a chilling effect on lawful activity and free association. People may begin to reconsider attending protests, political meetings, religious services, counseling appointments, or other lawful activities if they know their movements may be permanently logged and searchable.

The Fourth Amendment was designed to protect citizens from broad, generalized surveillance without individualized suspicion. However, modern surveillance technology has advanced far more rapidly than the legal protections surrounding it. Our current legal framework has not fully adapted to the scale, permanence, and interconnected nature of these systems.

If these technologies are truly intended to be narrow, carefully controlled tools for legitimate investigations, then meaningful safeguards should not be controversial. Strict data retention limits, transparency requirements, independent audits, public reporting, and clear restrictions on data sharing should be considered minimum standards rather than optional protections.

Ultimately, this debate is not about whether law enforcement should have investigative tools. It is about whether communities should normalize systems capable of tracking and storing the historical movements of innocent people at scale.

Constitutional rights are far easier to preserve before surveillance technologies become permanent infrastructure. Once systems like these become deeply integrated and normalized, reversing them becomes extraordinarily difficult.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our community.

Respectfully,
Susan Frisbie

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