



# WORKSESSION MEMORANDUM

<b>DEPARTMENT</b> Administration	<b>PRESENTED BY</b> Christy Doon - Interim City Administrator	<b>DATE</b> December 4, 2023
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## ITEM

Regarding F Street Plaza Survey Results and Future F Street Uses

## BACKGROUND

In 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Salida closed F Street, from Sackett to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to allow for restaurants and other retail establishments to move some operations outdoors. F Street was closed from approximately Memorial to Labor Day Weekends. In 2021 the street closure was then extended to a half block of F Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. During the closure, minor improvements to the area were made, including more substantial barricades at the end of each block (painted and some with flowers), additional covered seating in various parking areas, the placement of a community stage in front of Natural Grocers, to name a few.

In early November, a survey was released, which asked a number of questions regarding the amenities available during the closure, the effectiveness of the closure and how often residents and visitors traveled downtown. The responses show a wide cross-section of opinions about the closure. The survey results are attached.

Points for the Council to consider during discussion –

- During the closure, access to downtown buildings by fire or other public safety officers is severely limited. The downtown is the highest risk area for the fire department.
- A full implementation of a permanent pedestrian plaza would cost in the multi-millions of dollars. Currently, the improvement is not reflected in the City's Long Term Financial Management Plan.
- ADA improvements at the corners of F Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and F Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street are currently in the design phase, with completion planned for 2025. Those improvements include expansion of the sidewalks on those corners, which could include additional pedestrian space or other amenities meant to slow traffic and create a greater sense of safety.
- The community stage can be relocated to Alpine or Marvin Park and be programmed by event organizers in other locations.
- The option for businesses to expand into the parking spots in front of their buildings still exists. These permits are available through the Clerk's Office.
- The City is currently working to improve the wayfinding signage throughout the community, including in the downtown core. This includes additional information about available parking, location to other businesses and access to trails and parks.

Questions before the Council –

- Do you want to continue with the closure of F Street to vehicles during the summer months?
- Are there particular improvements the Council would like to see in the future?

# F Street Pedestrian Area User Survey

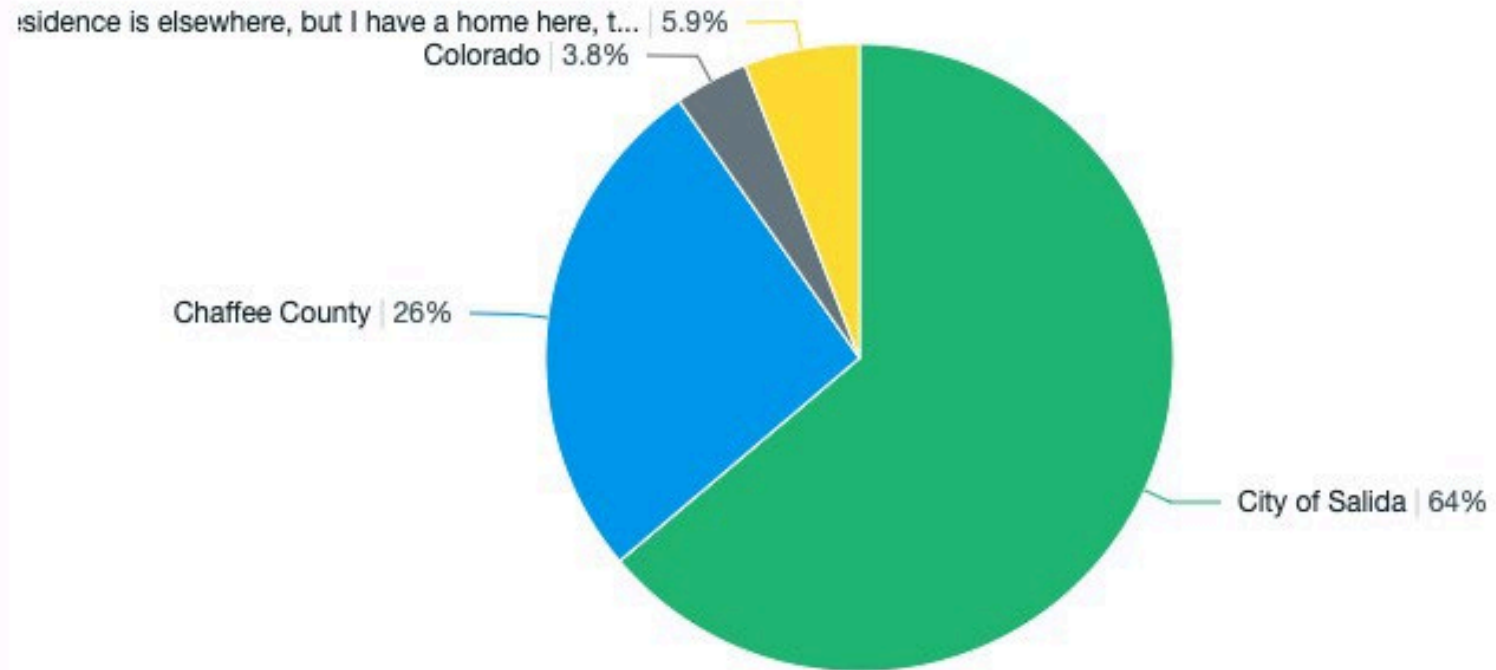
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# Primary Residence

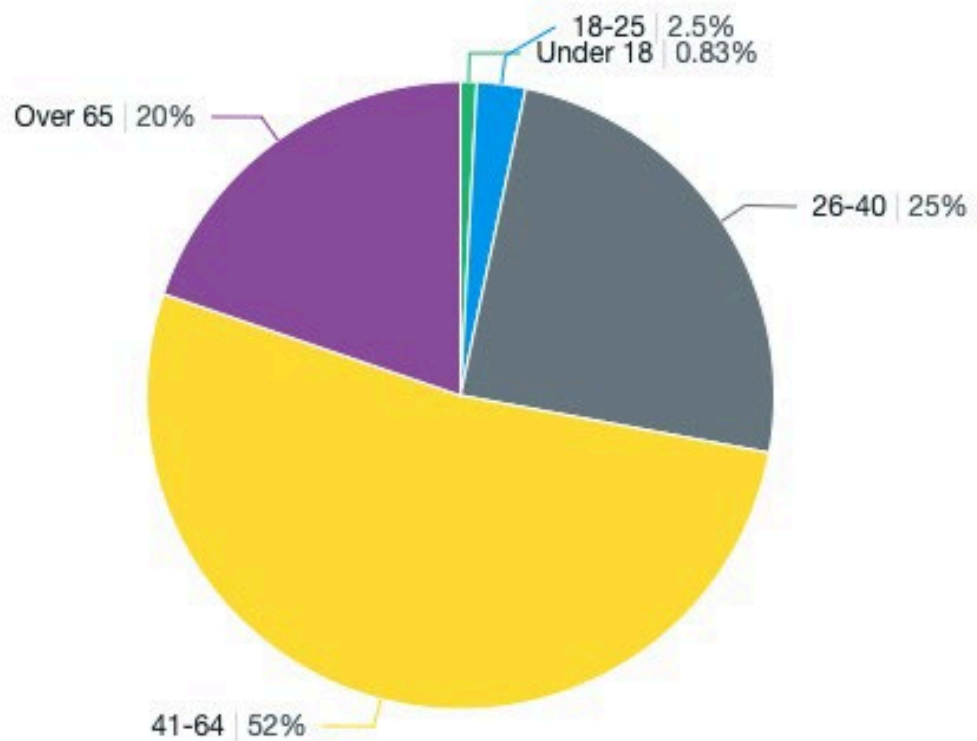
1. Where is your primary residence?





# Age Breakdown

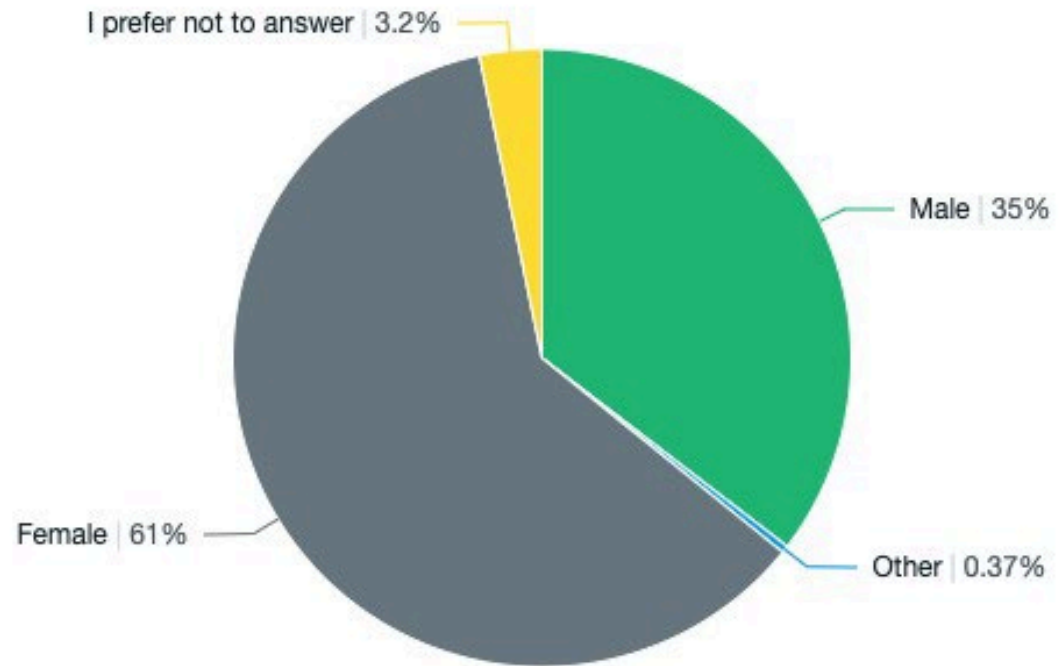
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# Gender Breakdown

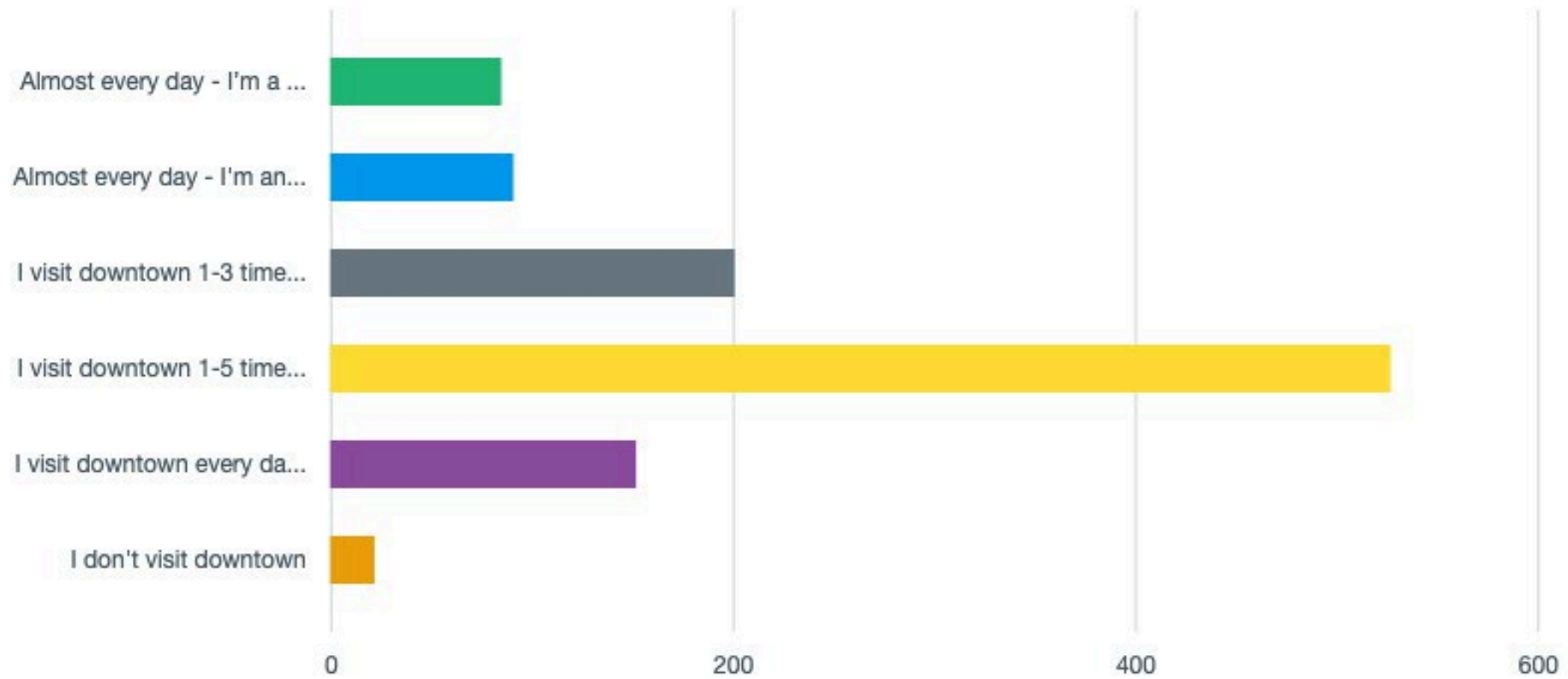
## 3. Gender: How do you identify?





# Downtown Visit Frequency

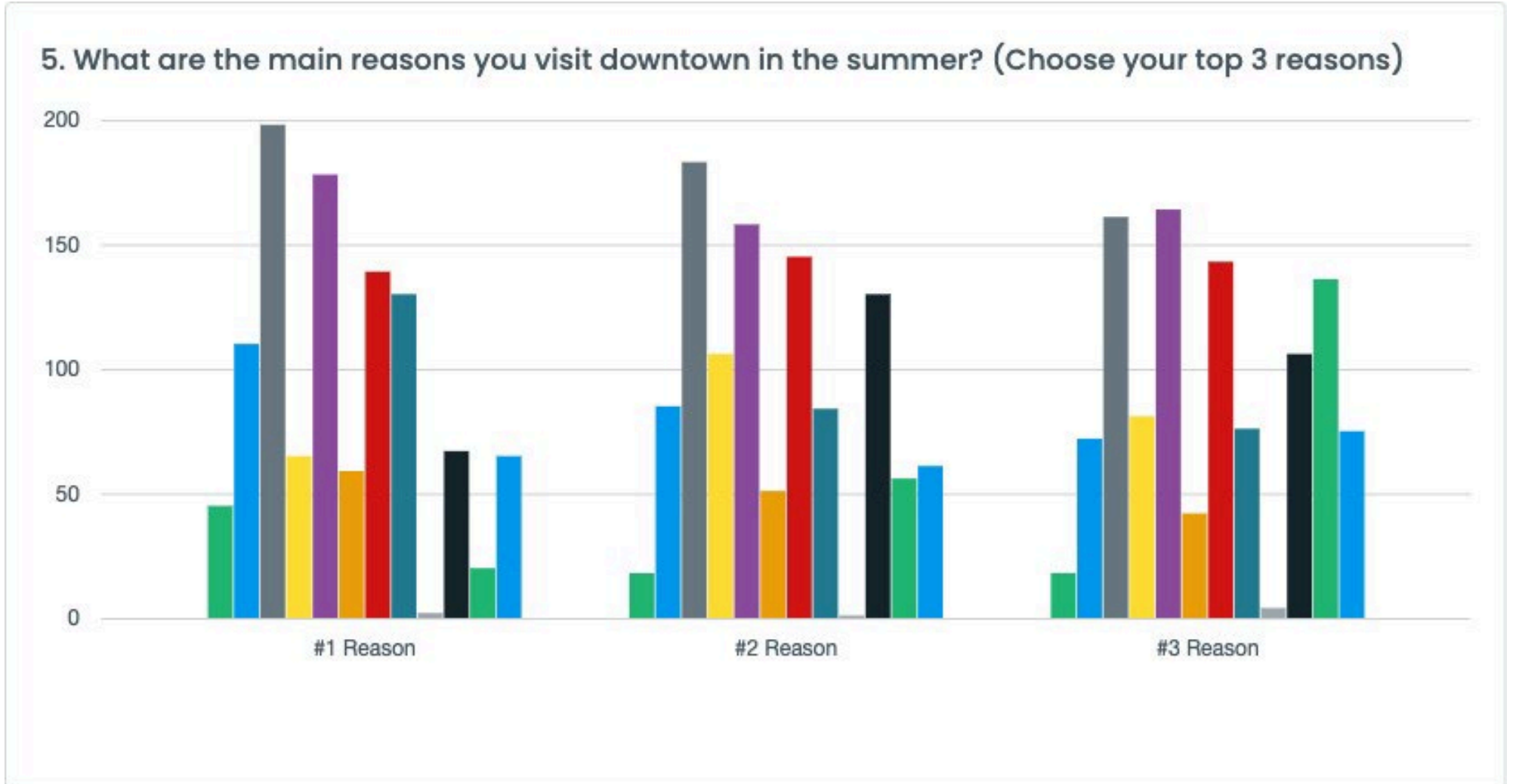
4. How often do you visit downtown in the summer?







# Top Reasons to Visit Downtown





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Reason #1	Reason #2	Reason #3
Dinner – 198	Dinner – 183	Retail Shopping – 164
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Meeting Friends – 139	Meeting Friends – 145	Meeting Friends – 143
Trail Access – 130	River Access – 130	Festivals – 136
Lunch - 110	Live Music – 106	River Access – 106
River Access - 67	Lunch – 85	Live Music – 81
Park Access - 65	Trail Access – 84	Trail Access – 76
Live Music – 65	Park Access – 61	Park Access – 75
Professional Services – 59	Festivals – 56	Lunch – 72
Breakfast - 45	Professional Services – 51	Professional Services – 42
Festivals – 20	Breakfast – 18	Breakfast – 18
Visit Bathroom – 2	Visit Bathroom – 1	Visit Bathroom - 4

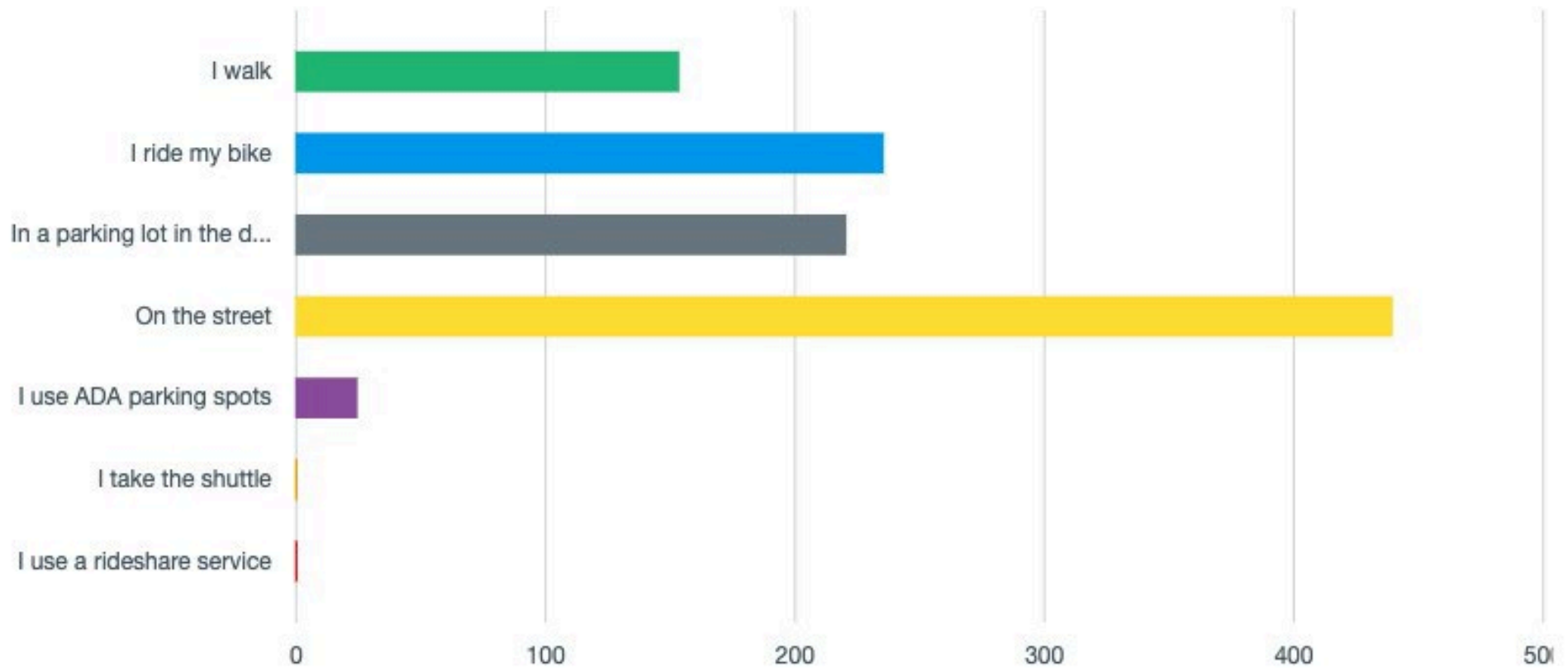






# Parking

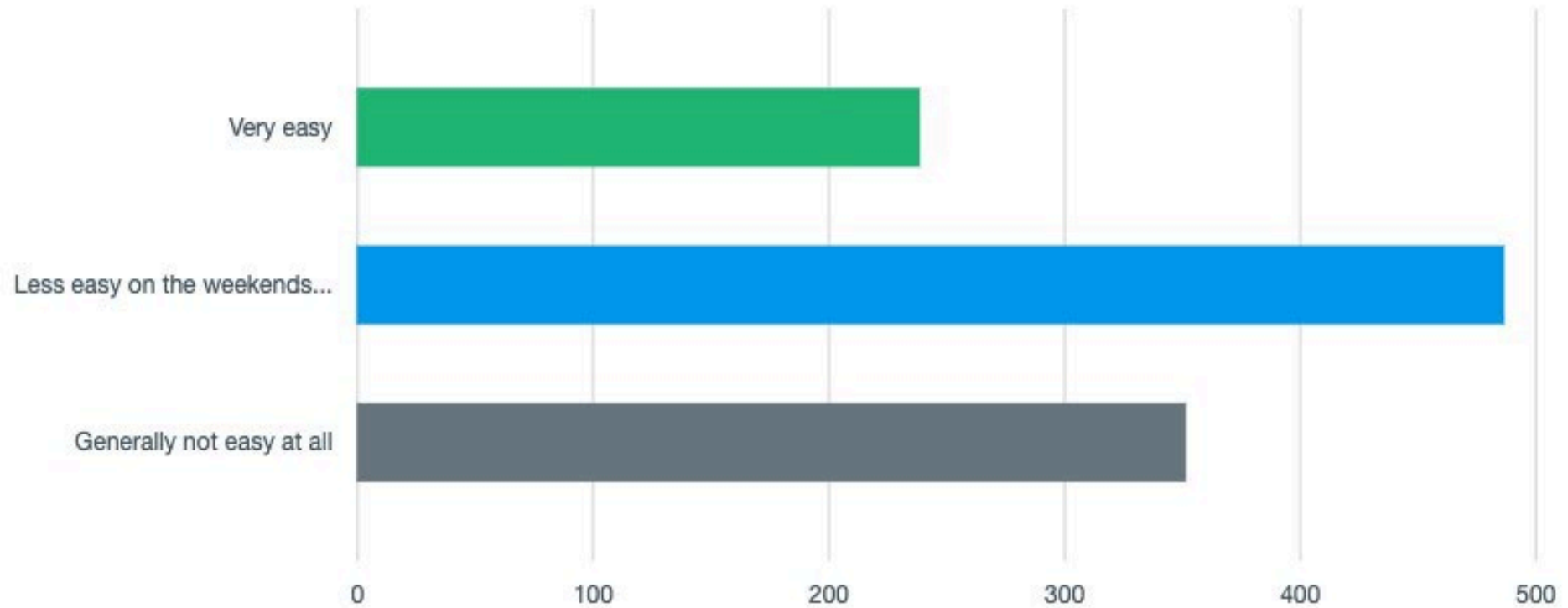
## 6. Where do you usually park?





# Ease of Finding Parking

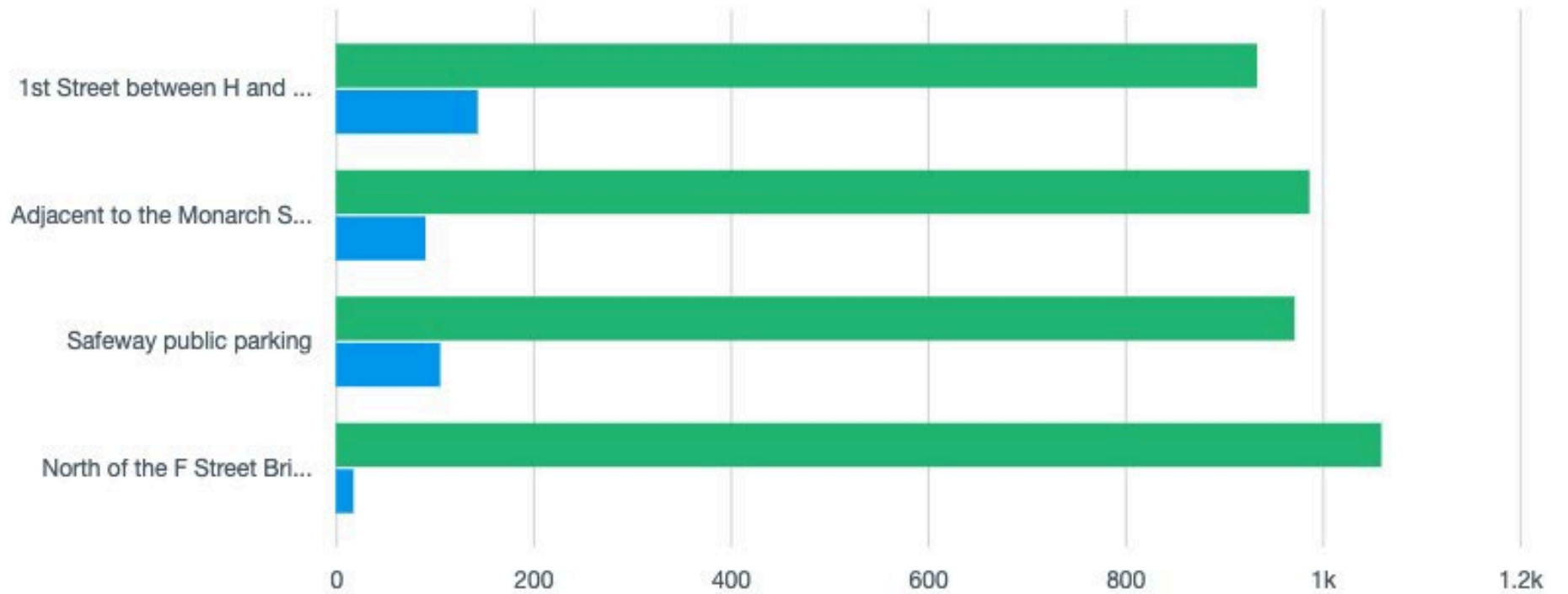
7. With the pedestrian mall on F Street in place, how easy is it to find parking in and around downtown?





# Public Parking Options

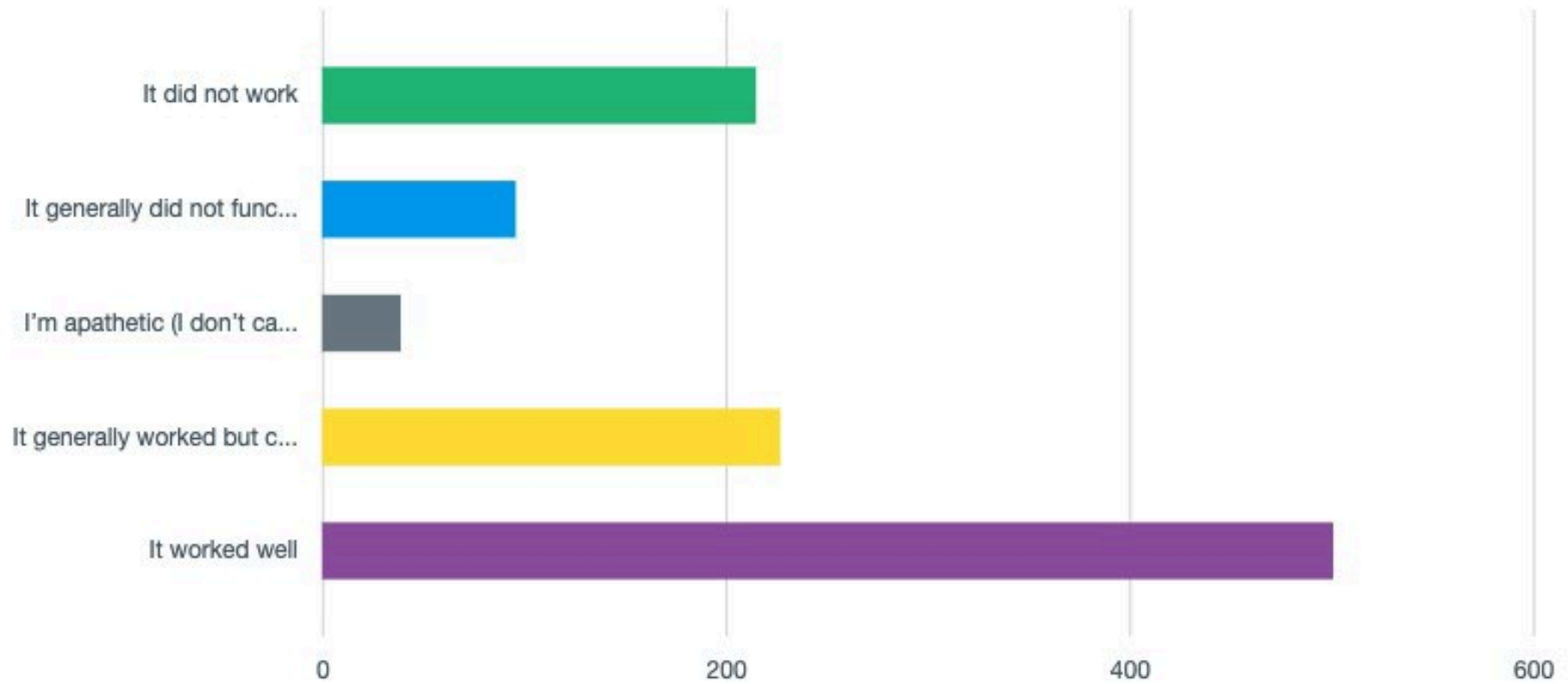
8. Are you aware of the following parking lots within a quarter of a mile from the downtown core?





# How Did F Street Closure Function?

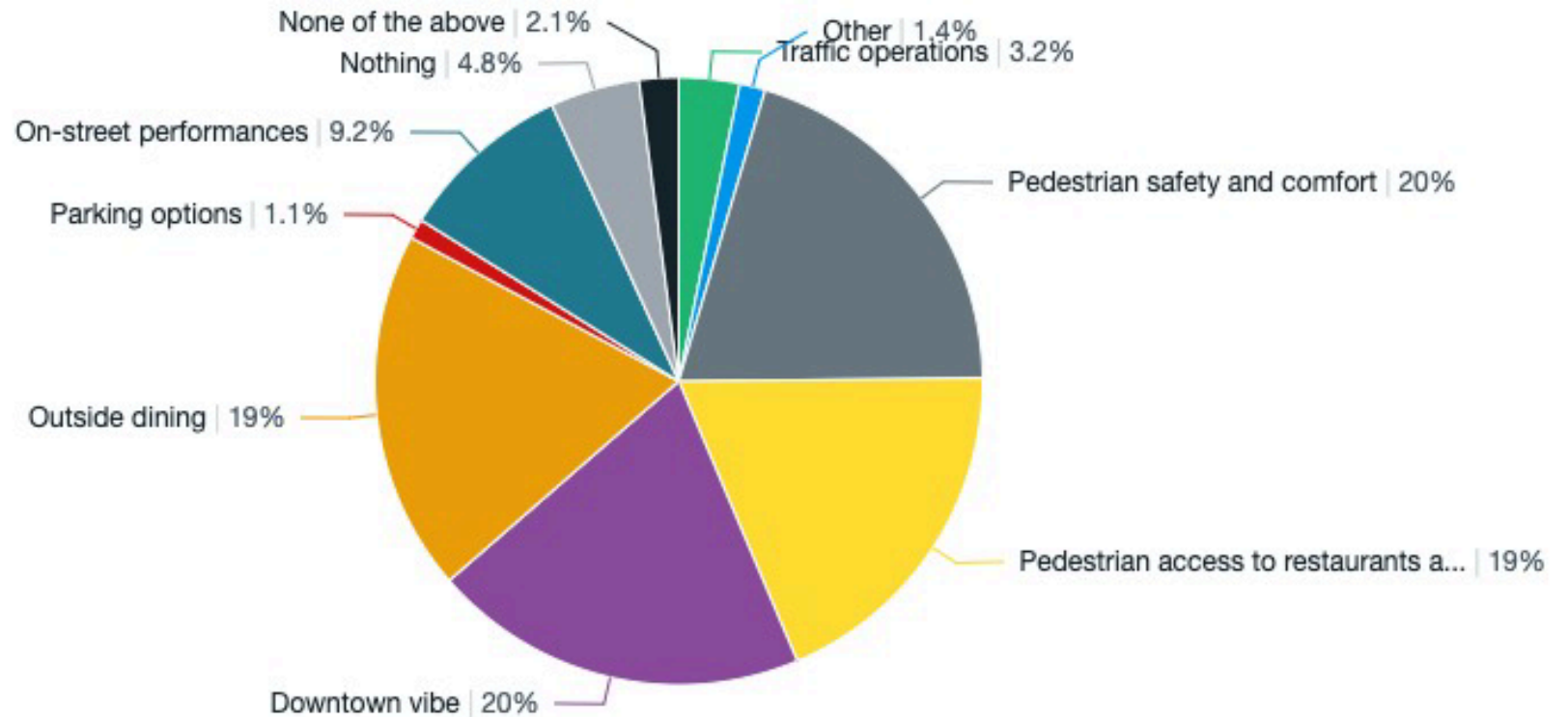
9. From your perspective, how well did the F Street closure function?





# Likes about F Street Closure

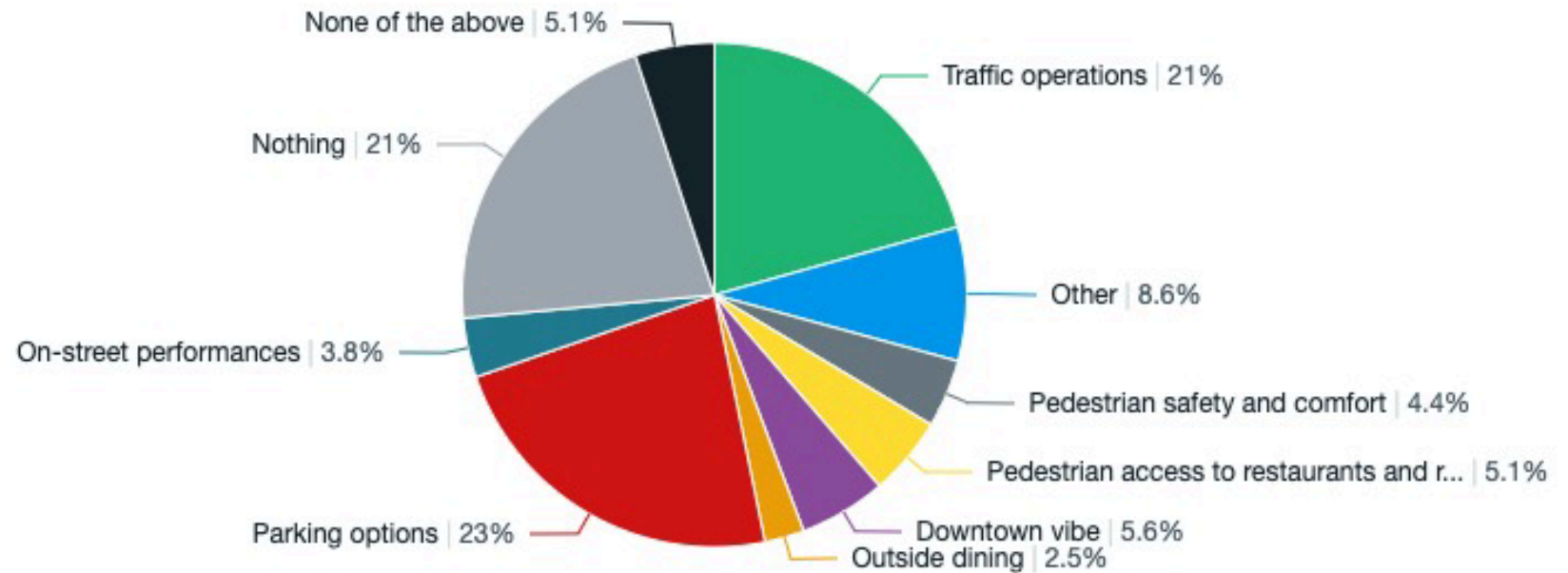
10. What did you LIKE about the F Street closure? Pick all that apply.





# Dislikes about F Street Closure

11. What did you DISLIKE about the F Street closure? Pick all that apply.

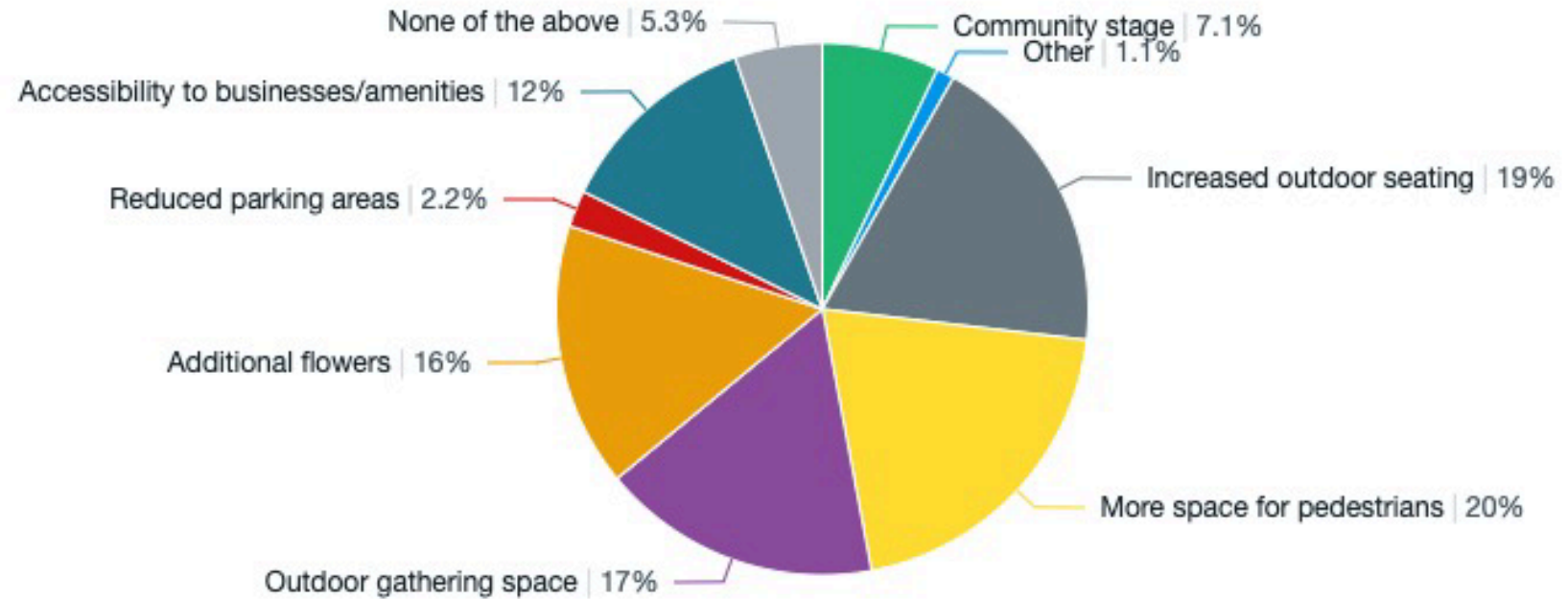






# Likes about F Street Amenities

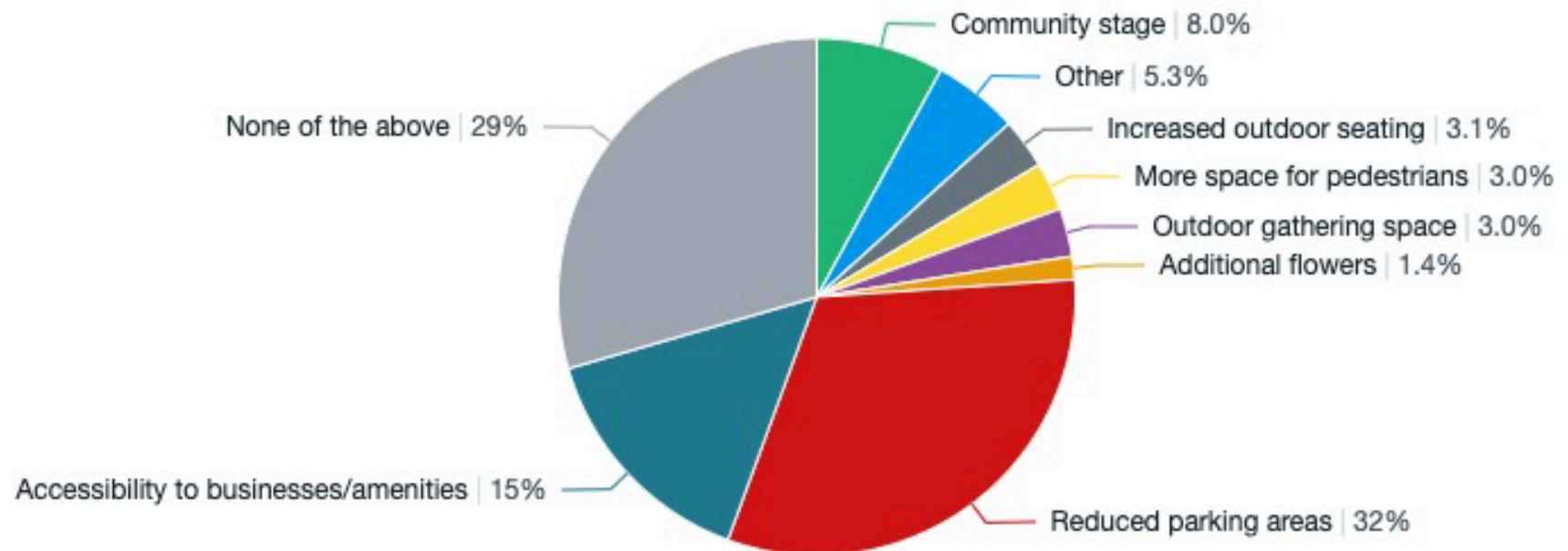
12. From the list of items below that were part of the temporary closure, which ones did you LIKE?





# Dislikes about F Street Amenities

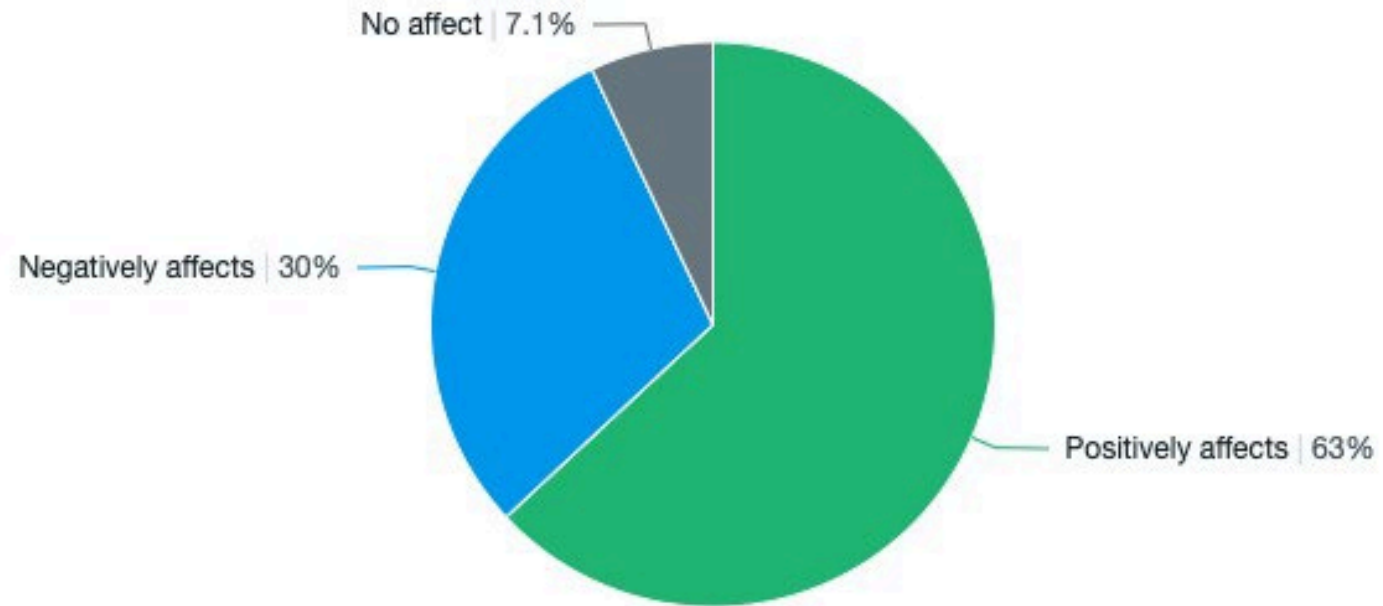
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# Affects of the F Street Closure

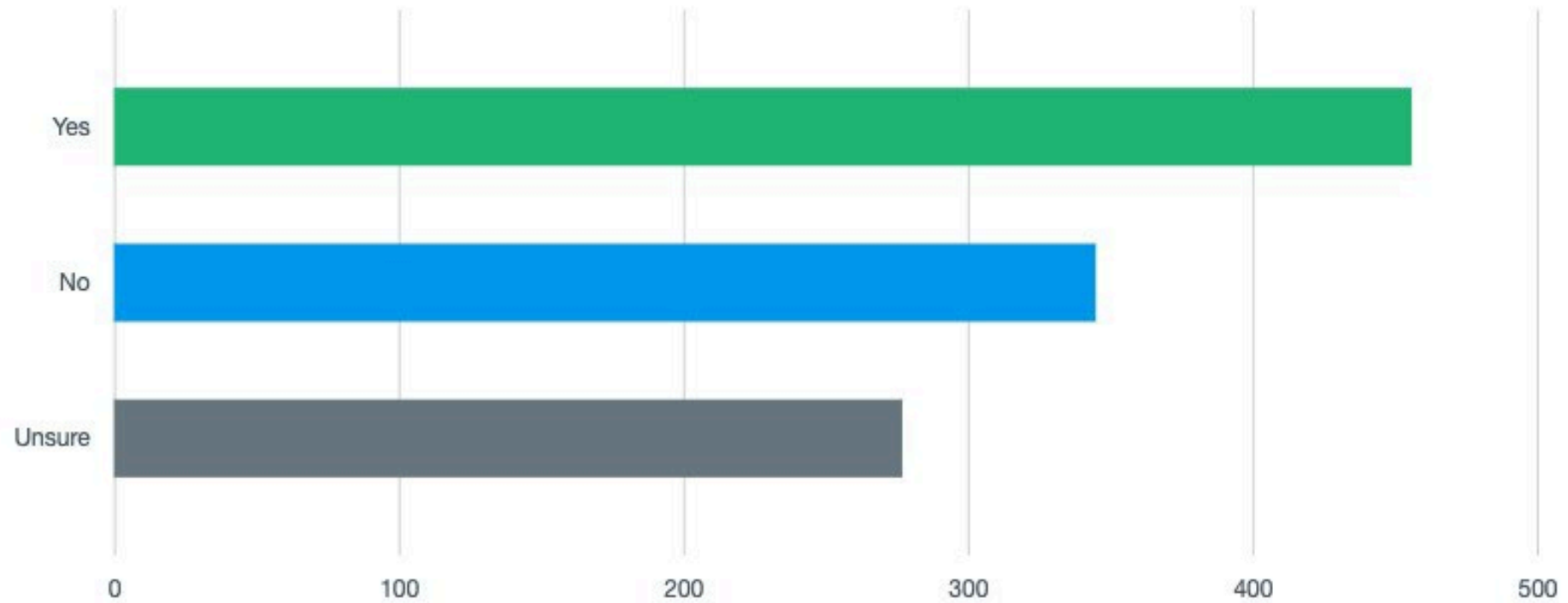
14. Do you feel the closure positively or negatively affects other functions in the downtown area?





# Air Quality Affects

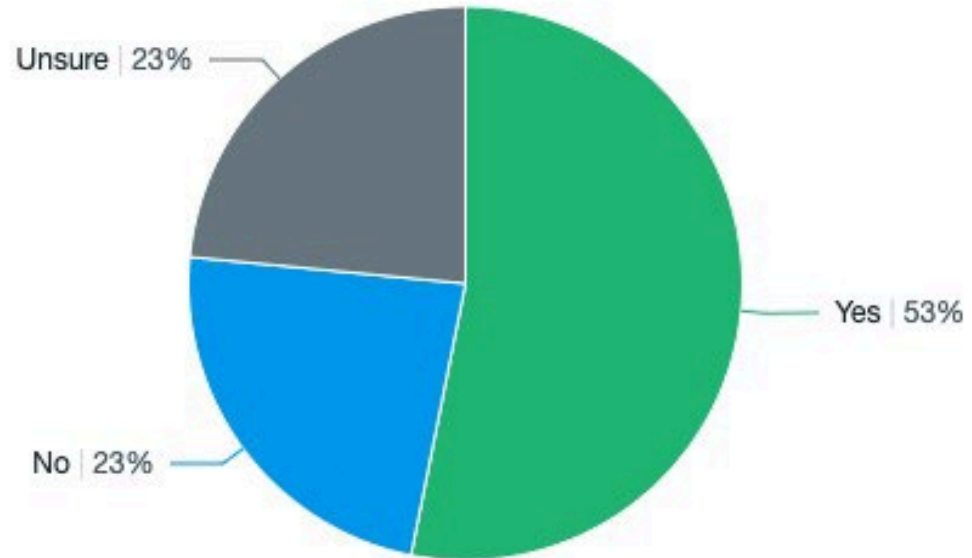
15. Do you think closing F Street to traffic improves air quality downtown?





# Alternative Transportation Options

16. Would you support alternative transportation options, such as shuttles, to visit downtown?



1. Where is your primary residence?	2. What is your age?	3. Gender: How do you identify?	17. If you have any additional comments about the F Street Pedestrian Area, you may leave them here.
Chaffee County	Over 65	Female	I frequently skipped shopping merchants on F Street during the closure. If I just needed to pop in & out, the closure made it inconvenient. Its probably great for tourists but it can be a hassle for locals.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	lots of secure bike parking might motivate me to ride my bike more often.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	Love the flash mob River Tribe performamces
Colorado	41-64	Female	The only ones benefitting are the restaurants. It kreos more people away from the shops than it brings to them. As a shop owner i got complaints everyday about the closure and parking. Also, It's ugly...like hanging out in a parking lot. Why would you want to hang out on hot pavement when there are two grass parks and a river!?
City of Salida	41-64	I prefer not to answer	More signage for the businesses not on F. Much improved directions and signs for parking. PLEASE remove semi traffic and RV traffic from first downtown. It's not wide enough and I have watched many near misses of vehicle vs pedestrian or vehicle vs vehicle



City of Salida	41-64	Female	It should be turned into a permanent park with trees, flowers, and some grass planted down it to beautify it. You could run a golf cart shuttle for the elderly or have a bike caddy for people. Then it could have pop up cafes or food trucks too. The limited food choices in this town are terrible and more restaurants continue to close. If you walk downtown today there are two restaurants that are closed, one bar, and multiple retail stores. The town seems to be in decline. Turn F street into something quaint and pretty that people want to visit. Also, create a job for someone to do snow removal for all downtown businesses. It's unsafe and silly that when you stroll downtown in the winter some businesses don't shovel . Even Alpine Park doesn't always get shoveled. This is the vein of the city. It needs to be taken care of and turned into something more than just barricaded streets.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Please stop blocking F St. It is extremely inconvenient for the people that live here. It also gives a very unfair advantage to retailers on F St. versus retailers in other locations.
Chaffee County	41-64	Male	Act like a town for us locals. Not catering to the weekend snobs. This isn't Aspen or even Buena Vista. Keep it local!!
City of Salida	41-64	Male	It's a good idea for the busy summer season ONLY, due to the increased pedestrian foot traffic in recent years, which seems to increase each year. I'm cool with it, but only seasonally.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	The downtown is too small to have eating on the street and blocked streets. Preserving the downtown does not mean making it more dangerous for pedestrians bicyclers parked car is on both sides of the streets. Too many people too many vehicles too many pedestrians walking around is just dumb.

City of Salida	Over 65	Male	Shuttles from where? Don't know if it would work for me. I own business downtown. It sux.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	I think it should be permanent with permanent green space and more bench seating etc...like pearl st in boulder.
My primary residence is elsewhere, but I have a home here, too	41-64	Female	Keep F St closure! It makes downtown nicer!
Colorado	41-64	Male	As long as Accessible Patking is factored in, keep it closed. The downtown area is fabulous when not overrun by loud cars and drivers not watching out for pedestrians. The extra walking required from the satellite parking lots is a small price to pay for the small town vibe and sense of community.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	Need to make it more equitable for the businesses on side streets. Signage. Perhaps even closing the street parking in front of those businesses so there's more pedestrian area and more flowers
Colorado	41-64	Female	I think salida would like to sto0 downtown truck traffic, as evidenced by other changes that have been attempted or proposed. Everyone wants gravel, nice roads and all that but no wants the trucks or the gravel pits that make that possible. We generally avoid downtown salida, especially in the summer and on weekends. It's not worth the hassle of all the people and the lack of parking. My elderly mother cannot walk that far so I can't take her to lunch or shopping down there anymore.
City of Salida	18-25	Female	I don't mind it in the summer, although I do miss parades on f street when it is closed. I like when it it open during winter. Sometimes a nice drive down f street is nice.

Colorado	26-40	Female	I can't believe we're willing to shut down downtown to appease tourists. It's not functional. Entitled pedestrians are a major hazard. Just because they have one way they don't have to actually stop at. There's zero parking as it is and then we sit down downtown there's even less parking in areas. I'm sure businesses suffer some as well.
Colorado	41-64	Female	Why fix something that wasn't broken. As someone on oxygen...I stay away from downtown as much as possible during the summer...its an inconvenience to try and find parking just to enjoy lunch... if you are elderly.
Chaffee County	26-40	Female	The F st closure was missing ambiance and excitement this past summer. It felt forgotten about and barren. The mist tent/bar is such a cool idea and should be expanded throughout! More busking and celebrations of music and expression, maybe a roller skating rink or more INTERACTIVE , THEMED communal parties! Bring the community -TOGETHER-
Chaffee County	26-40	Male	I used to live in Boulder where there is the Pearl Street Mall. I understand that is a pedestrian street year-round, but I wish that Salida took after that model with more kid-friendly activities, street vendors and artists. Most days I visit F Street in the summer it feels dead and not worth the closure/reduced parking.
Chaffee County	41-64	Male	Salida needs a parking garage. Not more .5 million dollar condos.
Chaffee County	41-64	Male	If additional parking could be secured and accessibility assured, I'd love to see year round closure.
City of Salida	Over 65	Male	This was a very good assistance during the pandemic. Now it hurts more than it helps.

City of Salida	41-64	Male	F st should be a pedestrian street year round. I am much more likely to take my family downtown when the closure is in place.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	I love it! I love being able to walk freely back and forth between both sides of the street without having to worry about being run over.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	<p>This subsidy from the city should not go to only limited F Street business unless the city can annually provide the same subsidy to All city businesses, whether retail, art, dining, beverage, etc.</p> <p>The closure is extremely unattractive and inconvenient for both pedestrians and drivers, whether local or visitors. A lot of pedestrians don't seem aware (perhaps visitors) or attentive when crossing streets where traffic is still permitted, which puts them at risk.</p> <p>There are already shuttles and taxi service offered. If the city is to fund a shuttle, it will need to go to all business areas - to, near, and not near downtown.</p> <p>If the city is concerned about downtown pedestrians and visitors, it should include in its plan to lower the speed limit on 1st street and enforce the vehicle size/weight limit (or work with county or state to do so, as needed).</p>
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Please allow food trucks in the pedestrian area - it would really improve the vibe and food options.
Chaffee County	18-25	Male	My main concern with the F street closure is ensuring access to businesses downtown to disabled. I think the town should focus on ensuring more accessible parking need the intersections on F-street so that those who cannot walk from the public parking lots can still utilize businesses downtown.

City of Salida	41-64	Male	I've lived in Chicago IL, Madison WI, Boulder CO, and all have lovely walking malls - visiting Burlington VT is a joy because of the pedestrian mall. I have always wished we would close F ST as a walking mall well before COVID had us do it, and now we have all enjoyed what a fantastic feature it is in Salida!
My primary residence is elsewhere, but I have a home here, too	41-64	Male	It would be great to make a permanent and well landscaped pedestrian mall in downtown Salida. This will add greatly to the vibe of the city and be a wonderful amenity.
Chaffee County	26-40	Female	Parking has become a slight pain. I feel like we already had a parking issue and now we took blocks of off street parking away. I personally love the closure of F street but but with having disabled family members, I see it very hard on them.
Chaffee County	41-64	Male	I like the closure it creates a good community feel, parking is an issue but is usually manageable , shuttles if feasible would be a nice option on weekends or during festivals
My primary residence is elsewhere, but I have a home here, too	41-64	Female	Keep F St closure! It makes downtown nicer!
Chaffee County	Over 65	Male	Consideration for the older generation! I prefer being able to park on F street near the business I want to visit
City of Salida	41-64	Female	it really only benefits the restaurants that get to greatly increase their usable square footage. If City continues to do the closure and allow restaurants to expand seating they should tax those restaurants extra for that as they are making money of public streets

Chaffee County	41-64	I prefer not to answer	<p>Not only does it reduce the parking spaces, it looks like a poor man's attempt to mimic pedestrian malls in Vail and Boulder. Aesthetically, it is a hodge podge of folding chairs, awnings that blow over, etc.</p> <p>Why is it that there are STILL temporary outdoor seating areas on the streets??? (i.e. Here's the Scoop, Tapatio restaraunt, etc) that go unused all fall and winter and are eyesores.</p>
City of Salida	26-40	Female	Love the idea of a shuttle!!!!
Chaffee County	18-25	Female	This causes a huge safety risk with the increas of foot traffic
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Consider opening it to traffic but accommodating more outside seating in parking areas if desired by businesses.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Not a fan of the closure. I say leave it open and allow a business to add a deck but charge them for the use of the space.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	It's pretty lame. Businesses extending out to the street just looks cluttered and not intentional. There's no real vibe, except for the attraction of more homeless camping out. Get rid of the closure.
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Chaffee County	41-64	Male	Just hard to ge to stores when it is blocked off, long walk from even the Handicap parking. I end up choses not to go



City of Salida	41-64	Female	<p>I was very disappointed to not see a 4th of July parade due to the closures; (I think the town needs to do more to celebrate the 4th of July but that is another survey :)</p> <p>It also makes it difficult to access business and amenities without planning extra time due to parking and walking - such as eating out during a work lunch hour or visiting a retail shop during a lunch hour. I will usually dismiss it when I have time restraints.</p>
My primary residence is elsewhere, but I have a home here, too	41-64	Male	<p>Our family enjoys the F Street Pedestrian area despite the reduced parking.</p>
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	<p>The summer F Street closure is a waste of the limited parking spaces we have in Salida.</p> <p>The F Street closure is also never busy or active so it's a waste of space and makes our town look emptier than it really is.</p> <p>There are also no parking spots for handicapped or injured people making it a deterrent for hanging out downtown.</p>
City of Salida	26-40	Male	<p>Please keep the streets closed for pedestrians going forward. Exactly the vibe of Salida! We have enough parking. And a walking pedestrian will visit more businesses than one driving by!</p>
Chaffee County	26-40	Male	<p>I would prefer to have it similar to 16th street Denver; side streets open and F street closed full time with a trolley running.</p>
Chaffee County	Over 65	Male	<p>I hear people say we should have a public transport that goes on F street. I disagree. I like being less overtly touristy. It's not a long street. It's easy to walk. The stage on the south end ties the river park, to the farmers market. There needs to be more going on at this stage.</p> <p>..it would be a big mistake to Open F street to traffic.</p>

City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Closing F Street during the summer is a great idea
Chaffee County	41-64	Male	Bottom line we have a parking problem. It makes no sense to take away spots we have! With employees taking up spots downtown it pushes the elderly and handicap out further. The leased spots we have are not well marked, and unsustainable.
Chaffee County	26-40	Female	Loved how it felt and looked though I was usually just passing through. I'm a Buena Vista resident. I love the artwork and seeing people out and about. I also felt safer walking to those businesses then driving and hoping somebody didn't back into me well I was looking for my own parking spaces. I would support it being full-time or even just seasonal. I doubt outdoor seating will be as popular in the winter and it could be more convenient to park closer then walk in icy public sidewalk farther distances.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	The closure is much safer for pedestrians. The lack of parking means I rarely can even get to downtown in my limited time available to run errands.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	The community stage is a joke. How much did we spend on that? However much it was, it is a very expensive toy for toddlers to play on (those are the only people I have seen on that stage)
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Maybe if it was made more attractive. It doesnt seem like the businesses downtown bother to clean sidewalks and/or extra outdoor walking/seating areas. Not many flowers or nice seating areas other than in restaurant outdoor space. Dogs everywhere!

Chaffee County	26-40	Female	Great for kids running around! We love it the way it is
City of Salida	41-64	I prefer not to answer	Only issue I see is pedestrians not paying attention to traffic light at intersection of F St and First St
City of Salida	26-40	Male	Make it permanent
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	I really like the Pedestrian Area. I would like it to start MidMay and continue through September
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Chaffee County	Over 65	Male	Permanent closure with brick street from Sackett to 3rd.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	mayor dan shore and the council don't care about the bussiness commuity and my mom donna is a bussiness owner downtown most of her clients don't like the closures they cannot get downtown and it hard for them to get around and mayor shore tells them to stay home if they don't like it and it takes up parking spaces and the city adminisration has to go by with what the people want not the majority and they are cowing down to the resturants and it does not help sales tax and bussiness owners have to take a loss adam martinez

City of Salida	Over 65	Female	i am a bussiness owner and i run a hair salon and also there closures does nothing for me and my lcients will noy come and get their hair done and it effects me bussiness and instead of making a profit a lose money at the end of the year due to the city and the mayor told me if i don't like it to move out of the downtown area and take my bussniess with me, donna martinez
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	donna troutman
City of Salida	41-64	Female	i am have a hard time getting to downtown and i have walking issues and i go to get my hair done i have a hard time parking my car when i go to F street because there is not a place i can park and all the spaces are taken to where i have to walk 10 blocks and i am pld and i have to use my cane and it makes it hard and mayor dan shore told me if i don't like it i can stay home ad far as he cares and that he did not give a shit about me as an old person shirley butala
City of Salida	41-64	Female	I love it! I think it really promotes a fun and positive community vibe! I'd be sad if it went away.
City of Salida	18-25	Female	It's great and encourages people to go downtown more then they usually would.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	There needs to be more public restrooms, especially around 3rd street
City of Salida	26-40	Male	I would love the closure and would like to see it become permeant. I'd also like to see shops to better use the sidewalk in order to leave more space for pedestrians in the street.

City of Salida	26-40	Male	Get rid of the whack job with the gun.
Chaffee County	Over 65	Female	The one way on G between Sackett and 1st makes for a very difficult flow from the downtown area. Love the pedestrian area though.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	I am a disabled person. I'm not in a wheelchair but I do have issues with walking long distances. I can't shop or enjoy eating downtown during the closure because I would have to walk too far in any direction to get to anything. I feel I have been left behind for tourists and I've lived here my entire life! I am hoping that salida city council will take notice of us local and dedicated people that have stayed thru the good times and struggled here thru the bad. We are still here though.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	I feel the closure is more detrimental to most businesses downtown than it is beneficial. I thought it was a great solution during COVID however I feel it is no longer needed or necessary. I feel that the rhythm & vibe of our quaint town gets quite interrupted with the closure. I am disappointed that it continues without the input of many businesses downtown and I hope this survey is the beginning of a true & honest conversation.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	I'm a business owner on 1st and I still like the closure
Colorado	Over 65	Female	The only complaint heard in my senior age group was about finding parking places BUT no matter how old one is, walking is so good for you if you are able. The shuttle from Parking area would be great

City of Salida	41-64	Male	Love it!
City of Salida	41-64	Male	I support the closure for specific events, such as a car show, festival, holiday events, etc. I suggest you change the parking to diagonal and possibly make the street one way from 3rd to Sackett. Allow for business to have a permit year round for outdoor kiosk or dining.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	Pandemic is over. We don't need more seating for restaurants. Even with the provided parking spots there is not enough parking, I feel as a resident of Salida that supports our businesses (especially in the "off" seasons) I shouldn't have to worry about finding parking to go into their shops. Add hanging baskets along F street poles like other towns to increase flowers/plants. Why do downtown businesses get the benefit of extra free space for part of the year when other businesses in other areas of the town get no equal benefits?
City of Salida	41-64	I prefer not to answer	I am in favor of the F street closure, but would argue that if it is decided to be a continued closure that it is closed all year and turned into a walking mall rather than a closed street. I enjoy the quietness, the safety, the social aspect, and the additional space of the street closure and feel that the loss of parking is fairly minimal for the benefits
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Would love to see this as a permanent closure, or having the city go all in vs just blocking the road. It feels half-hearted and I think it would end up drawing MORE people to town if it were more of a Pearl street/16th street mall vibe.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Love the closure and wish we could do it all year round, like Boulders Pearl Street Mall. Huge asset to the city for walkability, enjoyment, and community building.



City of Salida	Under 18	Female	It's fun to be a kid downtown when the street is closed. I wish it were closed all the time.
City of Salida	26-40	Male	Change is hard to accept, but it's my opinion the last 3 years have shown the closure to be a successful experiment.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	It seems kind of pointless and unfair to every business NOT in that one small area. We have enough reasons for tourists to visit and other places for locals to hang out. The pedestrian area is unnecessary and makes Salida's already bad traffic pattern worse. If you are going to keep putting it in place, you need to get a traffic light on G and 1st and/or E and ist.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	How could the closure help the air quality?? All of the tourists walking around didn't just materialize downtown...they all drove here in their, oftentimes, large, polluting SUVs!!
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Please consider the people who actually live here instead of ALWAYS catering to the tourists! The tourists will still come whether there is a "mall" of not.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	F street should become permanently closed

City of Salida	41-64	Male	Deal with the parking issues. It really seems like the closure benefits a small number of tourist oriented businesses and at the same time makes it hard for locals who want to access businesses downtown. You make it easier for tourist biz and harder for drs, lawyers, acupuncturists, stores, that cater to repeat trips downtown. Then there are no tourists in the off season so we work to get more tourists. When do we focus of what is best for residents and stop worrying about tourists? They will come no matter what. Focus on residents and not tourist based businesses.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	I think there should be parking options for people who live and work downtown.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	I live downtown. The parking is awful.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	We love it! I think it gives downtown such a fun vibe all summer and I hope we keep it going every year!
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Close sides of street, parking spots and outdoor seating and leave center open for 1 way traffic from Hwy 50 into downtown.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	<p>Allow driving and parking where feasible. Frisco and Crested Butte both have the outside dining and shop extra space if the owners want it but they also allow parking where the shop owners don't use their space. Frisco especially looks nice with all of the same decks that all have outdoor lighting on them.</p> <p>There is not enough parking. We don't go downtown unless we ride bikes. It's not convenient to go to when you have to park 4 blocks away.</p>

City of Salida	41-64	Female	I think the F street closure is beneficial to both residents and visitors alike. It creates a relaxed environment where people can gather safely and not worry about a constant stream of traffic.
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City of Salida	Over 65	Male	I like it. Please keep doing it
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Please keep this fun summer (new) tradition. My kids love it too. And it provides a safe route home. I tell them to ride or scooter up F street, especially when town is busy with a festival and lots of out of city cars.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Use all space. Bring in vendors, food carts. Make it more than a closed street. I like it a lot but feel There is so much more opportunity.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	I love our pedestrian mall. I wish we could do it more months of the year.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	Make it permanent. I think the businesses and restaurants could have higher quality outdoor spaces if they don't have to be temporary.

City of Salida	26-40	Male	<p>Don't think it was productive to close F street. Many patrons are unable to walk in several blocks to their desired stores &amp; restaurants, which in result no patronage.</p> <p>This seems to cater to our of towners, some of which also cannot walk in several blocks.</p> <p>It IS Salida... we are not Vail, and should stop pretending we are anything like it. But Salida is special BECAUSE we do not act like a wanna be Aspen, well... we used to.</p>
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	<p>Parking within a quarter mile?! My doctor would shake your had personally if you got me to walk a quarter mile (each way) from the alternative parking. I have health conditions and cannot walk this far - it amazes me that this has been ongoing year over year.</p> <p>Me &amp; many others that I know simply stop going downtown entirely (in the blocked off sections) during the months that it is closed - it's too much trouble to get there to spend my money. Talking with local business owners who are in these regions of street closures, they actually share feedback that it has negatively impacted their business.</p> <p>Passerby patrons aren't going to go out of their way to park, just to walk a quarter mile in. They'll simply drive on through, like they do during these times. I know it may work in other cities, but it doesn't fit the culture of Salida (it IS primarily a retirement community).</p>
City of Salida	41-64	Female	<p>I wish that stretch of F Street was foot/bike traffic only all-year round!</p>
City of Salida	Over 65	Male	<p>Loss of on street parking significantly impacts residents with limited mobility. Additionally, the layout positively impacts F Street merchants, but to the detriment to other businesses.</p>

City of Salida	41-64	Female	I think it's great for the kids and adults alike and enhances the downtown experience.
City of Salida	Over 65	I prefer not to answer	Salida is Salida. Stop making it something else. The city wants the 6 blocks downtown to be Sali a and the neck with the rest of the town and citizens.
City of Salida	Over 65	Male	Pedestrian-friendly downtown is a plus for tourists and community members, good for business too.
Chaffee County	26-40	Male	The parking spaces that would be there are always taken anyways, so you end up walking the same distance whether it's closed off or not. And even if it is slightly farther, who cares.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	It's fun, I wish it were year round. A more permanent feel, similar to other cities pedestrian malls.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	This should be made permanent so that businesses can budget accordingly and not have a yearly guessing game. City should also invest so that their is a plan to have more infrastructure and support for more activities and less temporary feel.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	Please keep doing this FOREVER because I LOVE IT!!!

City of Salida	41-64	Male	None
			It needs to be permanent in my opinion. I think it's such a positive addition to the community when it's closed. I rarely go eat at restaurants on F unless it's closed. Those that complain about parking not being available, must not realize there is never any parking on F street. I understand for residential owners on f it must me a pain but surely that can be figured out and most have parking in the rear anyway. Please do a real permanent closure. Our community needs it and having cars speeding up and down F St sucks.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	
City of Salida	26-40	Female	The elderly and handicap have difficulty getting to the places they need to go. Children get too comfortable with playing in the road
			I have to clean at the palace hotel sometimes and it is very hard in the summer to get this done with the parking situation. It's one reasons they can't find people who works and clean downtown . Also it's hard for disabled people to get aground . I've talked to a lot of you to that don't like the closure and I think it's hurting the businesses downtown
City of Salida	41-64	Female	
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Seemed to me, that businesses outside the F Street closure suffered unfairly. Felt like the downtown "synergy" was greater along near the closure, which took away from the outer lying businesses.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	I love it and hope it continues every year. It makes downtown a place I want to be.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Do it!! It is so good for the community!!
City of Salida	26-40	Female	I don't think the closure between 2nd and 3rd street adds any value. There's never much going on and it would better serve the community if it was left open. The other sections of the closure do seem to benefit our downtown locations and help them maximize their business offerings with additional seating outdoors.

City of Salida	41-64	Female	I spend a lot of time downtown. I drive and I bike. I simply do not think our downtown is as inviting with the closure. With F Street open it looks more robust. It bustles. It has a thriving feeling. With it closed, it feels empty, save for a few wandering tourists. The closure served it's purpose during covid and now it's time to keep it open.
City of Salida	26-40	Male	Close it year-round!
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	Love the atmosphere when the street is closed!
City of Salida	26-40	Female	Love it and how it benefits our community! Additional outdoor seating for restaurants is key during the busy months. The walkability of F street with kids is appreciated.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Parking is so limited and the closure makes it worse. I avoid the downtown area as much as I can when the street is closed. When the street is closed, pedestrians disregard traffic on the side streets that aren't closed. I think the closure is a big headache and not needed.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	As a local, I stop going downtown because the closure is a huge disruption. It removes most of the convenient street parking and I don't see that it serves the purpose it's intended to serve. Maybe if the closure only happened fri,sat,Sunday- so the weekday functions can resume?

City of Salida	Over 65	Female	<p>I know I'm an older citizen of Salida and the City may assume I'm opposed to all change. That's not the case. I feel the barriers are amateurish, (use something the larger cities use),the lack of parking requires people to park in front of residential dwellings leaving little space for the home owners, leaves our town open to political demonstrations (gun enthusiasts) which repels retail business, the the traditional parades are canceled or rerouted along residential streets. I feel we are losing our small town charm and focusing on restaurants and bars for our sales tax revenues.</p>
City of Salida	41-64	Female	<p>I love the idea and vibe but there needs to be more inclusivity for our mobility challenged residents. I've heard many stories from customers in my workplace who can't park close enough to where they need to go because they physically can't walk that far. It prevents equal access for our whole community. Create a specific parking area for ADA please , and enforce it. Also please make sure sidewalks have the proper UNOBSTRUCTED width for mobility aids. Right now the combo of decorative plants, trees, and shop signs make it hard for all residents to access necessary things and to enjoy our town. Otherwise I love the plaza. It seems to make everything feel like a daily festival. People are happy when they get to mingle outdoors while supporting our business community</p>
City of Salida	41-64	Female	<p>I would love to see the pedestrian area become permanent!</p>



City of Salida	41-64	Male	There can and should definitely be more placemaking efforts to make most advantage of the closure. Most people, including even business owners, do not properly understand how parking strategies should work in downtowns therefore it is vital for the city to be educated and focus on educating the public and businesses owners on this so that you don't give to the "we have no parking!" voices. Their heart is in the right place but they just don't understand parking. Parking intentionally needs to be "bad enough" that it encourages those who live within a mile to walk/ bike rather than drive, you need to start charging for street parking, and this will encourage turnover and parking availability for those that do need to drive in. Downtown is a destination so people should have zero expectation to drive up and park right in front of the one place they are going. They can't drive up to the aisle they are going to in Walmart and walking across the Walmart lot and around the store is no more walking than circling the block to park and then walking around downtown. Do not cave to the anti-closure voices. Instead do more for the businesses on 1st, and for safety we desperately need to divert large truck traffic up to 50 instead of allowing them cut through the heart of downtown. Even though 1st is a state highway there are steps that can be taken to encourage pass through traffic to not go through downtown. This should be done year round but is a no-brainer during the closure as pedestrians walk right into 1st and we have huge trucks screaming down 1st.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Love the idea of a shuttle!
City of Salida	41-64	I prefer not to answer	It should stayed closed until Nov 1
City of Salida	41-64	Male	I think closing F Street is a BAD thing for people with a disability like me. I think it's a waste of money and time. The parking is hard anyway but when you close the street it is impossible for people to park there. Leave the street open!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

			<p>The total number of parking spaces lost is really irrelevant given how busy downtown is anymore in the summer. Whoever thinks they are going to magically go downtown in the summer and park in front of their favorite business is delusions. But the city does need more parking across the river as biking and surfer access to recreation has now created another level of service failure.</p> <p>I love our plaza! Dont get rid of it. It is awesome.</p>
City of Salida	41-64	Female	
			<p>Like other towns that have street closures (Boulder, Aspen and even Leadville with temporary closures for festivals) I believe the F street closure fosters additional interest and curiosity among passing vehicle operators which results in them stopping, parking, and walking in there to see what is going on. It gets people out of their vehicles. Note that there are zero businesses on F street that conduct business via drive throughs where customers stay in their vehicles. Getting people out of their vehicles is a prerequisite for making a sale.</p> <p>With the rather large amount of turnover and new businesses appearing on F street every year, as a long time local there were many years where we would fail to check out and go into those new stores (before they were gone). We have visited every new business on Fstreet since the closure first began.</p> <p>The F street closure encourages locals to walk or ride their bikes downtown, instead of driving motor vehicles. This results in many positive impacts on the environment.</p>
City of Salida	Over 65	Male	
			<p>I would love to see a permanent closure. It gives such a nice vibe and culture in the summer, although in the winter I don't think it would be utilized bc people wouldn't sit outside for dining, etc</p>
City of Salida	41-64	Female	
			<p>Shuttles would be great. Street cars, trolley. Some type of conveyance not limited to having to walk.</p>
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	

City of Salida	41-64	Female	You have to decide that if it is indeed for Pedestrians, then if so, then activate the space. It sits mostly empty. If there is no improvement to activating the space, then open it to cars.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Special circumstance I guess. I live on E Street as do many others. When F is closed people park over here. You'd think it would be the other parking options (culdesac, First Street, Safeway) but I guess we're closer. It's frustrating to come home with groceries and have to haul them up the block or through the ally. And when I do park down the street I either run and move it late night or early in the morning. Doesn't sound awful I guess but parking is a thing.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Love everything about it! I  Hate how reckless people drive down F Street when it is open.  It's good for businesses, good for pedestrians/kid/ outdoor dining safety.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Handicap access
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Regarding question #9: I wouldn't say that I'm apathetic but instead that I'm open to a decision (regarding whether or not F is open or closed) that is beneficial to the most people in town. I try and ride my bike as much as possible downtown just so I do not have to compete for a parking spot.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	It would be nice to come up with moveable street blocks (instead of the concrete blocks) that can be moved so that parades can continue to use F Street.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	Shuttles aren't very convenient from where I live. I would have to drive to the shuttle so I won't be using that service but it's a good idea from hotels and around town.

City of Salida	41-64	Male	<p>The closure creates a safe, easy going space that lends itself to the outdoor community that is Salida.</p> <p>AND, it prevents loud ass Harleys &amp; Diesels (not to mention their exhaust) from souring your outdoor experience .i.e walking shopping eating</p>
City of Salida	26-40	Female	<p>I feel as though there is a ton of room for improvement to make this a purposeful closure. There are many towns that have done this successfully - Crested Butte, Longmont for example. They either reduced to one lane or completely closed and made it look cohesive. I feel all businesses should match their outdoor arrangements so it looks purposeful. Offer up a farmers market type of events on F street - create positive opportunities with the closure rather than the unstructured - half used look it currently has</p>
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	<p>Cities that have success with pedestrian malls usually have more shade, lighting and other things to creat the kind of vibrant energy it needs. Kiosks for things that are not competitive with existing stores/restaurants would also help. Lack of shade, in the street, is a big issue.</p>
City of Salida	Over 65	Male	<p>The Community Stage is a good idea that has not been properly developed. It stands there as a sterile space, totally uninviting. First off, it needs to have a cover, with sides, which would provide shade for performers, and focus attention to the stage. Secondly, it needs to be used on a regular basis, which would be much easier to accomplish if it were an inviting space.</p>
City of Salida	26-40	Female	<p>No other towns that closed off the street in 2020 are closing their streets anymore. Not enough downtown businesses even participate and it's just an empty downtown vibe. It's not inviting and my kids don't understand the difference between a closed street and an open one if they're allowed to play in one but not the other. We had several close calls from the confusion. People also drive like maniacs in the alleys during the closure adding to the safety concern. I haven't met a single local that liked the closure, certainly no business except restaurants like it.</p>

City of Salida	41-64	Female	I love the pedestrian area. Of course it reduces parking spaces and that needs to be addressed, especially for folks with mobility issues. It seems like they are the ones that have the most negative impact.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Wish non-shoppers could park at Natural Grocers' lot! So convenient! Wish there were more parking lots near Steamplant and Riverside Park. Wish there were more groceries and restaurants and shops near hospital and airport areas and better options at 50 and 285 area.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	Love the street closure!
City of Salida	41-64	I prefer not to answer	I'm not sure if this should continue but if so improvements need to be made.
City of Salida	Over 65	Male	Need residential parking restrictions
City of Salida	41-64	Other: NA	I'd vote to permanently close the area, turn it into an outside mall area.

City of Salida	41-64	Male	Salida is a lovely charming town. With the F street closure it gives that fun, safe vibe with many options.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	I love the F street closure and wish that it was longer then just the summer. It makes downtown much more inviting. and is a great place to gather. It much easy to walk dogs then on the crowded sidewalks.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	I love that it makes more room for pedestrians with heightened tourism in the summer. I love that the blockades are decorated by local artists. I love the extra gathering room. Yes, it makes parking a little more difficult, but not terribly so. I think the vibe it creates and the opportunity for outdoor seating available to local businesses outweighs the inconvenience of having to walk farther from wherever you had to park. Re: shuttle; unsure because I could see congestion occurring, so would have to figure out pick up drop off logistics, but if it helps people get around then generally I'm for it.
City of Salida	26-40	Male	We just need it gone
My primary residence is elsewhere, but I have a home here, too	Over 65	Male	We have a 2nd home in Salida. We visit about every six weeks for about two weeks at a time. When in Salida, we go into downtown almost daily.
Chaffee County	Over 65	Male	You should make it permanent and add landscaping. Tear up the road.

City of Salida	41-64	Female	Im in favor of the closure and even like to suggest keeping it closed longer or even year around if we can figure out the snow removal. As a business owner, I would even suggest a nominal fee for all businesses to help keep it closed.
City of Salida	18-25	Male	Stop trying to make the city like crested butte!
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	I will/do not support downtown on Sunday with the "gun" guy and his buddies...it very inappropriate...kinda scary and totally uncomfortable...I don't take guest there or family visiting...I discourage people from going on Sundays...it's a total disservice to our businesses and definitely to our wonderful community...fix this issue first please...thank you
City of Salida	Over 65	Male	The guy with the black flag and the AR-15 is undesirable.
City of Salida	Over 65	Male	Don't like the closure been here all my life.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	I shop local all the time but it's hard to get downtown to do so. Have to park far and walk a long ways. Traffic is bad and over crowded. Not always a positive experience. I give up and shop on line more. Really sad. I Love all our downtown business and all that they have to offer. If your local not always good, tourist Love it. Locals keep most in business not just those visiting.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Consider paid parking for tourists, locals get a free parking pass to pay for free local shuttle service. Public transport system similar to other tourist areas, routes in a regular consistent schedule to drop off points. Parking is a major problem for salida
Chaffee County	41-64	Male	Stop doing the street closure. It's obvious it's about money not what the people who live here want.

City of Salida	41-64	Male	Don't like having to park 2 to 4 blocks away from where I want to go plus there's just too many people downtown during the summer witch means you have to wait longer for everything so I avoid downtown like the plague in the summer.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	Need to have more accessibility for disabled and handicapped especially need handicapped parking in front of buildings on F street.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	It creates a welcoming environment for visitors...which is what keeps our town running
Chaffee County	26-40	Female	Not having the closure wouldn't open up enough parking to justify the positives of closing.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Leave it open so our memorial parade and FibArk parade can go down F street.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Need designated handicap parking spaces. More parking elsewhere if closure is permanent Need a few 15 minute spaces to pick up sandwiches or bread at sweeties and little red hen and other type stores thru out. Tickets need to be given when needed. Shaded areas, more trash/ recycling cans, dog bag stations, and trees would be nice as well on the F Street promenade if this were permanent.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	It would be nice if the city actually cleaned the sidewalks & pulled weeds. Most of the flower containers are not particularly attractive. We can do so much better! And a porta potty in riverside park is such an embarrassment. Drive up to Buena Vista & look at the details of some of the improvements downtown and on south main, it's very pleasing.



City of Salida	26-40	Male	The closure needs to be permanent. Allow downtown to thrive and keep our kids safe.
My primary residence is elsewhere, but I have a home here, too	41-64	Male	It is a great idea and should continue, in my opinion. The ability to offer outside restaurant seating is great for the summer.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Everyone knows parking is a nightmare and taking those spots with the closure does not help. I personally would be more inclined to shop locally if it was easier to get down there during the summer. I usually go down for one thing and want it to be a quick trip. I don't have time to look for parking or to walk to my destination from the parking lots. If I plan on spending time, it is not an issue. Great for visitors spending the day, difficult for locals conducting quick business.
City of Salida	18-25	Female	I think that the F street pedestrian walking mall should become a permanent fixture in salida. Boulder co has one, denver has one. We need one too.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Encourage street vendors, carts, and stands
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	I am limited by where I can park /handicap and cannot walk very far to access shops if it is close to a handicap spot I can visit otherwise it is difficult if parking is taken away

Chaffee County	41-64	Female	Offering food carts and other pop up kiosks would attract more people to the downtown area and would benefit downtown as a whole. People seem to enjoy gathering on the street without having any traffic concerns. If it is to remain closed, there should be a planning committee to work on design elements and creating a warm and inviting downtown experience. It would generate a higher sales tax for the city.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Pedestrian area should be enlarged to the entire historic district and should be made permanent.

			<p>I think it has been overlooked for many years.</p> <p>What about our elderly community who can't park far away from the shops/restaurants they need to get to?</p> <p>What about those you have disabilities and can not park in a handicap spot, or have to park 4+ blocks away from the amenities they are trying to utilize?</p> <p>What about the high school kids, who ONLY thing to do in this town is to cruise F street?</p> <p>It creates more people walking out in front of you, even if you are moving because they are "entitled" to go. I don't see the benefit of closing the street.</p> <p>It also impacts the parades, 4th of July parade and fibark. This town needs to go back to its old way. The functionality was so much better, and much more welcoming.</p> <p>As a 5th generational family is Salida, this town has changed. And it's never been for the better. It's always been for the worse. So please, take everyone's opinions into consideration and not just the ones that fit the "agenda".</p>
City of Salida	18-25	Female	Thank you.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	The F Street closure should be year-round, especially from a pedestrian safety standpoint. The intersection at F Street and 1st Street is dangerous when vehicle traffic is going in multiple directions.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	I personally think closing during the height of summer is a great idea! This "slows the vibe" and makes it easier to really notice what's available; it's much nicer not hearing loud vehicular noise. It feels much nicer and friendlier to have a walkable main street

Chaffee County	41-64	Female	I go to downtown Salida less in the summer because of the closure
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	I feel with the F Street Pedestrian Area, the downtown becomes about the tourists, not about the residents. Though anymore, most of the downtown businesses are aimed at the tourists, not at the residents. During covid, letting the restaurants have outdoor dining in the street made sense and helped them survive financially, but I don't feel that they need that help now.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Do not put up barriers, leave it like it used to be!
City of Salida	Over 65	Male	I think that it served it's purpose during the pandemic, but now it's time to move on. I wonder how well it benefits all the downtown businesses, such as all the side street businesses.? I also feel that it has changed the hometown feel by rerouting our parades or doing away with them altogether, such as, the 4th of July parade for example. I have spoken to several senior citizens with physical limitations who frequent downtown restaurants weekly most of the year except summer now. They have found it too difficult to find parking close enough to where they want to go, so they don't go until the barricades are removed again.. Thank you.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	It is likely that air quality is negatively impacted with additional driving and puffing looking for accessible parking. In addition to the discomfort of everyone shopkeeper, pedestrians , tourists and locals is amplified with staging areas for unwelcome protesting,
Chaffee County	26-40	Female	It's great. I love eating outdoors and not have high schoolers cruising F street and rolling coal on me. I don't think the parking is as bad as folks say, they just like to complain.
Chaffee County	Over 65	Female	Some of the multiple choice questions are difficult to answer. I prefer the downtown area as it is now, for parking and ease of getting to shops, restaurants etc. I mostly just stay away in summer, it is just such a hassle to get downtown. That is the vibe I hear from many of the locals. Thank you for your time. Have loved living here over 50 years.

City of Salida	26-40	Female	People drive too fast and with all the families and children, closing F is safer. Many communities have areas like this. People can walk a couple of blocks or get dropped off if they have to. Safety is important with all the out of the reckless drivers.
City of Salida	26-40	Male	I think the F street closure should be permanent. It's a really positive part of our community for all sorts of reasons, including: air quality, noise, pedestrian safety, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, encouraging community connection (people walking and seeing each other), etc.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Please leave F Street open
City of Salida	26-40	Female	<p>Even without the F street closure, we need more parking YEAR ROUND! The lot now north of F street bridge is ALWAYS full and now its a put-in with no extra space. I have an office downtown and do not live within walking distance so I drive and year-round would rather pay a small fee to a close by parking spot than park on the street with time limits or in front of someone's house far away.</p> <p>While F street closure reduces parking, it is not the source of the overall parking issues.</p> <p>I LOVE the F street closure. I wish it ended all the way up to moonlight. Those businesses get forgotten up there.</p> <p>I would have F street closed all year long like Boulder or many other areas. It creates a nice community and safe place for many things to occur.</p>
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Shame on the police for allowing the man with a loaded gun to intimidate locals!!!

My primary residence is elsewhere, but I have a home here, too	Over 65	Female	We love the closure and the beautification it has provided. Very positive energy.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	I would love to see the f st always blocked off to cars
Chaffee County	26-40	Female	I really enjoy the environment the downtown closure brings to Salida and think it actually helps traffic flow. It would be cool to try this year round and maybe bring in heaters or fire pits when cold. It could be a pretty nice holiday hangout and way to hang out in the evening and possible star gaze in the winter.
Chaffee County	Over 65	Male	Get rid of the dangerous Scout Wave, also impacts parking and is unsafe to river floating!!!!!!
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	It seemed it benefits three businesses. No one else benefits as we cannot find a place to park. Those of us that have lived here for 20 plus years completely ignore downtown during those months. There is nothing convenient about it. No moving the "barriers" for parades is ridiculous and only supports those three businesses. I would love to know if those three businesses that sprawl during the summer has seen an increase in revenue based solely on the shutting down. Wish Salida could look at their residents besides just the tourists. Care a little bit about those that pay taxes year round.
City of Salida	Over 65	Male	Please continue the F Street Pedestrian area. Please expand the dates that is in effect. Please continue to enhance the closure - more seating, shade - make even more inviting for community gathering.

City of Salida	26-40	Female	We love it so very much. My family looks forward to the freedom of the F Street Pedestrian Area each and every year!!
City of Salida	41-64	Female	If there's any chance of making the F St closure permanent, I would highly suggest thinking along the same lines of Pearl Street Mall in downtown Boulder (small scale obviously), with greenery, trees, planters, outdoor seating and vendors, where the overall experience is all-encompassing and more of a thought out and planned space rather than a closed road with a lot of wasted space.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	I love it and should be permanent
City of Salida	41-64	Male	I don't think a feeder shuttle would be bad. There's lots of parking on the SMS/SHS campus and I'm sure people who stay in the hotels on Rainbow and drink downtown would appreciate it.  Being able to walk in the street makes dealing with slow people who block the whole sidewalk so much more tolerable.
Chaffee County	Over 65	Female	A big part of the Salida "vibe" is the traditional parades in the summer. This includes Fibark and 4 July. The closing of the downtown wrecked this and most of the summer was a ghost area. Setting up permits for more outdoor dining in parking spaces while keeping 1st open for events such as parades would be much preferable
Chaffee County	Over 65	Male	I hope it continues!

City of Salida	41-64	Male	What kind of question is "improves air quality"? Maybe the air quality would improve slightly if you encouraged the State to route CO291 traffic around downtown instead of straight through it. But all of the vehicles struggling to find parking orbiting around Downtown probably makes the air quality worse. I really think that US 50 to US 285 should be a designated truck route to help with "heavy truck" traffic in the Downtown area.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	I think it's a great idea but there is room for improvement to really make it a worth while experience for everyone
Chaffee County	41-64	Male	If we're going to close F street then let's fill the street with cool, fun stuff that's shows off salidas great culture and vibe. If we can't utilize the space then open it and allow traffic.
Chaffee County	18-25	Female	I think that the closure of f Street is a lot of fun and beneficial for many businesses and restaurants in the summer. The big issue is traffic and parking. Especially handicap parking. The issue of accessibility for those who might not be capable of parking in one of the free lots and walking. A couple of spots at the junctions along f Street I think could be really beneficial. A shuttle or other transport options would also be great!
City of Salida	26-40	Female	Please keep it!
Chaffee County	Over 65	Male	If the city wants a pedestrian mall then make it permanent and pleasant. ie. Boulder Pearl Street mall.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	I only have 2 issues with the closure - parking and difficulty getting my elder father to locations unable to walk distances.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	There is a european vibe since most european towns have a non-vehicular town square.  It is safer for pedestrians, children and easier to get a seat at a restaurant because of outdoor seating (which is great in the summer time...who wants to sit indoors!)



City of Salida	26-40	Female	i like it, lets do it full time
Chaffee County	41-64	Male	Please keep it pedestrian for longer, or all year!
City of Salida	26-40	Female	This is part of what makes Salida special in the summer. Let's encourage walking and biking rather than opening f street for the concern of not enough parking.
City of Salida	26-40	I prefer not to answer	The pedestrian area makes downtown something special. Any visitors that have come to visit us say how much they love it and comment how they wish their own downtown did it. We spend more time downtown by the businesses than we otherwise would if cars were driving by with less space to walk. We don't worry about our kids getting hit by cars. We don't have to plug our ears as a Harley drives by. Parking is not a big deal. Sometimes you might have to walk a block or two but that would be the case during events even if F street was open. Anyone who claims they avoid downtown and avoid businesses because of parking is exaggerating and using the pedestrian closure as a scapegoat for their frustration at general trend that Salida is more busy with more events and visitors than there used to be. My main recommendation is to extend the dates to go through Halloween. It's that great.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Lots of very big cities have pedestrian malls in their downtowns, I've been very happy with this seasonal closure. Also happy when F street re opens after the tourists go away.

City of Salida	Under 18	Male	Keep cars out of downtown district. Except for the State highway, of course. Deliveries restricted to 8:00am to 10:00am. The Historic Salida Downtown should be Peoples' Park not a vehicular quagmire. Do it before there is loss of life due to cars and people.
Chaffee County	26-40	Female	Closing all the way to third street seems like a waste. At most it could be closed from Sackett to 2nd but it isn't necessary until the evening if at all.
Chaffee County	Over 65	Female	Please move barriers aside for all summer parades!
City of Salida	41-64	Female	The seasonal closure is amazing and provides such a great vibe for the summer.  The half block closure between second and third seems unnecessary, but I would rather have that than no closure at all.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	My Dad used to say "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Please don't change anything about F Street. SUch a cool part of Salida.

			<p>if the decision is to continue it, it should be made permanent and the hot asphalt should be replaced with other surfacing such as is in other colorado towns with pedestrian downtowns, such as the boulder pearl street mall. the asphalt and too-open spaces in the middle detract from the overall vibe that we are going for.</p> <p>Having lived here 40 years, the liveliness of downtown is great, and could be supported better by the above</p>
City of Salida	41-64	Female	
City of Salida	26-40	Male	<p>The F Street Pedestrian Area makes Salida feel more like a community instead of just a destination for tourists and tourists alone. Comparing the feel and vibe and positive impact of the pedestrian area to other mountain downtowns that are geared toward vehicles - Buena Vista, Ouray, Leadville - Salida's downtown in the summer is much more vibrant, lively, and usable.</p>
City of Salida	41-64	Male	<p>Parking outside of the F corridor can increase the foot traffic trough the "Arts District" and proximal numbered streets. Let's harness that. Let's harness the alleyways during festivals as well. Make Shakedown Street live up to the moniker. Allow cart/tent vendors who don't have storefronts, to set up in the closed alleys on weekends.</p> <p>Perhaps 1-way (S to N) from 2nd to 1st, but permanent closure from 1st to Sackett. I would also encourage 1-way bottlenecking of Sackett (SE to NW) between E (or D) and F.</p> <p>I would also strongly support the Summer closure of Sackett between E and F, with full-time seasonal carnival rides at E and Sackett.</p>
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	<p>I visit significantly more shops in the summer when I can wander and window shop. In the winter I feel like I'm isolated to one side of the street and tend to just do my business and get out.</p>

City of Salida	41-64	Female	We have lived here for years and we think that the F Street closure is wonderful for businesses and patrons. It's such a cool vibe downtown when the streets are closed. We love it!
City of Salida	41-64	Male	I did not feel like I was going to get hit by a car when the street was closed.
Colorado	26-40	Male	I think having F street blocked off makes a huge difference for the quality of the downtown vibes. It would be SO sad to have traffic going through that section of town. It makes a safe and welcoming experience especially for families with children. My only request would be to make it a permanent closure and re-work the street with plants benches etc in the middle.
Chaffee County	Over 65	Female	downtown in general is not disability friendly. Parking, access, you name it. The reason my family avoids downtown all year, but especially in the summer.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Area needs more street trees for shade.
City of Salida	Over 65	Male	I like it and I think it's important during the warmer months to continue to close F St.

City of Salida	26-40	Female	The closure encourages me to visit downtown more since it creates a more kid friendly, safe environment. I would love to see more done on the closed street to make it a permanent part of this community! Like getting rid of the asphalt/parking spaces to make it even more pedestrian friendly!
Chaffee County	41-64	Male	put up summertime signs. Non-locals don't always have all the info about parking options & closure options
City of Salida	41-64	Female	More monitoring of traffic speeds would improve safety for cyclists using town streets to access downtown. Vehicle speeds have increased along with distracted driving. On tight streets this can feel scary for people riding bikes. I like the f street closure and wish it could be longer without the break necessary due to hwy 291.
City of Salida	26-40	Male	I think one of the best changes, if they were to be made, would be make F st between 1st and sackett to be one way only, flowing from 1st to the river. This would allow for better access to the park and s-Mtn, while also making a counter use of the one way on G st. One way, one lane traffic would still facilitate wide pedestrian access than if the street was fully open.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	Open up the portion from the Senior Center down through Natural Grocers. That block never had pedestrians hanging out & was always deserted. Allow parking there. Those using the "community stage" can apply for permits or use the amphitheater - I only saw one event use the stage the entire summer.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Please keep this feature.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	I think we need more travel options to the Downtown area. Maybe a trolley? or more Shuttles?

City of Salida	41-64	Male	It should be done away with. If you want a walking mall then put some effort into making it a professional and aesthetically looking area.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	I personally love the closure during summer. I live on F street and my children and I can walk around, have meals and shop, go to the arcade, etc and we don't have to worry so much about the crowds on the sidewalk or traffic. They can ride their scooters in the street and they love that. I absolutely love the summer vibe. The flowers everywhere and the outdoor seating are amazing. It gives businesses/employees an opportunity to make more money and with the cost of everything here, that's necessary. I've heard some people complain about a lack of handicap parking or nearby parking because they have ailments that prevent them from going downtown if they are unable to park directly on F, but I have never had trouble finding a place nearby (even when I didn't live downtown). Maybe there are some spaces near F that can be used for handicap parking and that could be a fair compromise? I don't have all the answers, but I think you're all doing a wonderful job providing a beautiful atmosphere for residents and visitors alike. Thank you!
My primary residence is elsewhere, but I have a home here, too	Over 65	Female	I think it makes Salida more attractive, particularly the downtown area.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	Please keep it!!!
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	I think it's fun to have it closed. I wish it was always that way.

City of Salida	26-40	Female	I loved it!
City of Salida	26-40	Female	I loved it!
City of Salida	Over 65	Male	After a couple weeks the stench becomes terrible with all the dog urine. Food and beverages all over the streets. Folks use electric, mini bikes in all areas. Street is too hot for people to bring dogs but dog's suffering prevalent. Other than the occasional music event i choose to not frequent during the street closure. Enjoyed the street limitation that Crested Butte is using. Still allows vehicles access to get through
City of Salida	18-25	Female	I love the F street pedestrian area & wish it would stay year round!
City of Salida	26-40	Female	I love the closure. We have such a lovely, vibrant city and with the closure, people are out and about more. The outdoor seating is amazing. Really only wish that the outdoor areas were more dog-friendly, feels like Salida is way behind other nearby towns in that respect. Oh yeah, and the guys with the guns are really upsetting for residents and visitors alike - I'm not super keen to let my kids spend a long period of time in the literal crosshairs of someone with a semi-automatic weapon.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	I'm in a wheelchair so accessibility to stores and restaurants is important to me and when the road is closed it is more difficult to find parking and access buildings.

Chaffee County	Over 65	Male	As previously mentioned, it looks junky. It doesn't look attractive in any way. Not sure what it really accomplishes the way it is being done. If you are going to do it, do it right, make it into a permanent mall, close the street, make permanent outdoor seating, add year-round vegetation and seasonal vegetation. Make it attractive. Give people a new reason to visit downtown.
My primary residence is elsewhere, but I have a home here, too	Over 65	Female	I have found it VERY difficult to access businesses, restaurants and the park downtown because I cannot walk very far. I have actually not attended events because I could not find a handicapped parking place (or other nearby parking) after driving around hoping something would open up. It is very frustrating. I have changed where I shop because I can't find a nearby parking spot. The majority of my shopping is now done at Walmart, Safeway or Natural Grocers. With more and more people coming to town for events, festivals, etc. Parking is a major problem.... if it wasn't so hard to park, I'd be supportive of the street closures. I thought the Safeway parking lot was for their business, not for downtown parking.  Question 1, I live in Howard (Western Fremont County) but do all my business, banking, dr. visits, shopping etc. in Salida.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	I understand the painted cement blocks, however if you want this to be a permanent thing, consider some kind of permanent gate instead that could be closed on the weekends (Fri-Sun) only but open during the week. They would also be able to be opened for parades and the Tenderfoot race during FiBark, etc. The rerouting of certain events is part of the pushback and really fixing the WAY the street is either open or closed is an easy fix. That and some signs for businesses outside of the F St area would really help more than worrying about parking, which sucks but isn't terrible. A weekend only shuttle is also probably a good idea or rickshaws on weekends.
Chaffee County	41-64	Male	Has anybody considered going back to metered diagonal parking! Good revenue and increases parking.
Chaffee County	Over 65	Male	The F Street closure provided a nice vibe for the city. Bike riding is also easier and safer. In addition, the closure creates less pollution.



Chaffee County	Over 65	Female	Love the walking mall feeling. Adds a relaxed feeling to downtown, making all people more comfortable & cheerful. Please keep it.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	I think it is great and moving towards permanent closure year round would be great!
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Block it off permanently
City of Salida	Over 65	Male	I think it is a very positive feature of our Town and would like to see it in place for a longer period.
My primary residence is elsewhere, but I have a home here, too	41-64	Female	Thank you!
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Love it! Except for the guy with the guns hanging out there.

City of Salida	Over 65	Male	Street were designed for vehicles for which automobile owners pay registration and taxes to allow access to area s downtown to included emergency responses and access to the same by disable and senior citizens. property owners and business owners in the area are not charged for the use of streets and IE rent. This discriminates against hwy 50 and other business owners.. This takes away the access to the state's largest historical business district by tourist and members of the community if the closure of fst continued the property owners should pay an additional fee for the use of this public area also sidewalks should be cleared to allow handicap and senior citizen's. this action discriminates against a number other business and citizen's for the benefit of those in the downtown area and creates the chances of civil of civil liability and personal rights.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	I feel anything done to make bicycling and walking in town safer is a plus. I feel that we need more speed control in town due to so many people who bring their larger city driving habits.
Chaffee County	Over 65	Male	Visitors (i.e. money-spending tourists) LOVE the street closure. So do a fair number of us locals (Poncha). If there was a way to keep it plowed in the winter, I'd love to see it maintained year-round. One north-south street closed isn't a lot given there are 3-4 alternatives. Burlington VT seems to make it work incredibly well.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	I think it contributes to the feeling of community and makes going downtown a happy experience. I think that it more than worth whatever decrease in the amount of parking it causes.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Make the closure year-round. Add pavers and permanent planters for aesthetics.

City of Salida	41-64	Female	During the F street closure, I don't go downtown. It's hard to find a parking spot when it's not closed and when it's closed it's worse. Where the streets are not closed people think they can walk down the street and vehicles need to stop for them. It may be good for visitors but not for the local community. Keep F street OPEN!!!
City of Salida	26-40	Female	I think the F St. pedestrian area is a great summertime addition. Whether your local or your visiting, it's nice that there is a street blocked off for your convenience to shop or eat or hang out. As this form listed, multiple parking lots for people to use, I think people just like to complain, having to walk longer than they normally should have. The people of Salida should be grateful that there is free street side parking and they can still enjoy the pedestrian mall. If you are not a very outdoorsy person in the summer and don't hike or camp or ride your bike, etc., having F St. available is a great attraction and allows many people to hang out in a safe uncomfortable environment.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	I like the idea of having cost effective bike shuttles around town.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Show love for all of the town's businesses, not just the ones on F. The closure is inconvenient for those who have accessibility issues, and most of the time the street sat empty.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	It also makes it less noisy.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	How about if we try a year without closures and see how the post-COVID business climate has changed downtown dynamics. This is a real a hassle for older citizens to get close to the stores they want to patronize.

Air quality: More driving around to find a parking spot decreases the air quality.

The creation of the pedestrian area seems to benefit only the businesses which are allowed additional seating. Locals who don't live close by and would like to patronize the businesses downtown can't during the summer. Last summer I tried to order a take out meal from one of the restaurants and I was told no take out orders until 8:00 because the staff was busy serving the guests who were sitting in the additional seating.

The F Street closure benefits the downtown businesses and visitors but leaves the locals out of the loop.

City of Salida	41-64	I prefer not to answer	Let's reopen F street and enjoy the parades as we have traditionally.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	A transit bus from Salida to Poncha Springs would be awesome Overall I thought the vibe felt dead. It was a hang out place.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Question: Are the restaurants paying for the square footage they are using in the city streets? Paying tax for that space? Please keep the seasonal closures in place. Limited street space should be used to facilitate movement of people, not cars. We have an extremely walkable, bikeable downtown -- why not encourage more people to travel in that sustainable mode vs in cars?
City of Salida	26-40	Male	Enough already
City of Salida	41-64	Female	

Chaffee County	Over 65	Male	Too many people bring dogs, which is hazardous to pedestrians without dogs! Closure gives normal pedestrians more room to walk around.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	I live around the corner on lower E Street. The F Street pedestrian area should be a permanent fixture IMHO.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	Overall there is a negative affect but there are also some positive affects so it's difficult to say what's better. Fibark Parking is the worst - can't find a place anywhere unless you get there several hours before an event.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	<p>Having electric-assist pedi-cabs to shuttle pedestrians from various downtown areas to the parking lots would be a helpful service. It could be an opportunity for someone to start a business.</p> <p>The City needs to address the long term parking requirements of the area. It would be valuable to purchase the existing F-Street parking lot across the bridge from the D&amp;RGW.</p> <p>As I understand it, Salida can't issue bonds for buying the land because we aren't a home rule city. Is that correct?</p> <p>Some day, the train might come back and we need to be ready for that possibility. Even if it doesn't, something like industrial drones plying the air space above the tracks might bring commerce through the area.</p> <p>Punch line: parking, public restrooms and other public amenities need to be expanded to address the needs of an aging population and greater tourist traffic.</p>

			Haters going to hate. Don't let a few complainers ruin the cool downtown vibe by not giving the community a highly regarded, pedestrian-friendly environment.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Figure out a way to get rid if the nut jobs with assault rifles! That is the real problem!! I don't want excuses - I want leadership!
City of Salida	41-64	Male	<p>I think you need to talk with the business owners. I like the idea of a pedestrian downtown, though the pedestrian streets can be sketchy to navigate due to bikers and skaters. I don't think we should disallow non-motorized wheeled transportation in the pedestrian areas.</p> <p>Sometimes the pedestrian lane is trash laden: it feels like the day after a festival leaves town. I think engaging with the Creative District to enliven the space is critical. Maybe community groups/businesses could adopt portions of the pedestrian lane to help with trash mitigation. Or, use the park partners to keep the downtown pedestrian area more tidy.</p>
Chaffee County	41-64	Male	Every single time cities do this there are growing pains at first but they eventually enhance the downtown, increase vibrancy, and promote community. I would like to see it permanently closed to vehicles and for the city to redesign and beautify accordingly. Thank you.
My primary residence is elsewhere, but I have a home here, too	18-25	I prefer not to answer	Thank you kindly you
City of Salida	26-40	Male	Closing it is dumb.

City of Salida	41-64	Male	It's a great idea and change to downtown. I'd fully support continuing and improving it.
Chaffee County	41-64	Male	The area only benefits the stores on F street while doing nothing for other businesses in downtown. The F street merchants really do little to add to the atmosphere. Adding a pergola with a couple of chairs does nothing. The restaurants on F mostly already have outdoor seating (Currents, Amicas, ice cream shop.). The area is really mostly used by kids and adults skate boarding or riding bikes. They aren't spending money in the shops. We should stop closing the street.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Again, be adaptable...allow for the fourth of July and Fibark parades. Should not be a big deal to do this a couple times a summer. Have GREAT options for our elderly so they can be included, not excluded. They may feel alienated enough. Let's include them. To do that they need convenient and ample parking...let's find space for them. In the winter, leave it open, for snow removal and convenience.  Thanks for caring to ask.
Chaffee County	41-64	Male	It's become a living room for the homeless. It's dirty looks like an oversized garage sale!
City of Salida	Over 65	Male	Salida is growing at a rapid rate with more and more people yet there is no plan to accommodate the additional parking demands.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	I love it! I find I go out to eat more when F street is closed to traffic, and I enjoy it more. I show it off to guests and visitors too.

Chaffee County	26-40	Male	16th st mall in Denver would be the best example of efficiency. Exterior parking lots, ease of traffic surrounding the area and easy to walk into the busiest areas. Find a way to mimic that and you should solve the efficiency problem. Aspen has community e bikes. A main road or path surrounding the busy area would be best and like Telluride code enforcement, motorcycles and smaller vehicles park free essentially rewarding those that are saving space.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Roads closed off makes traffic flow in and around the downtown area too congested. Highway 291 has too much traffic for the closure to work effectively. During the summer with the influx of people into the downtown area and all the congestion we avoid shopping or eating downtown. Would like to support our local businesses but refuse to go downtown in all the mess!
Chaffee County	Over 65	Female	Keep, F street open. Covid is over, no need to take away all the parking spaces. Also, no shade on downtown streets, making it unbearable to eat outdoors. Don't like bugs in my food either. I very, very seldom go downtown in the summer season, especially weekends, because of lack of parking. Open F street back up year round.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	I used to try to always shop local for my needs, even though local prices are more expensive. We used to love going to one of the restaurants downtown for 'date night'. With the changes downtown, I have come to avoid downtown completely. I now keep to businesses on hwy 50, or online shopping. Same with restaurants and eating out, it's just too much of a hassle and stressful to go downtown. Bicyclists and pedestrians just go wherever they want and abide no laws or rules, with no regard to vehicle traffic. Traffic areas are incredibly tight, and traffic bottlenecks through the areas. Trying to get my handicapped mother-in-law to anywhere downtown requires stopping in the middle of the road, halting traffic for her to get out, making other drivers angry, and then walking further than she is comfortable doing. So, essentially, zero handicap accessibility in those areas. So, Amazon has become my best friend!
City of Salida	41-64	Male	I would love to see either expanded months or permanent.



City of Salida	41-64	Female	Shuttle is a great idea!!
City of Salida	41-64	Male	A shuttle would be a great way to connect HWY50 business and Downtown businesses.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	As a native Salidan I find it very frustrating that I am unable to easily access the downtown area for normal daily living activities such as grocery shopping, business dealings and picking up much needed pharmacy items. I am physically unable to walk very far and need to be able to park as close as I can to the places I need to go. Also to suggest that a local should have to use public transportation in our lovely small town to be able to go downtown so that a tourist can be able to walk in the streets is degrading and shows that your local people are not valued in the least. Please keep our city streets, city streets used for transportation of all types and the sidewalks can fulfill their intended use for on foot pedestrian traffic. Thank you
City of Salida	26-40	Male	I love the F Street closure. It would be amazing if it were pedestrian only for longer periods of time or permanently. As a family living in Hollywood, we go downtown almost daily and mostly access it by foot or by bike. Many times in the summer I will bring my two young kids to town with their bikes and just let them play in the street while I sit in one of the Adirondack chairs. Being able to freely interact with a car free street is so refreshing. I think the City of Salida has a wonderful opportunity to make this a long term investment in the downtown core. In recent years, Downtown Fort Collins, CO has done an incredible job of turning streets and alleys into pedestrian walkways with brick pavers, overhead string lights, hanging flower baskets, benches, public pianos, etc. and it has made it so much more welcoming. Cars don't need to be everywhere all the time. Two enthusiastic thumbs up for F Street Pedestrian Plaza and more thumbs up for making it bigger and better!! Thank you!

City of Salida	41-64	Female	The closure F st should be one or two blocks fewer. The cost benefit if closing it as far as it is normally closed just isnt there. I think it is bice to have it closed, but it definitely increases traffic in downtown because people drive around looking for parking.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	Love the summer F Street closures, especially for the increased outdoor dining options. More bike rack/locking areas would be great, especially during big event weekends.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	I hear so much feedback from tourists that is wonderful to be able to walk safely. I haven't heard one complaint about walking a block or two to get to the downtown area.  One of the greatest benefits is that people are forced to get out of their car and see the true beauty of Salida. It's a quieter (no traffic) atmosphere, more peaceful, cleaner.
City of Salida	26-40	Male	Close more than F too. A huge positive about living here is not needed a vehicle to be in town.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Have it last longer, at least the end of September. It's still plenty busy downtown - or even better, make it a permanent year round closure! . Have more bike parking to encourage more bike traffic.
City of Salida	26-40	Male	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3nMnr8Zirl">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3nMnr8Zirl</a>

City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Calming devices (ie speed bumps) would be an excellent addition on D,E,F,G,H. G & 4th is my top priority, followed by G & 5th, F & 4th, F & 5th. Lower priority as there's not as much traffic or speeding in my experience is 4th & D, 5th & E, 5th & H. A stop sign at 4th & F same as the one at E would be an excellent idea. 4th&F and 4th&G are the intersections packed with vans making it difficult to see. There should at least be real crosswalks on G & F to 5th street so drivers might pay attention and let walkers cross the street during busy times.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Please keep it in place
City of Salida	41-64	Male	I think some sort of shuttles like large golf carts would be great to help disabled and elderly people access the area, from the parking areas.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	I'm able bodied so can walk from distant parking to F St. But, accessibility to businesses in closure area for people with physical challenges may be a negative impact. Free shuttle service would increase accessibility and may need to deliver people to back/alley entries in closure areas.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	The F St Pedestrian Area enhances the walk ability and bike ability of downtown and encourages those who drive to spend more time engaging with shops, eateries, etc rather than parking near the intended destination and leaving. It also fosters that friendly and artistic vibe of Salida. The additional outdoor seating and community space provides locals and tourists (and their dogs ) with a pedestrian friendly environment and I miss it. It should absolutely remain during the summer and ideally year round. At the very least please keep it for the summer.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Much nicer to ride the bikes or walk the dogs downtown with the closure. The unexpected (to us) performances were fantastic and really added to the sense of community and pride that "this is home". Eating on patios like Currents and Amicas (or even just grabbing some ice cream), without the exhaust of passing vehicles was also an extremely improved experience.

			<p>We need to come up with more of a permanent solution. It's clear from the questions above, that's not something we are thinking about but that's what's needed to make this work. I see a real problem with particularly retailers not taking advantage of the "free" retail space give to them. If this were a packed area with lots of outdoor shopping then it would make for an amazing opportunity, lovely feel and an actual destination. Restaurants are the ones who truly take advantage of it, and don't make excuses. If retailers don't want it we should rent it out to someone who does (but probably not a food truck) so it looks full and vibrant.</p> <p>Another option would be to make a permanent solution. We could turn f street into a one way street down to the river, with diagonal parking, and wider sidewalks. Then have g and e streets one way the opposite direction. This would help address our parking, still give restaurants outdoor seating and retailers some space outside. It adds vibrancy, and addresses others problems and doesn't look like an underused mess and would be available year round. It's a win for everyone.</p>
City of Salida	26-40	Male	
			<p>Consistency is key. Closing a few blocks for the summer is cheesy and so are the concrete blockades.</p> <p>I feel that pedestrians are more of a problem in other blocks of downtown such as at Sackett and F because they get used to having the right of way in the 2 blocks south so then they forget to watch for cars everywhere else. I have found myself doing this when I am walking down there. Closing two blocks is weird and quirky. No other mountain tourist towns do this.</p> <p>It's not possible to remove all driving from our downtown area so I say leave it open.</p>
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	
			<p>Please discontinue this practice. I don't visit downtown in the summer because it is too hard to find a parking place.</p>
Chaffee County	Over 65	Female	
			<p>Pedestrian tourist rarely followed traffic signs and were oblivious to oncoming traffic on first street.</p> <p>My family doesn't spend nearly as much time as we used to because of lack of available parking and tourist congestion.</p>
City of Salida	41-64	Female	

City of Salida	41-64	Female	I DO still visit the non-F Street businesses, too. The closure doesn't affect that for me.
Chaffee County	26-40	Female	There is not enough parking to allow for this and it offers an unfair advantage to businesses within the closure opposed to those not within it. There is zero safety signage that there is a highway running through the middle of the 'pedestrian mall' as well.
Chaffee County	Over 65	Female	<p>The reason I don't think air quality improves when F St is closed off is because people can't find a place to park so they circle and circle and circle trying to find parking or at least signage for parking. People burn way more gas trying to find parking when F St is closed off.</p> <p>Alternative transportation would have the same problem trying to get elderly/disabled close to their downtown destination with F being closed off.</p> <p>Creating a large, very visible area at 1st and F St (when F is closed off) gives those that wish to protest a great place to hang out all day. Is that visual we want visitors (and locals) to have when they try to go downtown. We could end up with multiple groups protesting all sorts of things at that junction.</p>
Chaffee County	Over 65	I prefer not to answer	Really like the pedestrian area. It works and makes sense on a lot of levels and is very people oriented, not just vehicles! Hope it continues.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	I would like the city of Salida to consider routing semi trucks onto 50 instead of Main Street unless they are there for delivery!
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Cars suck - but in the cold winter, they are a luxury I use.

Chaffee County	41-64	Male	I'd be ok with starting the closure in early spring (spring break time) to increase the vibe. There is probably a snow concern there, but maybe something to think about and look for a solution if this option rises to the top. Thank you for doing this. Derrick Neikam, Salida, CO.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Not having loud pickup trucks cruising lower F St in summer makes it all worthwhile, no matter other perceived drawbacks. It's impossible to talk over that noise and the fumes make strolling F St unbearable.
Chaffee County	Over 65	Female	It just doesn't seem that enough of the space is used by enough people to warrant the closure. I personally don't care for the closure, but I know many do like it.  ??
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	I have never had a parking issue downtown. I usually park off F St. and walk the short distance to my destination.
Chaffee County	26-40	Female	I live outside of town but work on F Street. Parking is an absolute nightmare for both employees and for customers. The place I work at has the only parking lot downtown. We have limited spots for our own customers when the street isn't closed. When the street is closed it's even worse. People will park and then start to walk downtown with no intention of shopping in the store. So then our customers get angry at us because they couldn't find a close spot. And we can't tow so we're stuck being yelled at for something we can't control. It gets vey old being treated like that.
Chaffee County	Over 65	Male	I don't go there when F Street is closed.
Chaffee County	Over 65	Female	Lack of handicap parking spaces close to businesses

City of Salida	41-64	Male	<p>I like the IDEA of a walking mall, but don't think our downtown works for one 1. We all lose about 60 parking spots downtown. This will always be a problem no matter what, but the closure makes it way worse. 2. It funnels visitors straight up and down F St only and there is no help directing visitors to the side street businesses - 1st, 2nd, &amp; Sackett. 3. Two restaurants benefit by capturing much of the visiting diners during the closure, while taking away business from restaurants on the side streets. Visitors are going to eat downtown either way. The additional outside dining is minimal at best. 4. I believe the city revenue is not increased by this closure, it is only funneled into those two restaurants and F St businesses, and taken away from others on the side streets. Businesses on the side streets are confident they are losing business during the closure. It is a little insane to me to try to do this closure when it immediately removes so much parking and numerous businesses are not happy about it. I do not believe that the closure is a visitor's "draw" to Salida. They are coming to Salida anyway. Please support the large number of side street businesses downtown and keep F St open in the summer. Also, the on-street performances are not what some thought they would be, especially with that little stage (it just doesn't work), and are certainly not a good excuse to do the closure. Not to mention the small mountain town charm of the summer parades is largely affected by the closure. Thanks for reaching out for comment. I hope this survey reaches those other downtown business owners who I have had numerous conversations with about this. Are you willing to do a mailer or flyer to all the downtown businesses about this survey? Thanks.</p>
Chaffee County	26-40	Female	<p>Creates a welcoming environment for both locals and visitors. Really love the closure.</p>

Chaffee County	41-64	Female	This was an awesome opportunity through the pandemic, but feel like it's run its course. It seems access to businesses is a bit trickier during the summer closure, and I don't feel the benefits are as much of a draw as they were when we had as many restrictions during the worst of COVID.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	Have you considered angled parking downtown with single directional traffic?  Parking is horrible. There was a study done several years ago that determined Salida had plenty of parking. Wrong. For any one with difficulty walking, it's a nightmare. Also for someone with small children trying to navigate getting them into/out of a car safely or walking in town with a stroller. It's next to impossible.
Chaffee County	26-40	Male	The F street closure is fantastic. It gives the downtown an excellent feel and is pedestrian friendly!
Chaffee County	Over 65	Male	I also dislike the permanent, year-around, retail islands that are located in designated parking spaces. Also, the bicycle racks and chairs/benches located on the sidewalks that impede pedestrian traffic.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Closure makes it too hard for the elderly plus we want our 4th of July parade back!!
Chaffee County	41-64	Male	Make a 1 way traffic plan for downtown.





Chaffee County	41-64	Male	Only a handful of businesses took advantage of the extra space. It took away our beloved parade route and much needed parking. Please leave the street open.
Chaffee County	41-64	Male	We are a bike town. Get rid of the cars. I see more people biking when the parking is more difficult...so, make the parking MORE difficult. Less cars, more walking, more biking etc. But, per my comment above, it will need some work to not feel temporary. ALSO I did not like the way the streets were blocked. When it's busy, there was a pedestrian/bike traffic jam. The car blocks do not need to be so tight to keep cars off F Street. Please give was some room, especially in front of Oveja, where there was an un used wooden thing that blocked everybody on bikes and one wheels from getting through. Thanks
Chaffee County	41-64	Male	there are not enough business's that take advantage of the closure. The street looks stupid with some business taking advantage of closure and most not. We have a parking problem first and formost. 2nd most business's do not take advantage of the closure. It does not make sense to close a whole thoroughfare for a handful of businesses.
City of Salida	26-40	Male	Smoking at Bensen's and motorcycles at Bensen's ignir the rules
City of Salida	41-64	Female	I think it would be great to get funding to make the street closer more visibly appealing and permanent.

City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Just don't do this half way. Either make sure the space is being creatively utilized or don't do it at all.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	My family loves the F street closure and spend more time and money downtown because of it! Great for our community!
City of Salida	26-40	Male	Invest more in parking and roads. Spend money, heat the streets, change traffic for adjacent streets to be one way, and do F St closure year round. Must have better walking and heated streets to do so.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	I love the downtown closure as a shopper and water in downtown businesses.
City of Salida	26-40	Male	I don't go downtown as much when the street is closed. Too much hassle.
Colorado	26-40	Other: Non Binary	It is hard to get around I shop in Salida but if I know busy on F st I go to Alamosa,
City of Salida	41-64	Female	As a downtown business owner, I like the F Street closure and we hear a lot of positive comments about it from our customers. The main complaint is parking, mostly from folks with mobility challenges. I also think the street could be reopened much earlier than after Labor Day. It was pretty quiet downtown after the 15th of August (about the time they stop augmenting the river flow).
City of Salida	26-40	Female	Please put up warnings or bright signs on the crossings of 1st street. Someone is going to walk into traffic.

City of Salida	26-40	Female	If we are closing it we need to know well in advance so people can actually plan to use the area. It is decided way too late. It also needs to be utilized more. It is currently pretty boring. Very few businesses use the space. It can be done well and can be a nice part of town but more needs to happen otherwise it's just a closed street that annoys people. Set/planned performances would be fun on a regular basis. More seating for people to relax. Games for kids to play. Food carts. Just make it an actual fun place to hang out and enjoy downtown.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	F Street has lost its historic charm. I don't like the barriers. Awkward. The pedestrian flow has to start and stop. Visiting tourists may have a false sense of safety. Ugly. The painted designs on the barriers don't work together. Many of the street patios are unused during the winter and some fall and spring months. Parking spaces that could be used by non-tourists. Anyone crossing the street behind them is actually at risk because they can't really be seen by drivers.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Difficult for the elderly, disabled, and others who cannot walk or bicycle everywhere. We are natives and cannot enjoy downtown as we are unable to walk the distances. Also the pedestrians don't obey the traffic signal because they think everything is shut down and they just dart across the streets not paying attention to traffic.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	We must keep the pedestrian area! It is so nice to be able to stroll down the street! Way more access to stores and retail and dining and it's really expected these days as so many Colorado tourist towns have this!

			I think that the F Street closure adds value to our town, enough so that it should be year round. It almost increases locals frustration to go back and forth each year and have to adjust to it. If it was a constant closure everyone would get used to it and there would be no chance to miss the few additional parking spaces on F Street and local businesses could invest in long term improvements to there outdoor spaces. One challenge of the closure is in regards to delivery drivers and food suppliers being able to get close enough to the businesses they serve. Alley access works for some, but may not work for all. It may be worth strategizing how to give better access for them somehow (maybe poll the local businesses for suggestions on this).
City of Salida	26-40	Female	
City of Salida	41-64	Male	please keep it in place. since it has been for 3 years everyone jas hopefully adjusted to it by now.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	It's an unnecessary modification to transportation and parking that favors a subset of businesses. I would rather see a dedicated lane for non-motorized travel that links downtown with existing bike lanes and trails/parks.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Thanks for asking :)
City of Salida	26-40	Male	This survey will not be representative of community's feelings about the f Street closure. The people who know about this survey and who respond are unlikely to be a representative sample of our community.

City of Salida	41-64	Male	I love the pedestrian area. If, however, keeping it open to cars would get rid of that dim-witted wanker with the assault rifle, I would be all for it.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	I love the vibe of a pedestrian only street.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Didn't think I would like it, but it has turned in to a very positive summer addition. The flowers and painted barriers add to the experience, more please. I hope the city decides to continue this summer change. Buskers welcome. Perhaps some casual seating areas. Thanks for asking.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	The F street Closure uses the City's Tax Dollars to mostly benefit Merchants in the closure area. This is an unfair use of the City's Tax Dollars since it benefits the few at the cost of many. Additionally, the unintended consequences of the closure are not being considered. The benefit being delivered to the Merchants in the closure is at the detriment of the Merchants outside the closure because it impacts the existing traffic patterns of our visitors. The additional vehicle traffic being created on the Streets Surrounding F St is unfairly impacting the citizens residing on the Streets surrounding F-Street and leading to a lower quality of life. The closure of F restricts accessibility available for the disabled. The City is consistently parking constrained and the closure amplifies this issue. Finally, the closure has led to an increase in Crime since it facilitates the congregation and Loitering of individuals illegally consuming Drugs and Alcohol in the public closure area. This has led to an unsafe situation for families, Visitors, Business owners and the general public.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Please work at securing additional parking. As a downtown property owner I really don't like it when people park on my property in spaces reserved for my tenants.

City of Salida	41-64	Female	I wish it was year round, my 9 year old loves the freedom of a pedestrian walk. I participated in Art Walk in the street - outstanding!
City of Salida	41-64	Male	We live in COLORADO.... walking is part of a lifestyle. Park your car....and walk into the wonderful downtown area of Salida. Community gatherings on F street is one of many GREAT things about Salida... let's keep Salida GREAT!!!!
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Closing F street as stopped most local seniors from going downtown for anything.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Just make it permanent already
City of Salida	41-64	Female	With all of the kids in town and tourist traffic, I would love to see F Street closed at least from summer through Christmas, if not longer. It's not hard to find parking elsewhere. Maybe even create more handicap spaces on South F for accessibility. The downtown area is safer for everyone with the closure.
City of Salida	Under 18	Female	I think it will give more space for people that scooter or skateboard. I also really liked it because I was able to walk free without people squishing me.

City of Salida	41-64	Female	I think the F Street closure creates a positive vibe for downtown. It's great to see all the pedestrians walking around in a safe environment. With all of the children we have running around on the streets, which is great, we should keep this area closed year-round for safety.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Safeway posts signs during festivals and events saying it is for Safeway customers only. I would not have it listed as a public parking option.
			I would support this closure being more permanent (year-round rather than just summer) as long as there are adequate resources and accessibility for people who need them. I do think, however, that the unfortunate rise of grumpy drivers makes it increasingly dangerous for pedestrians and bikers even WITH the closure. I would support additional parking options downtown as well as some type of promotion for finding alternative methods of transportation so fewer people feel encouraged to drive. In particular, I feel like there should be additional streets blocked off to car traffic during things like FIBArk and other big events as the masses of pedestrians, bikers, and drivers is too great and drivers seem to be more and more aggressive. Again, I want their to be access for people who need it, but if you don't NEED it, then respect the balance of all the people and transportation methods present and kindly park further out.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	Thank you for requesting feedback and for your great work in our town!
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Please don't block F street from 3rd to 2nd street. Having it partially blocked off is confusing and creates traffic issues.
City of Salida	Over 65	Male	Please do not close downtown again. Because of my handicaps



City of Salida	41-64	Female	As a mother of small children, i really appreciate the extra safety the closure provides for the kids to be active downtown. I also really enjoy the extra walking space- it gets hard walking behind people that are window shopping and are unaware of people trying to get around them.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	Thanks for letting me/us voice our opinions. It has Really been an inconvenience to us.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	The guy with the machine guy standing around on and off all summer is a major public safety threat. It makes locals and visitors feel unsafe.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	It is just a hassle trying to get to some of the businesses and the parking is horrible. There are plenty of open spaces ie. the park, riverside, etc for people to be outside. In an area with little parking, it makes no sense to take away more of what little parking is there, during the busiest time of the year...summer.
City of Salida	26-40	Male	It's nice for pedestrians and being downtown but life seems so much easier when it's open to car traffic, not really sure what I prefer. Parking is definitely more difficult when it's closed.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	It was nice, not having loud motors in the street
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	Question 5 should have a work reason. Also question 7 needs one more option "The F street closure doesn't effect parking in my opinion. Parking is always bad downtown with tourists"
City of Salida	41-64	Male	As an resident of Salida for over 30 years and an employee of a business, it it hard to park, trucks getting through, and wanting to go downtown is defiantly not on the top list of things to do during the summer months. It restrict the parade routes, deliveries, and other activities that help Salida's economy and workforce. We avoid the downtown area as much as possible during the summer. I know it is good for the tourist but for the residents it is a plague.

City of Salida	41-64	Male	It is a cluster fuck
			<p>I like it overall BUT Salida already is very inaccessible and most ADA isn't even to code (I can't even manage most of the main sidewalks downtown) blocking F street reduces the accessible parking and walkways as business push onto the sidewalk</p> <p>If more accessible parking spaces could be available ON f street (end of flowers) and businesses shouldn't be able to block a walkway especially where there's no ramp or way for a wheelchair user to go around</p>
Chaffee County	26-40	Female	Accessibility in Salida is awful and this just makes it worse
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Honestly I think it should continue to be a seasonal thing and I would love to see more permanent structures placed to support it. Maybe like pearl street in boulder.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	When f st is closed I don't visit any business that is on f st. If it closed year round I will not visit any business on f st. T restaurant will not get my business when they need it. Also to many ti.es I have had people walk out in front of me at the light they think that with the closed streets they can do this some is going to get hit because the speed limit is 25 and can not be made lower. If you close f st then we do not need code enforcement on the pd.

City of Salida	26-40	Male	The closure improved the aesthetic of downtown . People spend more time on f street and more money at businesses when the closure is in place. I think it should continue from early summer until first snow. Or become a year round permanent closure
City of Salida	41-64	Female	A tree-lined, landscaped center median would be nice. Eliminate the community stage and provide a way so that traditional parades down F Street can return including Memorial Day parade, FIBArk parade, and the Fourth of July parade. Certainly we can find a way to accommodate summer parades down F Street!
Chaffee County	26-40	Female	The delivery to downtown businesses was not taken into account when this "closure" was brought into place. You make it extremely difficult for some deliveries to be made to businesses. More of a hassle than it is worth at a 40 year local. I DO NOT support the closure in anyway. Please move past the CoVid 19 stuff and let us return to a normal Salida again.
Chaffee County	41-64	Male	The closures make it (and I quote my friend) " a giant pain in the ass to drive downtown." My vehicle sustained serious body damage in a tight alley while trying to deliver gear to an f street restaurant. I no longer schedule events downtown during the closures. It's not set up for this like Pearl street. There would need to be alleys and parking behind all the buildings on both sides of F. A driver turning west on Sackett at riverside park has to travel 3 blocks to make a turn. That increases downtown traffic. Left out of this survey emergency access and parades. We've noted an increase in vagabond encampments within the closures that need to be avoided. These people aren't spending money and are making it uncomfortable for those that are there to conduct business.

City of Salida	41-64	Male	<p>The Bustang and Chaffee Shuttle should definitely have a stop downtown. I can envision a future where Front Rangers take the bus up for a car-less weekend adventure in the valley, perhaps making a loop from Leadville down through Salida to Canon City and back up to Denver?</p> <p>As far as the F street closure, i really like it, but i'm sure it increases traffic on G and E and Sackett and would love to consider a cohesive effort to calm traffic in general in the downtown core, perhaps by widening sidewalks/narrowing streets slightly, or a paving treatment or something. That said, on F Street, it would be nice to keep adding shade and seating so the street doesn't feel so sunbaked and barren during the summer closures. Perhaps even something more permanent/durable like a pocket park.</p>
Chaffee County	26-40	Female	<p>Very much love the pedestrian area, we always seemed to find parking. It is a 'third space' that invites community and connection.</p>
Chaffee County	26-40	Male	<p>I believe F street should become a pedestrian street similar to Pearl Street in Boulder. More accomodations for pedestrians is only a good thing.</p>
City of Salida	26-40	Male	<p>I enjoy the increased pedestrian access and less cars.</p>

City of Salida	26-40	Female	Salida would be so much better if F street was permanently closed to traffic!!!
City of Salida	26-40	Female	Pedestrian areas increases community building and a feeling of belonging. Closed F St during Salida summer is probably my favorite thing about this town and I'd love to have more of it!
Chaffee County	26-40	Male	I feel as though general public think they can use this F St. mall to do whatever they want, I was surprised at the number of people with 'slightly concealed' open alcoholic beverages. Public of all ages, needs to recognize bikes and other personal transportation should be walked through this area, specifically on sidewalks, and not ridden.
Chaffee County	26-40	Female	There is not enough parking to allow for this and it offers an unfair advantage to businesses within the closure opposed to those not within it. There is zero safety signage that there is a highway running through the middle of the 'pedestrian mall' as well.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Please just leave it alone, let the traffic be traffic and understand there are a lot of elderly that this makes it impossible to shop or go out to dinner during the beautiful summer months.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Would love to see more commerce opportunities on the street closure, like food trucks, art vendors, roller skates!

City of Salida	41-64	Male	The closure of F Street creates an even more inviting destination of the historic downtown/Creative District, which benefits my business along with all the others, as well as the city's sales tax revenue.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Make F Street one way, making G St the other direction; widen the sidewalks in the downtown core and add spaces for sitting and gathering.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	KEEP IT OPEN!!!!!!!!!!
City of Salida	41-64	Female	<p>The F Street closure makes pedestrian, bike, and vehicle crossing at 1st and G and at 1st and E more challenging. When F Street is closed, could the City/CDOT put up temporary 4-way stop signs along 1st St at those two intersections either side of F St to better accommodate all travel modes and make 1st St crossing safer for bikes and peds? I feel like those two intersections are always an accident waiting to happen between people in cars, on foot, and on wheels.</p> <p>Natural Grocers is tougher to access with the closure, and the parking lot at that store seems to be full more regularly with non-customers who are just looking for a place to park downtown.</p> <p>I do like the closure for the pedestrian- and downtown business-friendly environment it offers along F, but it is always a bit of a relief for my household when Labor Day occurs, F St reopens, and the bustle downtown starts to slow down a bit.</p>

City of Salida	41-64	Male	Pedestrian area should be enlarged to the entire historic district and should be made permanent.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	More people travel the intersection by the skate park and when f street is closed. It can be dangerous to pull out at that intersection because you can see oncoming traffic because of parked cars.
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Closing F St was needed for COVID accommodation. Business has declined since then. Closing F is no longer needed.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Taking street parking away from our senior community is a mistake. I know many older people tend to avoid downtown during the summer due to limited access with parking being limited. People have disabilities that make walking even short distances difficult. The downtown pharmacy is hard to access. I feel that the only businesses that benefit are the 2-3 restaurants in the area. Amica's and Currents.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	As a business owner, when F street is pedestrian only, I have noticed a huge decline in local customer shopping. Locals complain to me all the time they do not come downtown in the summer because of the street closure. I've heard feed back from tourists, they think it looks desolate and strange, however they like having the space to walk around. F street closure is aesthetically awful. Most days it looks like a ghost town. If there is a festival or holiday it somewhat fills up with people. I think it really only benefits the restaurants who receive free square footage to make more money for the summer.
Chaffee County	41-64	Male	As a business owner on F. st, I am fully in favor of the closure. I would like to see more one or two person musician gigs and did in fact encourage some to use my shade structure when available. Is there a way to encourage more entertainers to come downtown? I believe a more fun and entertaining atmosphere will only encourage more foot traffic, which benefits us all.

City of Salida	41-64	Female	Please keep our town walking friendly. We should promote slowing down and enjoying being outside and getting some fresh air with friends, families and strangers.
Chaffee County	26-40	Female	Closing F Street, three months of the year, is crucial to the safety, happiness and enjoyment of our down town area. Plain and simple, there are too many people to not close it for pedestrian use. You've done a great job mitigating parking shortages and people need to realize you may not be able to park directly in front of a specific building, all of the time. It's three months out of the year and I hope to see it closed every year going forward.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	Make it a gun free zone.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Maybe have the City offer a % off coupon for guests to use outside of the closed off street businesses. Seems they have unfair competition with those businesses that are located in the pedestrian only zone.....
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Does prevent the Fourth of July parade somewhat
My primary residence is elsewhere, but I have a home here, too	41-64	Male	I don't think businesses are fully taking advantage of the additional street area and pedestrian traffic. Businesses need to make some investment to make outdoor space attractive and inviting



City of Salida	41-64	Female	Fix on street parking in the vicinity for residents to park on the street. The scout hut wave and the festivals made it nearly impossible to park on the streets around f st.
My primary residence is elsewhere, but I have a home here, too	41-64	Female	Temp closure Allows for more community interaction Safer for pedestrians
Colorado	41-64	Female	Thank you for the consideration of the closure. I love the feel of it!
City of Salida	26-40	Female	<p>It seems the people who complain the most don't actually frequent downtown regularly. For years I've watched people complain on Facebook etc. about the closure, but then they mention they hate downtown anyway and don't go there. As someone who is downtown daily, the closure has been very wonderful. All of our summer guests rave about it as well. It makes Salida feel more lively and inviting to tourists and families.</p> <p>I absolutely love when all the kids skateboard/rollerblade/bike down F Street on Thursday nights. It feel like our community is alive, and I enjoy seeing neighbors dining in the street.</p> <p>I understand it may be hard for some that are handicapped, but there are more options now like the bike carriage thing the city offers.</p> <p>I know that the owners of Here's the Scoop, Red Tricycle and Dragonfly complain the most about the closure - I also think it's worth noting that all 3 of their businesses are outdated and frankly not enticing, even when parking is available. I don't think it's fair they blame the closure for their lack of sales. All 3 of them need to update their business offerings.</p>

City of Salida	26-40	Male	Should make it a permanent closure, there is always plenty of parking
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Try visiting other mountain towns in the summer. How far will you walk? How much will you pay to park? Salida is blessed to have a downtown area to enjoy without having to pay to park. Visitors and locals alike can enjoy this pedestrian mall. As a local, I'd like to see it all year round.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	The F Street closure makes going downtown a pain. It makes accessing the businesses more difficult. I know many people, myself included, who avoid downtown during the closure. It's also an eyesore. No number of flowers, painted cemented blockades and colorful chairs can change the fact that its a paved street designed for driving and parking. Downtown looks like a yard sale in the summer. The number of homeless people sitting around on the ground, smoking, asking for money, etc. has increased SO MUCH since the city started this closure. Salida's downtown wasn't designed for this. The alley access for businesses isn't designed for this. The poor delivery drivers have to add who know how many miles to their day because they have to park at the end of the block. And regarding safety, what if there is ever an emergency? How is an ambulance, firetruck or police car supposed to access F street quickly? I see few benefits and too many downsides to the closure. Its confusing why the city continues to do this.

City of Salida	41-64	Female	The F Street closure is Salida's attempt to fit a square peg in a round hole, so to speak. F Street was not designed for this and the closure makes going downtown a headache. Its a paved street designed for cars and parking. There aren't alleyways and enough parking nearby to make this work. The traffic flow problems this creates are a pain. I worry about the safety problems due to the inaccessibility the closure creates for emergency vehicles. Its aesthetically displeasing because all the painted cement blockades, flowers, tents, & chairs in the world cannot mask the fact that this is a street that isn't meant to be a pedestrian plaza. The closure creates a "hodgepodge yard sale populated with panhandlers" vibe. I would LOVE to see Salida point all this energy toward designing an intentional town square. An additional shopping/ dining/ art/ music/ cultural center could truly ADD to our community. I believe with our population growth and ever-increasing tourism, both our historic downtown AND a new cultural zone could thrive. Why not design the perfect pedestrian zone as part of all the ongoing land development? Stop this slapdash retro-fit on F street. If Salida wants a pedestrian plaza, then let's do this right and make one.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	I was really disappointed that the signage to first street businesses didn't happen
City of Salida	41-64	Male	Make sure a bike pulling a kid trailer can get between the concrete barriers and the first business stand/gazebo/table. They can be a tight spot at times.
City of Salida	26-40	Female	Helps with noise pollution from loud vehicles.
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Keep the bicycles out unless they walk the bike through. No pets unless on a leash . No skateboarding in area.

Chaffee County	Over 65	Female	<p>Appreciate not hearing, not seeing or smelling cars and diesel trucks when F Street is closed. Hard when it reopens.</p> <p>I can often find parking fairly close to where I am going when it's closed..... except on the weekends. The tourists take over downtown anyway on the weekends especially. It's impossible to find a place to eat. I've heard some pretty grumpy tourists complain about our restaurant situation. Me- I wait until Fall to start eating out again.</p>
Chaffee County	26-40	Female	<p>If we are going to make a pedi-mall, then do it all the way, make a plan, do research and put it to a vote. The layout we have now is half assed and was supposed to only be there for Covid and kept going for some reason. The restaurants are overwhelmed by how many customers they have versus how little staff they have, even if the owners advocate more seating, it's the servers and cooks who suffer. You are stretching an already thin service to a breaking point. The pagodas look ridiculous and don't even offer shade, the whole thing is a half assed attempt at supporting local business while also alienating businesses on the highway and side streets. Once again another tourist attraction instead of something that makes our town better and stronger. Seems like city council and parks can just do whatever they want and use these surveys to justify public support. Do it right or don't do it at all.</p>
City of Salida	41-64	Female	<p>I realize that everything has give and take but I support and enjoy the street closure.</p>
Chaffee County	41-64	Male	<p>Disrupts overall downtown usage. Parade route was affected negatively. Older residents have no opportunity to visit with the parking problems. It wasn't ever broken, so obviously the new residents decided to change it in a negative manner.</p>
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	<p>main concern is the bikes and skateborad speed in the area, the dogs also get out of hand with barking and fighting each other , it gives a unsafe environment.</p>

City of Salida	Over 65	Male	Seems to have drawn the right wing radicals to town
City of Salida	Over 65	Female	Not sure why survey is being done...council already has their mind made up and will do what they want inspite of public opinion
City of Salida	41-64	Female	Work with the city to make handicap access on sidewalks better (reduce slope)
City of Salida	41-64	Male	I love the summer closure. I understand the impact on parking and on some of the businesses, however I feel this is offset by the positive impacts of the closure.
City of Salida	41-64	Female	My family really loves it! We go downtown almost every day for fun, food, or to check on our business ( not downtown but very close) I would honestly be happy to see it be permanent.
Chaffee County	26-40	Female	It's a bummer that no parades can go down F anymore.

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Chaffee County	41-64	Male	<p>I have never had a problem finding a place to park. Sometime you might need to walk a little. I think the closure should be permanent. Look at what they did in downtown Arvada. We could have pedestrian mall and allow open containers on the mall. Have to go drinks. This is what Arvada did.</p> <p>I would also like to see a effort to discourage large truck traffic on hwy 291/1st street through downtown. We don't need giant big rigs driving through downtown. I don't know if this is a GPS routing issue or people just know it is a little short cut. Big rigs should be routed through Ponch Springs to Hwy 50. Nothing like sitting outside on 1st street and getting blasted by diesel exhaust.</p>
City of Salida	Over 65	Male	<p>The concept was great during COVID but is now beyond being tired. Despite repeated efforts to liven up the plaza (especially the 200 block) with food carts and professionally scheduled use of the \$25,000 community stage, F Street was passive at best and dull.</p> <p>The stage should be de-accessioned or moved where it can be used by people who care. F Street PLaza is now an embarrassment. A professionally designed Business Improvement District should be considered - perhaps making F Street one-way north and G Street, one way southbound with permanent planters, FOOD CARTS, angle parking and seating areas in reclaimed streetspace. Do NOT revive this for 2024 in it's present form.</p>
My primary residence is elsewhere, but I have a home here, too	41-64	Male	<p>I'm good with F street closed ALL year long. The vibe is way cooler walking.</p>
My primary residence is elsewhere, but I have a home here, too	41-64	Male	<p>Creating a real walking mall like Pearl Street Mall in Boulder would be ideal. Instead, having an unused paved street feels odd and lower quality. If it remains a summer-only plaza, maybe the street surface needs to be cement or brick. You would still keep the crossing streets of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd open (as Boulder does). Thanks for improving our town! Very much appreciated.</p>

Colorado	41-64	Female	We had no issues with parking. We usually find spots across the bridge and walk. Maybe create more ADA spots for the naysayers?
City of Salida	41-64	Male	I'd like to see some better gathering places and something to class it up the stretch just feels so utilitarian with cheap chairs a rickety gazebo etc. I like it and fully support the future closure. It would be a huge mess trying to walk on the sidewalks with a stroller or disabled person, without it, especially if the city allows bike racks, sandwich boards on the sidewalks. Even without the closure like in the off season the sidewalks with those racks and sandwich boards can get tough to navigate. Thank you for putting this survey together!
City of Salida	41-64	Female	If you plan to close it again make it an amazing experience. Not just space for a few restaurants and random things. We love the extra space to walk downtown but it's lacking.
My primary residence is elsewhere, but I have a home here, too	Over 65	Female	Always welcome it. Feels much much safer and allows window shopping and spending more time downtown. Please don't change it!
City of Salida	Over 65	Male	It would be nice to reduce asphalt and only allow emergency and support service vehicles.
Chaffee County	26-40	Male	I have always loved downtown. But after the closures started, I fell in love with downtown Salida. Separating vehicles and people gives the town a much friendlier vibe. Would love to see even less vehicles with at least the same level of foot access.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	I prefer to be able to find parking closer to the businesses I patronize due to time constraints. The closure created a deficit in parking, pushing parking options away from downtown. I found that I just didn't patronize downtown shopping or dining options during the closure.



My primary residence is elsewhere, but I have a home here, too	41-64	Male	My unit is on F st and parking is difficult because there is no designated spot, but we make do. I do suggest figuring out how to make it work with fibark and the children's rides. I'll deal with parking for that
City of Salida	Over 65	Male	It's a shame the old skateboard park was never converted over to something useful to all ages. I thought that the new skateboard park was suitable due to the nearly \$1 million spent on it.
Chaffee County	41-64	Female	Parking garage on the corner of D and 1st Close to downtown and charge a small fee or have parking pass. It's much needed.
Colorado	41-64	Other: I have a job here so you can probably do the math.	Funny how nothing ever makes life better for the guy who goes to work every day. And how the 5 people who own downtown get even more filthy rich. And you wonder why your working class is moving away ... in droves. Enjoy serving wealthy Texans, entitled retirees and trust funders. But hey - at least there's flowers downtown!
City of Salida	41-64	Female	I would love for it to stay a pedestrian area even longer. I think it makes Salida unique and enjoyable.
Chaffee County	26-40	Female	I think it's ridiculous that people would be against this. It simply a *minor* inconvenience, if any inconvenience at all.
Colorado	41-64	Female	Roller skate rental

City of Salida	41-64	Female	<p>I love the street closure and feel it aligns with the outdoorsy vibe of Salida.</p> <p>I know people complain about reduced parking but feel they aren't aware of the other parking options.</p> <p>Allowing a limited amount of handicapped parking spaces to remain would be a good option for those who cannot walk far.</p>
Colorado	41-64	Female	<p>I mostly visit downtown to stock up and it's not realistic to carry \$300+ worth of groceries blocks away</p>
Chaffee County	26-40	Male	<p>I believe we are incredibly lucky to have the pedestrian area on F street. It's a boon to businesses and my kids love it and I feel much more safe with them downtown. While I can usually find parking quickly, if people are complaining about lack of parking I suggest the following solution. If you created a one way loop around the pedestrian closure using G, 2nd, E, and Sackett and turned the street parking diagonal on both sides of the street it would vastly increase parking and not have a huge effect on traffic (1st street remains the same). I think the city has done a wonderful job with this closure and I feel that a few tweaks to traffic flow could greatly increase parking if that is people's concern. Please keep the closure!!!</p>
Chaffee County	26-40	Male	<p>I just wish it were permanent! I would be happy to see reduced parking on side streets near F as well to allow for more outdoor space for businesses that don't currently benefit from the closure.</p>
My primary residence is elsewhere, but I have a home here, too	Over 65	Male	<p>We have a 2nd home in Salida. We visit about every six weeks for about two weeks at a time. When in Salida, we go into downtown almost daily.</p>