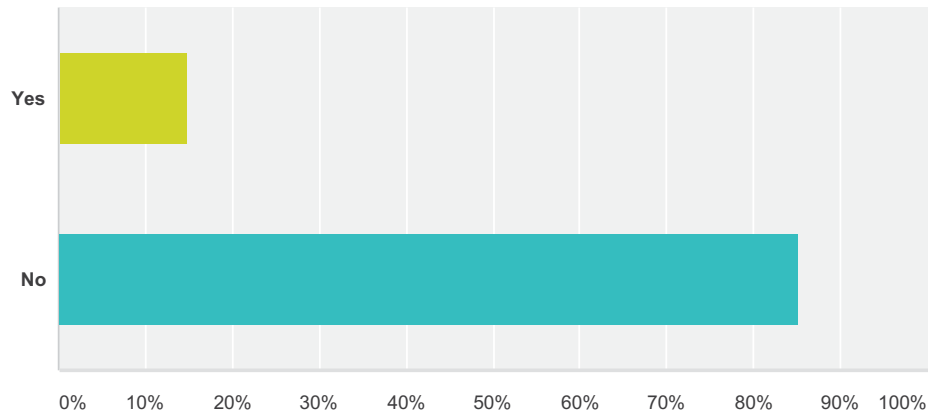


Q1 Should Venice Avenue downtown be reduced to one lane in each direction, with angled parking?

Answered: 443 Skipped: 11



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	14.90% 66
No	85.10% 377
Total	443

#	Additional Comments:	Date
1	Venice ave conveys a substantial amount of traffic. If the road is converted to 1 lane the traffic backup (from the Trail west) will be unbearable. Additionally, downtown parking is only a concern for the 3 months our town is invaded by snow birds. I don't feel we should alter our community for non-residents. The allure of Venice when I moved here many years ago was the small, old Florida charm. City administrators need to work to keep the small town atmosphere not appeasing the wishes of 3 month visitors. This is what distinguishes Venice from Sarasota and Naples. If Venice continues to expand its downtown (especially a parking deck) it will just become another Sararota	1/11/2017 2:48 PM
2	No angled parking	1/11/2017 11:35 AM
3	Old folks can't back or turn their heads past 15 degrees. Need 2 lanes as drivers continually stop to let passengers out and single lane would result in numerous backups of traffic.	1/11/2017 11:33 AM
4	Please increase police presence and enforcement on downtown streets. One lane, definitely. Angled parking - maybe. Older people generally have trouble looking back over their shoulders. Perhaps parallel parking should be kept. One-way is needed and one lane each way as a means of calming traffic and improving an increasingly dangerous situation for pedestrians crossing the street. Add a bicycle lane and enforce bicycle laws. Enforcement of bicycle laws is needed throughout the city. Cyclists regularly blow through stop signs.	1/11/2017 11:19 AM
5	Angled parking is a disaster on Main Street, Sarasota.	1/11/2017 10:30 AM
6	Venice is popular because of the charm of downtown. I moved here because of the "small town" charm. Any change will ruin this. I observe that motorists are careful and observe pedestrian crossing signs. Why would you mess up a good thing ??	1/11/2017 8:25 AM
7	Not sure. See last Comment below:.	1/10/2017 11:36 PM
8	During season it would be almost impossible to turn left or right onto side streets. Make every effort to remove the post office for more parking. Should be moved to I75. Those trucks almost run over cars trying to make the turn. Dangerous.	1/10/2017 10:47 PM
9	How about making it pedestrian only and one way in on the road to the north and one way out on Miami/road to the South. Making a pleasant experience for patrons and vehicles?	1/10/2017 7:18 PM

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10	Angled parking is bad when trying to back out of a sparkling spot.	1/10/2017 5:50 PM
11	I really don't like this idea.	1/10/2017 3:39 PM
12	This will be such a small percentage in increased parking that it is not worth the cost.	1/10/2017 2:48 PM
13	It might decrease traffic flow and difficult to see pedestrians crossing.	1/10/2017 1:58 PM
14	Too many people do not use review mirrors, there would be constant "fender benders" when people just hit reverse without looking who's behind them. Talk to people regarding the Publix and Home Depot stores!	1/10/2017 1:45 PM
15	My answer would be yes if it is not converted to a walking mall.	1/10/2017 10:59 AM
16	Backing out of parking spaces into traffic is a very bad idea.	1/10/2017 9:35 AM
17	more spaces - no garage needed	1/10/2017 9:28 AM
18	angled parking is dangerous	1/10/2017 9:25 AM
19	Backing out of angled parking is dangerous.	1/10/2017 9:22 AM
20	Backing out of angled parking would cause accidents.	1/10/2017 9:18 AM
21	Reducing the lanes will create traffic problems when cars pull out.	1/10/2017 9:07 AM
22	this idea would back up traffic more so than now	1/10/2017 9:03 AM
23	How do you think this proposal would be more efficient? Traffic on Venice Avenue is congested with 4 lanes.	1/10/2017 9:01 AM
24	Please don't ruin our charming downtown. Please leave Venice as is. This whole proposal is predicated to appease the merchants and tourists for 3 months. We live on the island and see no problem the other 9 months.	1/10/2017 8:56 AM
25	Dangerous back outs Emergency vehicles blocked	1/10/2017 8:49 AM
26	We need two lanes. Maybe be close and slow but that lends to feeling of vibrant downtown area which draws people. If people are in a hurry they don't take Venice Ave.	1/10/2017 8:48 AM
27	Bad idea. Cars backing out of parking place directly into traffic would result in more accidents. Angle parking in Publix parking lot is bad enough.	1/10/2017 8:46 AM
28	There would be too much traffic back up	1/10/2017 8:43 AM
29	It's bad enough with 2 lanes. Don't wake a sleeping giant. When you took away the turn lane, it was a mistake.	1/10/2017 8:37 AM
30	Backing out of the angled parking will cause more accidents.	1/10/2017 7:04 AM
31	Remove cars from Harbor to Biz 41 on the southbound side, make it a ped. walking area, charge restaurants a sidewalk tax---make north bound Venice Ave. 2 way or use Miami or Tampa as the other eastbound / westbound for cars. Run shuttles to the island to reduce traffic and need for parking. Use the trolley (smaller and electric---the diesel one is noisy stinks---terrible for local air quality)	1/10/2017 6:56 AM
32	- limits car flow on Venice Ave by eliminating 1 lane each way. - backing out of parking spaces could cause issues	1/10/2017 12:21 AM
33	Absolutely not, traffic would be crazy!!	1/9/2017 9:16 PM
34	I am in favor of closing Venice Avenue business section and convert to walking mall.	1/9/2017 8:37 PM
35	One lane okay. Angled parking is asking for more accidents. People need to back in not back out.	1/9/2017 8:12 PM
36	angled parking would further slow down traffic flow with only one lane open...in season almost impassable with both lanes open	1/9/2017 7:09 PM
37	No. With drop-offs and quick-stops and pedestrian interference, there would be more congestion on Venice Ave.	1/9/2017 5:51 PM
38	Angled parking leads to more accidents when cars leave the parking spot as parked cars can not see the approaching traffic!	1/9/2017 5:46 PM
39	It's very difficult to back out into traffic from angled parking. Traffic flow can be heavy or you can't see to back out into traffic and many drivers don't stop to let you back out.	1/9/2017 5:45 PM
40	The present traffic system works best for both the businesses and the travelers.	1/9/2017 5:43 PM
41	Absolutely! That would increase the parking and decrease the traffic/pedestrian problems. Number 4 below is my number one choice.	1/9/2017 5:08 PM
42	Would prefer no cars on the street in the downtown area	1/9/2017 4:44 PM

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43	This would really slow traffic down to a stop, each time someone pulled in and out of a space, all year round not just in season.	1/9/2017 4:39 PM
44	Proposal invites traffic problems. An aged population currently has problems parking, having them back out of a parking space into one lane of traffic is inviting gridlock causing fender benders. Also, in a medical emergency an ambulance would block traffic for an extended period of time.	1/9/2017 4:00 PM
45	But not if it takes long enough for the merchants to loose too much business	1/9/2017 3:23 PM
46	Parallel parking is probably safer for the elderly to maneuver in and out of	1/9/2017 3:07 PM
47	That would create a traffic nightmare as cars parked at angles try to back out into oncoming cars in a single lane. This is a horrible idea. It would make far more sense to create a new parking lot within walking distance of downtown.	1/9/2017 2:49 PM
48	It is difficult to back out of angled parking spots.	1/9/2017 2:20 PM
49	Way too much traffic to move on this road to reduce lanes.	1/9/2017 2:05 PM
50	Angled parking is difficult to back out of, vision is obstructed by the car next to you.	1/9/2017 1:51 PM
51	Angled parking in conjunction with a single lane will create traffic stoppage every time someone exits a pairing spot. Double lanes allow entry/exit of parking while keeping one lane free for traffic	1/9/2017 1:36 PM
52	If you would go up to Sarasota and see both the downtown and St Armands Circle, you would see that angled parking can work and does there. It also helps to slow down the traffic. Venice Avenue still has cars that go to fast. If Tampa becomes a one way to the beach it will take some of the traffic off Venice Avenue. More cones should be put up also and we need more pedestrian signs.	1/9/2017 1:26 PM
53	Our hometown did this in a downtown area and it is a disaster. If you only have one lane of traffic, NO ONE can ever back out of a parking spot and the traffic is constantly held up as people try to do it.	1/9/2017 12:38 PM
54	how can you think will work	1/9/2017 12:28 PM
55	We don't need more cars downtown. We also don't need people backing into traffic without looking. Enough already pull out of regular parking spots without looking.	1/9/2017 12:23 PM
56	Angled parking is really dangerous when you are parked next to an SUV or truck and can't see, so you just back up and pray. Disastrous!	1/9/2017 11:19 AM
57	With all that traffic in one lane it would be almost impossible to back out of the angled parking space.	1/9/2017 10:38 AM
58	It is hard enough to get people through now during the busy season.	1/9/2017 10:08 AM
59	Angled parking would create major problems for many senior drivers	1/9/2017 9:26 AM
60	It is difficult for a sedan to pull out of an angle parking space when surrounded by SUV's. Reducing the Ave. to one lane to facilitate angle parking would add to the hazard.	1/9/2017 8:32 AM
61	Great concept, but functionally the traffic congestion would be worsened.	1/9/2017 8:27 AM
62	Angled parking is dangerous when backing out into oncoming traffic	1/8/2017 9:34 PM
63	Mega traffic jams cause people are waiting for others to back out..Certainly unable to pass due to one lane only.	1/8/2017 9:11 PM
64	Only if it provides additional parking spaces.	1/8/2017 6:58 PM
65	Would slow down movement of traffic and add to congestion. Eliminating the parking on Venice Ave. and converting that space to bike lanes, having crosswalks better lit, cutting back shrubbery to allow easy visibility for pedestrians crossing the median would make the downtown much safer and ease the movement of traffic. Consider a parking garage at the east end of Centennial Park.	1/8/2017 5:07 PM
66	Traffic bad enough without people trying to back up and not being able to see...leave it alone!!	1/8/2017 5:01 PM
67	Angled parking is VERY dangerous. The driver who is backing out from the parking spot cannot see if traffic is coming down the road. There have been a few close calls on The Esplanade South at Venice Beach.	1/8/2017 4:56 PM
68	I am against your proposed idea. I assume by this idea you are trying to copy downtown Sarasota?....The reason I am against this is because this will create greater congestion and increase the potential for accidents. With one lane only in each direction for moving traffic and folks trying to back out of the angled parking, I only foresee problems. Please leave Venice Ave 'as is'....In downtown Sarasota, traffic comes to a halt when someone is trying to back out of an angled parking spot...so for steady and safe traffic flow, this is not a good idea..	1/8/2017 3:47 PM
69	the traffic already gets too congested. by reducing the lanes to 1 it will just make matters worse. this is a main tru way for our town. do not make it harder for everyone to get around. there is not a shortage of parking!	1/8/2017 3:29 PM

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70	Driving on Venice Ave is difficult enough with it being two lanes People backing out of angled parking spaces would make it almost impossible to drive on.	1/8/2017 2:12 PM
71	you would never be able to drive down the road to get off the island as everyone is backing up. It takes long enough now.	1/8/2017 2:04 PM
72	2 lanes are needed.	1/8/2017 1:51 PM
73	A Pedestrian Only zone would be better - golf carts allowed w/angled parking - no cars	1/8/2017 1:36 PM
74	Absolutely not! Traffic getting on and off the island is heavy now. Reducing Venice Ave to one lane would create major delays and traffic would be backed up for great distances as cars manipulate into parking spaces. Angled parking could be problematic, further delaying driving on Venice Ave	1/8/2017 1:13 PM
75	It should be blocked off from Business 41 to City Hall	1/8/2017 12:57 PM
76	Not at the expense of removing any of the trees!	1/8/2017 12:22 PM
77	Angled parking is just a accident waiting on any of the avenues. Think of the area parking lots! Furthermore the flow of traffic on this busy street during season would become gridlock. Another suggestion to improve flow onto Venice Ave. would be to add a right turn lane on southbound US41 and Venice Ave. similar to the one on Tampa.	1/8/2017 12:17 PM
78	with only 1 lane, it would be very congested while people try to back out of their parking space	1/8/2017 11:57 AM
79	We need the parking for the snow birds	1/8/2017 11:43 AM
80	Can imagine people not looking and backing out into the flow of traffic. Downtown will look very crowded with angled parking -- will lose some charm. This idea seems to accommodate only snowbirds, not full-time residents. Please don't junk up downtown for out of towners who are only here for part of the year.	1/8/2017 11:40 AM
81	it would lead to gigantic backups especially when the stupid widening of 41 is completed	1/8/2017 11:32 AM
82	Possible difficulty backing out of parking spot	1/8/2017 11:09 AM
83	harder to pull out into traffic with angled parking.	1/8/2017 9:12 AM
84	Leave the downtown area just as is. Repave the road !!!!!!!	1/8/2017 9:00 AM
85	Our experience is reducing traffic to one lane and angled parking results in confusion and reduced traffic flow.	1/8/2017 8:51 AM
86	Tear down the pineapple restaurant and make that area a parking lot	1/8/2017 7:25 AM
87	Trucks should not be allowed on Venice Avenue. They can use alleys or Tampa or Miami.	1/8/2017 7:19 AM
88	Too many people backing out of parking spot will hit cars moving in the one lane of ongoing traffic.	1/8/2017 6:53 AM
89	Such a configuration would like to major traffic problems	1/7/2017 11:26 PM
90	angled parking makes it difficult to see when backing out	1/7/2017 11:00 PM
91	Absolutely NOT!!! I have lived downtown for 25yrs, this would cause many accidents!	1/7/2017 9:38 PM
92	Absolutely NOT. By doing so, your taking 'the already slow, elder and out of staters' drivers, not knowing which end is up, and then by backing out to leave would only 'prolong' the already dense traffic and the people that cannot drive nor should not be behind a wheel of a car. What will you do with a 'FULL ISLAND' after the bridge goes up???	1/7/2017 7:45 PM
93	Backing out of angled spaces would cause more congestion.	1/7/2017 7:41 PM
94	This would be my second choice, with the walking mall concept being my first choice.	1/7/2017 7:19 PM
95	Historical Venice should remain as is.	1/7/2017 6:39 PM
96	Downtown is congested enough and needs two lanes each direction.	1/7/2017 6:25 PM
97	The current 'right' lane already backs up when people are waiting for someone to vacate a parking spot. The problem would only be magnified ten fold if there were only one lane. This is a terrible idea!	1/7/2017 6:12 PM
98	Oh my goodness! Do you realize the backups that would occur while someone would wait for a car to back out?	1/7/2017 5:52 PM
99	Lived in a town in New England that has this w/2 lanes each way. Bogs down traffic and can be dangerous! !!!!!	1/7/2017 5:28 PM
100	Traffic is already slow enough. Pulling parked cars into one lane of theiugh traffic will bring it to a standstill	1/7/2017 5:26 PM

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101	Eastbound traffic in 100 Block of West Venice ave be can backed up more than a block at the US 41 light even during the summer and fall. Vehicles backing out of angular parking into the single lane of traffic on this busy street will only slow traffic more. People need to be encouraged to park on the adjacent side streets. We have no problem finding parking regardless of the season on the adjoining streets both north & south of W Venice Ave if the parking lot in the park is full. Downtown area is very walk able. People should expect, no encouraged, to walk and not expect parking next the business they are patronizing. Parking within a block of most businesses is available except during special events.	1/7/2017 5:14 PM
102	Make Venice Ave, from US 41 to Harbor Dr a pedestrian Mall (open for walkers, joggers and bicycles), similar to the Lincoln Rd mall in Miami. Traffic coming west across the Venice Ave bridge would either turn right on US 41 then left on Tampa or left on US 41 then right on Miami Ave to continue west bound. The cross streets of Nokomis Ave and Nassau St would remain open for traffic to slowly cross Venice Ave. That will allow good access to and egress from the Centennial Park parking lot. The outdoor dining areas could be expanded with walking, bike lanes and bike racks where the street is currently. A good design planner can come up with good, simple ideas to make it work.	1/7/2017 5:11 PM
103	Even though angle parking would help with the parking, having only one lane would increase the traffic wait time, which incites some impatient people.	1/7/2017 5:08 PM
104	Disaster! Angled parking with people constantly trying to back out combined with only one lane will cause endless backups. Don't do it!! This will ruin our perfect downtown all for the sake of more parking. If more parking is your goal, please create parking lots or garages slightly out of the center of town.	1/7/2017 5:07 PM
105	Reverse Angle Parking	1/7/2017 5:05 PM
106	Why? This will look terrible and be a traffic stopping inconvenience. The only reason to do this is to try to provide somewhat more parking (how much?). It is also aesthetically ugly and ruin the look of our beautiful downtown.	1/7/2017 5:03 PM
107	leave downtown alone	1/7/2017 4:31 PM
108	Angled parking is fine for small towns. Venice is no longer fits that description. Also, vehicles using downtown streets include large pickup trucks, vans, and RV's which can obscure line of sight.	1/7/2017 4:21 PM
109	By making Venice ave one way, you reduce the congestion that often comes with tourists that feel the need to drive 5mph down the road. In considering the future of Downtown Venice, I hope it is taken into consideration the influx of young adult population moving back into the area. This one way Venice ave could have the potential to host additional restaurants such as Daquari Deck that also provide nightlife entertainment. Venice has come a long way in the past 5 years in that department, and I hope progressive changes as this one will only further that.	1/7/2017 4:11 PM
110	One lane in either direction, with angled parking, would cause a veritable parking lot, because of cars trying to back out and pull into these spots. The more open lanes going through town, the safer the traffic pattern will be.	1/7/2017 4:05 PM
111	Naples, FL has one lane and the traffic is horrible.	1/7/2017 3:43 PM
112	This will likely create traffic jams as drivers try to back out of their parking space.people	1/7/2017 2:46 PM
113	this has worked in many small towns quite well. I would like it here.	1/7/2017 2:42 PM
114	Doing this would lead to more congestion during the winter months--a condition that should be avoided and not exacerbated.	1/7/2017 2:36 PM
115	Traffic increase beyond Harbor and onto central bridge would be compromised.	1/7/2017 2:30 PM
116	Why, we need to get the traffics through and we need the parking we have now.	1/7/2017 2:25 PM
117	It was designed as a road, not a parking lot!	1/7/2017 2:11 PM
118	This proposal reminds me of St. Armand's Circle. THat situations uses the media as the anchor for the angled parking. The Venice plan focuses on the shops and eliminates the ambience of out side eating areas. Also exiting and entering angled parking spaces will significantly delay the movement on Venice Ave.	1/7/2017 2:11 PM
119	I feel angled parking would be very dangerous. Backing out into a single lane of heavy traffic could be a disaster.	1/7/2017 2:06 PM
120	It's bad with two lanes in each direction!	1/7/2017 2:00 PM
121	Angled parking is great in some situations, however it also makes it almost impossible to back out of a parking spot on a busy street . One lane should create massive traffic on a busy day.	1/7/2017 1:25 PM
122	BRILLIANT. SEEMS IT WOULD BE SAFER.. SO MANY PEOPLE ON FOOT TRYING TO CROSS 4 LANES CAN BE TRICKY EVEN WITH THE SIGNS RIGHT IN DRIVERS FACES. CITY COULD MAKE SOME MONEY HANDING OUT TICKETS DOWN THERE. LOL..	1/7/2017 1:18 PM

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123	I came from the Orlando area, there is a town there Winter Garden very similar to Venice downtown. They have only one lane either way and angled parking. It works very well and I always wondered why Venice did not do that. Also they have brick pavers in the downtown streets which slows traffic and is very attractive.	1/7/2017 1:17 PM
124	Concerned that angle parked cars would not be able to exit parking space easily and safely. The road will be too narrow, traffic too heavy for the cars to pull out in a timely matter without lots of fender bending accidents happening.	1/7/2017 12:59 PM
125	It would be difficult for backing out with the traffic flow.	1/7/2017 12:57 PM
126	Getting in and out of town is hard enough during season. Build a parking garage.	1/7/2017 12:43 PM
127	This will increase access to the stores, reduce vehicle emissions and, hopefully, make pedestrians safer.	1/7/2017 12:42 PM
128	Concerned on the impact on movement of traffic during "season."	1/7/2017 12:42 PM
129	Getting thru downtown is already slow. Some days the traffic is lined up from 41 Bypass to the Trail on Venice Ave.	1/7/2017 12:39 PM
130	This would clog Venice Avenue and result in possible major backups due to left hand turns onto Nokomis and Nassau in both directions. Any more than one car turning would result in cars backed up into the proposed one travel lane.	1/7/2017 12:27 PM
131	IF this will increase the number of parking spaces downtown. If not, then I feel it should remain 2 lanes each direction.	1/7/2017 12:01 PM
132	Current traffic flow during season is already bad enough. One lane each way will make it worse.	1/7/2017 11:55 AM
133	Angled parking is stupid. The traffic flow in the downtown area is just fine.	1/7/2017 11:41 AM
134	Venice Ave. is the premier thoroughfare through downtown and seems to be the most heavily trafficked. Maintain two travel lanes for both the look and need to accommodate the traffic volume.	1/7/2017 11:28 AM
135	Just leave the quaint look alone !	1/7/2017 11:19 AM
136	Traffic is bad enough. This proposal would make it worse. With only one lane and people backing out of their parking spaces it would bring traffic to a standstill during busy times.	1/7/2017 11:06 AM
137	Traffic jam	1/7/2017 11:02 AM
138	Traffic is already an issue for people exiting the island starting around 3:00 pm weekdays.	1/7/2017 10:57 AM
139	THAT IS A STUPID IDEA	1/7/2017 10:56 AM
140	In season with heavy traffic, no way to back out of angled packing	1/7/2017 10:55 AM
141	Angled parking not appropriate for our population.	1/7/2017 10:53 AM
142	Downtown Venice needs a parking garage. With all the new building (housing) going on in our part of the county, downtown traffic will be strangled in a few years. Go up! A two story garage would do the trick, built with all the architectural elements the Nolan plan inspired. Using the existing ground parking on Venice Avenue, small retail could be incorporated into the design.	1/7/2017 10:52 AM
143	anything to improve the parking situation	1/7/2017 10:47 AM
144	1. Lane reductions should apply in each direction on W. Venice Avenue only between N. Tamiami Trail and Harbor Drive S. 2. In addition to a single lane for vehicular traffic a single lane for bicycle traffic should be included. 3. To facilitate traffic movement and avoid unnecessary congestion for vehicular traffic entering and exiting the Downtown area via W. Venice Avenue, turning lanes should be maintained in both directions at both N. Tamiami Trail and Harbor Drive S. 4. The Boulevard dividing W. Venice Avenue should be continuous and run the entire length of W. Venice Avenue between N. Tamiami Trail and all straight through traffic access across W. Venice Avenue at Nokomis Avenue N. & Nassau Avenue N. should be closed permanently. The current width dimensions are adequate. Better pedestrian cross access should be provided. 5. Traffic access to both Nokomis Avenue N. & Nassau Avenue N. should be maintained and allowed at W. Venice Avenue on a one way basis only (right turns only). 6. Traffic egress from W. Venice Avenue in either direction should be maintained and allowed at both Nokomis Avenue N. & Nassau Avenue N. on a one way basis (right turns only). 7. Parking should remain as parallel parking spaces on W. Venice Avenue in order to minimize on street parking density. Consideration should also be given to adding on street bicycle parking stations. 8. The downtown is definitely in need of additional parking spaces and serious consideration should be given to a redesign of the Centennial Park facility to better accommodate additional vehicles, bicycles with improved access and egress focused specifically at W. Venice Avenue or Tampa Avenue W. 9. Sidewalks should be widened to improve pedestrian traffic and as well to provide expanded level space exclusively for restaurant patio use and eliminate pedestrian through traffic.	1/7/2017 10:46 AM
145	It would create too much congestion & would take away the quaintness of our town	1/7/2017 10:43 AM
146	Motorists can presently pull out of a parking spot there with minimal disruption to traffic. Also, it seems to me that angled parking could be less safe because drivers parked next to a large vehicle would have reduced vision as they back out.	1/7/2017 10:33 AM

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147	Cars waiting for parking spots and cars backing out would bring traffic to a stand still.	1/7/2017 10:32 AM
148	Too much traffic to reduce down to one lane. Angled parking will create too much traffic congestion with cars pulling in and out of parking.	1/7/2017 10:28 AM
149	If it provides more parking I would say yes. If not I would say no	1/7/2017 10:19 AM
150	Venice needs a parking garage, built between Venice Ave & Tampa. There will still be space for the farm market & other events.	1/7/2017 9:57 AM
151	Horrible Idea... do not let whoever thought of this propose any other ideas... there's too little added parking for the resulting traffic flow penalty and additional danger of more bad drivers doing more bad backing up into that one lane delayed traffic flow! ... park and walk; snowbirds can figure it out, with or without a helper	1/7/2017 9:53 AM
152	Move the post office and the tennis courts and make more parking there.	1/7/2017 9:49 AM
153	Angled parking will cause more accidents, as many people have trouble backing out of a parking space. Their view of pedestrians and bicyclists is limited.	1/7/2017 9:49 AM
154	With only one lane people would have a mess getting in and out of the parking spaces	1/7/2017 9:42 AM
155	This will only bottleneck traffic.	1/7/2017 9:37 AM
156	angled parking has positives for accessing a parking spot, but, with the age and motor skills of most of the drivers in the area, it will cause problems backing up.	1/7/2017 9:36 AM
157	This would only add to more parking on the vilasge's Main Street.	1/7/2017 9:33 AM
158	I feel this would only tie up the flow more due to the continued stopping of traffic when the additional # of cars are backing out of the spaces. Also a potential added accident problem for the same reason. Larry & Sarah Evans 545 Marsh Creek Rd. Venice.	1/7/2017 9:28 AM
159	I believe it would be a problem for the cars already parked to back up into traffic, thereby holding up waiting cars.	1/7/2017 9:19 AM
160	See below...this would be the primary path for shoppers.	1/7/2017 9:14 AM
161	a nightmare !!!	1/7/2017 9:11 AM
162	Close east bound lane, make into pedestrian walkway, make west bound lane one way.	1/7/2017 9:09 AM
163	The South side of Venice Ave. should be converted to a pedestrian walkway along the front of the shops. This would allow the businesses to expand out onto the promenade and provide benches for residents to use Whalen enjoying the area. It would also save the palm trees in this area. The North side of Venice Ave. should be converted to one way and continue to provide parking in the existing lot. The new promenade area should be suitably landscaped to provide shade and be inviting to both residents and visitors. I have visited many cities that have converted core areas to encourage increased use of the restaurants and to improve the image of the community. This is an opportunity we should not miss.	1/7/2017 9:05 AM
164	Possibly	1/7/2017 8:56 AM
165	May cause increase in fender bender accidents with so many senior citizens attempting toback outof parking spaces.	1/7/2017 8:40 AM
166	Traffic would back up to the Jacaranda roundabout. It would be awful.	1/7/2017 8:39 AM
167	It would back up traffic from the beach to the Jacaranda Circle. Add to that the frequent bridge openings and you would have a nightmare. More cars backing out of angled parking would further complicate tie ups.	1/7/2017 8:27 AM
168	There's enough congestion with two lanes during season. Everything would be reduced to a crawl.	1/7/2017 8:14 AM
169	It's a bottleneck now...let's not make it worse.	1/7/2017 7:53 AM
170	My concern would be that drivers in the one lane would stop, and insist on waiting for an angled parking spot to be vacated, thus backing up traffic behind it. Similar to a Publix parking lot.	1/7/2017 7:35 AM
171	Don't ruin the charm	1/7/2017 7:14 AM
172	Only a problem for a few months. Lots of parking a few blocks away at community center.	1/7/2017 6:51 AM
173	Would add congestion and be diffi ult for csrs to back out	1/6/2017 10:49 PM
174	I am very disappointed with this survey. It essentially asks for uninformed opinion. In addition, there has been very little public information about this process or lead time on the survey. The city/contractor provides no explanatory information or graphics to enlighten or give perspective about these seemingly incompatible choices. I can't participate, much as I would like to.	1/6/2017 10:12 PM

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175	Many signs must be installed saying "VEHICLES BACKING FROM SPACES HAVE RIGHT OF WAY!" The world is full of aggressive, road-rage idiot drivers who will hit your car instead of being polite and stopping so you may back out. There must be enforcement of thru traffic stopping to allow cars backing out of the angle stall to back out.	1/6/2017 9:50 PM
176	Traffic and parking already sucks. There are already sidewalks.	1/6/2017 9:34 PM
177	It is very difficult to make a decision without knowing details pertaining to the changes in parking. How many parking spaces currently exist on each street and how many will there be if the changes are made?	1/6/2017 8:53 PM
178	Are you serious? Do you know what this will do to traffic? What is wrong with you for even thinking this?	1/6/2017 8:35 PM
179	It would be a nightmare getting on and off the island. It would back traffic up significantly.	1/6/2017 8:21 PM
180	One way ok. Angled parking will be a problem with people backing out.	1/6/2017 7:32 PM
181	I think it would lead to worse traffic congestion.	1/6/2017 7:12 PM
182	Just will create a traffic nightmare.	1/6/2017 6:40 PM
183	It would be a nightmare to back out of any angled parking during "the season"	1/6/2017 6:16 PM
184	While easier to park a car I think it would really slow down traffic flow. Too much of a main road.	1/6/2017 5:48 PM
185	We need a parking garage.	1/6/2017 5:35 PM
186	Understand we need more parking, but one lane will bog down the seasonal traffic more than it already is.	1/6/2017 5:35 PM
187	Neither--should be pedestrian or bike or golf care only access --make people park and walk--there is that old restaurant, Pineapples on 41 --there should be a garage there and a walkover and/or a designated safe place to cross to get to the "town center"- Miami or Venice Ave--	1/6/2017 5:13 PM
188	Please don't ruin the downtown so you can squeeze another car or body down there for the extra buck. You have a wonderful downtown now.	1/6/2017 5:04 PM
189	I think angled parking on this busy street could be a disaster, especially with the number of older drivers whose reaction time either when backing out or when driving towards someone backing out could cause a sea of fender benders.	1/6/2017 4:47 PM
190	See #4...	1/6/2017 4:32 PM
191	Depending on the current spaces and the amount of future spaces. Also will the 2/3 hour parking still be enforced? Angled parking is much easier and faster to park than parallel parking.	1/6/2017 4:26 PM
192	We need more traffic lanes, not less. Especially with the snowbird population seemingly not familiar with our roads as it is, changing to one-way will just create more confusion and an increase in accidents. It would also cause more traffic on Venice Avenue for those leaving businesses, churches, and schools on Tampa and Miami Aves.	1/6/2017 4:25 PM
193	In season there's way too much traffic for just one lane.	1/6/2017 4:00 PM
194	There will be too much traffic and with the light, it will get backed up. Then it will cause problems for the people walking around and could lead to accidents.	1/6/2017 3:34 PM
195	During high season, this would create a disruptive traffic back-up unnecessarily.	1/6/2017 3:28 PM
196	One lane would severely back up traffic during January-March.	1/6/2017 3:15 PM
197	I feel that there is too much traffic and trying to back out of angled parking could be dangerous.	1/6/2017 3:12 PM
198	This will only increase congestion. Venice Avenue is the path to the beach and many other activities. Don't close this off to us! Using other side streets will only increase congestion and confuse tourists.	1/6/2017 2:54 PM
199	I do not believe angled parking is a workable option for our town.	1/6/2017 2:49 PM
200	It would not help congestion in any way.	1/6/2017 2:44 PM
201	In making this decision, it would be helpful for us citizens to have a little more information--like why someone thinks all of these choices are a good idea. What about when the bridge is up? The 3 lanes at least allow some of the traffic to disperse. Even on a daily basis, not having a dedicated right turn lane and left turn lane would tie up traffic all day long.	1/6/2017 2:38 PM
202	Deal with parking issues in another way (parking garages). Angled parking would ruin the look of the town.	1/6/2017 2:35 PM
203	Should be one lane each side with expanded pedestrian way	1/6/2017 2:09 PM
204	1 lane each direction. Angled parking on the north side only. On south side, retain parallel parking and widen sidewalk.	1/6/2017 2:06 PM

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205	I answered no however I do believe that Venice Ave should be reduced to two lanes on one side of the road (Post Office Side) one way only, with the other side as pedestrian traffic only.	1/6/2017 2:04 PM
206	This option appears to make it more dangerous for pedestrians as they try to walk in crosswalks. Cars will block more sightlines and cars backing out of parking spots (angled) may cause other issues. Taking this down to one way would be better.	1/6/2017 1:25 PM
207	It would be more difficult to back out and see your way clear from on coming traffic	1/6/2017 1:13 PM
208	This is similar to Sarasota, which seems to work well in this configuration. Also there is no need to have high speed traffic though this area.	1/6/2017 1:11 PM
209	No angle parking.	1/6/2017 1:00 PM
210	Current Parallel parking spots are very generous; anyone who cannot manage them shouldn't be driving. I see way too many people angle parking in multiple spots or so crookedly they take more than their designated spot, so I fear that would cause more problems than it solves.	1/6/2017 12:51 PM
211	That would stop traffic every time someone wanted to pull in or out of a parking space. Seniors do not do well turning their necks and looking over their shoulders to back up a car, that will lead to more accidents.	1/6/2017 12:27 PM
212	Check in with the city of Sarasota and see if this has improved their situation. They have changed the flow several times but are currently operating on this model.	1/6/2017 12:20 PM
213	Close Venice Avenue both ways in the Downtown area and divert the traffic onto the Miami Avenue (going East) and Tampa Avenue (going West) turned into two lane one-way streets!	1/6/2017 12:13 PM
214	No street parking period and more parking lot space made available. Safer for all.	1/6/2017 12:03 PM
215	can you imagine our elderly population backing into traffic ?	1/6/2017 11:55 AM
216	People can't back out of normal parking at Public's/Lowe's or Home Depot now. Just go and watch and that is straight parking!	1/6/2017 11:53 AM
217	Angled parking and single lane will add to congestion. Poor drivers will have difficulty backing out of the angled spaces. Traffic flow is fine right now. Part of the mystique of downtown is the access. (Please do not consider metered parking. Out of the question.)	1/6/2017 11:49 AM
218	Depends entirely on how many parking places would be added by angle parking. Also, this is simply a bandaid, not a long term solution. It is critical to develop a long term solution. Also, put a curb on new construction.	1/6/2017 11:40 AM
219	I have seen this in other towns, and the angled parking is typically a backing in. When done with only one lane, it actually causes a slow down and more accidents because there is no place to stop other than slowing traffic. Reducing to one lane will already stop traffic during the high season and angled will stop it all together.	1/6/2017 11:29 AM
220	Angled parking has been dropped from many small towns because of the danger to often clueless pedestrians who blindly race along to get to a store or restaurant. The driver does not expect this type of behavior and the pedestrian often gets hit. We do not need ambulance increasing visits along our streets.	1/6/2017 11:28 AM
221	One Way going EAST	1/6/2017 11:27 AM
222	the town is great the way it is	1/6/2017 11:18 AM
223	This would increase congestion. Also trying to back out of an angled space is very difficult if a larger car is parked to your right blocking your sight of oncoming traffic.	1/6/2017 11:08 AM
224	No	1/6/2017 10:56 AM
225	Hard to believe that this was suggested. Why take us back 60 years.	1/6/2017 10:50 AM
226	With the traffic congestion in the downtown area, this is absolutely the wrong approach. Two lanes each way are needed. What about an evacuation? Where would all the vehicles go to bypass the everlasting traffic jams? This is a small town and we should keep it that way.	1/6/2017 10:46 AM
227	Too commercial looking	1/6/2017 10:41 AM
228	Older folks seem to have a hard time backing out if parking spots	1/6/2017 10:36 AM
229	This will just lead to more traffic, adding parking meters is a better option to curb parking congestion	1/6/2017 10:35 AM
230	I might say yes if the council won't change any other feature. Keep the town charming !!	1/6/2017 10:30 AM
231	Concerned that resulting traffic congestion would make it more difficult to get to shops off island and cause significant traffic increase on Harbor Dr	1/6/2017 10:29 AM

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232	Unless Miami and Tampa are reduced to one lane and converted to angled parking, in that case Venice Ave should remain 2 lanes	1/6/2017 10:29 AM
233	Or put in additional parking and widen the sidewalks	1/6/2017 10:21 AM
234	No. This would cause more congestion and cause back ups as cars pull in and out.	1/6/2017 10:21 AM
235	By doing that, it would cause so much traffic. It would be hard to get on and off the island. Please don't let Venice lose its charm and become so congested like Sarasota.	1/6/2017 10:20 AM
236	I'm very familiar with the areas of Central Avenue and Beach Drive in St. Petersburg which have angled parking and it is a continuing hazard both to passing traffic and those backing out of a space. Especially challenging when behind a large truck/van that blocks your view backing out.	1/6/2017 10:10 AM
237	There is heavy traffic now with 2 lanes. Considering that any construction project in FL seems to take at lease a year, this would cause a major disruption to the downtown area and affect business.	1/6/2017 10:10 AM
238	The traffic backup with one lane would be far more historic than the district itself.	1/6/2017 9:46 AM
239	When a car needs to back out of it's space, traffic would be backed up continually.	1/6/2017 9:41 AM
240	Traffic snarls the likes of which this town has never seen would result. # of road rage incidents would rise. Pedestrian safety would not be served. *Please* don't do this!	1/6/2017 9:35 AM
241	Degrades aesthetics. Alternativey, reduce amount of parallel parking sections, and improve and highlight indications of other available parking on sidestreets.	1/6/2017 9:28 AM
242	congestion	1/6/2017 9:15 AM
243	Traffic is congested as it is. One lane would only contribute to that, making it difficult for a normal flow of traffic, and causing more difficulty for emergency vehicles	1/6/2017 9:13 AM
244	Angled parking is easier for most people, and having just one lane would improve visibility when walking across the street.	1/6/2017 9:10 AM
245	Commercial interests want more parking. Residents prefer fewer traffic jams. One lane with angled parking on Venice Ave, Miami Ave, or Tampa Ave would created MAJOR traffic problems, including backing up and jamming business 41.	1/6/2017 9:02 AM
246	One lane each direction would create too much congestion and increase risk for accident/injury. Already there are drivers stopping in the roadway to look, search, preview and shop. There are many drivers, unfamiliar with downtown and/or lost and looking while driving, that travel at very low speed through downtown, so one lane would only cause significant congestion problems. Drivers trying to back out of angled parking in to one lane would likely result in more accident/injury risk to other drivers and pedestrians. I would be concerned about drivers backing in reverse, even for a short distance, in downtown Venice with its diffuse pedestrian traffic and many geriatric drivers.	1/6/2017 8:58 AM
247	this is a bad bad way to go	1/6/2017 8:47 AM
248	Backing out of angled parking would slow traffic and pose hazards.	1/6/2017 8:46 AM
249	Too much traffic as it is. Narrowing Venice Ave. would only make it worse. Build a parking garage instead!	1/6/2017 8:43 AM
250	This will create safety issues because pedestrians often tend to walk behind their cars for various reasons; this would create a dangerous situation for passing cars when the pedestrians step out into the driving lane. Line of sight for such an occurrence would be non-existent.	1/6/2017 8:21 AM
251	Elderly drivers would have a terrible time backing out of angled parking spots.	1/6/2017 8:05 AM
252	That would cause major backups for those driving to beach area.	1/6/2017 7:59 AM
253	I believe a single lane would cause a log jam in downtown Venice almost on a daily basis. One lane means all traffic must stop to allow anyone a chance to leave. Even on slower days, this will cause problems with lost visibility for the driver.	1/6/2017 7:51 AM
254	During tourist season it would back up west bound traffic Venice Ave all the way to the bypass all day long with cars blocking cross traffic at intersections.	1/6/2017 7:48 AM
255	Angled parking would be intrusive to sidewalk diners with head lights and cause street congestion	1/6/2017 7:43 AM
256	One lane would make it safer for pedestrian traffic crossing the street. Additional parking gained would be a bonus. Parking has been an issue and this would add precious spaces. I'm not in favor of any plan that involves removing trees from Venice ave.	1/6/2017 7:33 AM
257	A horrible idea. Headlights and engines pointing at side walk diners. Congestion from one lane causing horns.	1/6/2017 7:13 AM

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258	could be a real problem with people backing out into oncoming traffic. Additionally, the traffic flow would be a real problem with the one lane.	1/6/2017 7:12 AM
259	THINK!!!! About the unintended consequences of having only ONE LANE of traffic, with old people BACKING OUT INTO IT.....STOPPING TRAFFIC COMPLETELY WHILE THEY TAKE THEIR TIME. Venice Avenue would shut down, stop moving. Then another would back out, stopping traffic again, then again. THIS IDEA WOULD PARALYZE TRAFFIC IN THE CITY, pushing it out into the surrounding neighborhoods. "More parking" sounds good at first, but just a little forward thinking would stop this idea almost as fast as the idea would stop traffic.	1/6/2017 6:22 AM
260	angled parking will create more of a mess with seniors attempting to back out into traffic	1/6/2017 6:21 AM
261	Please do not inhibit the traffic flow with cars blocking the roads backing in and out of parking spaces. You'd be better off making Tampa avenue 4 lanes and increasing the parking lot from the center lanes.	1/6/2017 12:12 AM
262	More difficult to back out of angled parking spots into one lane.	1/5/2017 9:21 PM
263	Easier for older drivers to park.	1/5/2017 9:17 PM
264	I think this would make traffic flow much worse.	1/5/2017 8:52 PM
265	It may back up during busy times, but it would create additional parking and be easier to park.	1/5/2017 8:39 PM
266	Would prefer a parking garage being built, location TBD.	1/5/2017 8:30 PM
267	Need to declare this a No truck street...expect slower traffic in season. Will add parking.	1/5/2017 8:22 PM
268	Keep the charm like it is w/ parallel parking spaces. Yes, it's a pain for traffic for those that can't parallel park but so be it.	1/5/2017 8:05 PM
269	with the volume of traffic that goes through downtown one lane would not handle it.	1/5/2017 8:03 PM
270	I think the current parking situation is adequate. Seems unnecessary to make dramatic changes for a few months of increased population .	1/5/2017 7:58 PM
271	DON'T CHANGE A THING ABOUT OUR CHARMING AND BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN!	1/5/2017 7:54 PM
272	That would be a traffic jam. Backing up would be horrendous	1/5/2017 6:45 PM
273	That would create congestion for those driving beyond downtown.	1/5/2017 6:34 PM
274	That would ruin the downtown and cause more problems for traffic.	1/5/2017 5:51 PM
275	No, every time someone backs out we will have to stop.	1/5/2017 5:48 PM
276	too much congestion resulting from cars waiting in a single lane for other cars trying to park - 2 lanes gives the availability to bypass those cars that are parking	1/5/2017 5:35 PM
277	people angling into parking spots would tie traffic up	1/5/2017 5:28 PM
278	The second lane is wasted space and parking scarcity is such an issue, however these spots should still be time-restricted	1/5/2017 5:27 PM
279	It sounds like a disaster to me. have you seen these old folks back up??? It is a terrible idea.	1/5/2017 5:20 PM
280	This would only add more/slower traffic and junk up the look of Venice Avenue. Don't do it!	1/5/2017 5:20 PM
281	Our visitors have enough trouble without backing into traffic, causes congestion.	1/5/2017 4:50 PM
282	Maybe	1/5/2017 4:40 PM
283	Everyone would be backing into traffic? The amount of traffic in season requires two lanes in each direction, otherwise it will become a nightmare to drive through.	1/5/2017 4:24 PM
284	That would add considerable parking spaces and make it easier for all because so many people simply cannot parallel park	1/5/2017 4:16 PM
285	One lane would stop when a parked car is backing up.	1/5/2017 4:14 PM
286	There is plenty of parking on other streets near by and at the Park. I come down to my condo three different times of the year and have no problem finding parking.	1/5/2017 4:09 PM
287	I think it would lose the charm & look congested.	1/5/2017 4:07 PM
288	There should be no multi-tiered parking lots on Venice Ave, either at the existing Post Office property if acquired or over the existing parking lot. Better signage should send cars to parking South of Miami and west of Harbor, both North and South	1/5/2017 3:50 PM

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289	This concepts works well for downtown Sarasota's Main Street while allowing 2 way and ingress/egress traffic on parallel streets to Main St. via 2nd, Ringling, etc.	1/5/2017 3:46 PM
290	It is congested enough and there is plenty of parking in the gazebo parking lot	1/5/2017 3:46 PM
291	Parking is only an issue 25 percent of the year. And of those percentage of days, parking is only an issue for 4-6 hrs per day. Spend our money else where	1/5/2017 3:43 PM
292	I believe it would create too much congestion	1/5/2017 3:39 PM
293	With only one lane each way the traffic during season would make Venice Ave one huge parking lot.	1/5/2017 3:38 PM
294	R U nuts!	1/5/2017 3:36 PM
295	Too much pedestrian traffic to shrink road way and potentially put crossing accidents	1/5/2017 3:22 PM
296	That would create many, many, many, accidents when people are trying to exit the parking spaces.	1/5/2017 3:22 PM
297	Add bicycle lane. No angled parking.	1/5/2017 3:09 PM
298	Backing out into traffic not safe and interferes with and slows traffic	1/5/2017 3:07 PM
299	Yes to angled parking, no to one lane each direction. I think more people park better with angled parking. It will slow down the flow of traffic but if pedestrians had a light for crossing, the interruption to traffic flow might be minimized.	1/5/2017 2:59 PM
300	NO WAY!	1/5/2017 2:49 PM
301	While this would most likely double the amount of street parking, it will also create slower through traffic and more congestion.	1/5/2017 2:48 PM
302	One Lane YES.....Angled parking NO.....that will cause too many accidents when people (especially 'day trippers') try to back out of their parking places. Suggest Closing Venice Avenue on Weekends and converting it to a pedestrian friendly zone.	1/5/2017 2:48 PM
303	Keep it a two way street, but make the south side of the road pedestrian only. We could add small / collapsible kiosks like in larger cities. Adjust the pavement to be the same level as the sidewalk would give us more room than just the sidewalk to travel down. Restaurants are over crowding the sidewalks as it is with their tables and chairs.	1/5/2017 2:44 PM
304	I think traffic experts should advise. However, angle parking is easier!(for me)	1/5/2017 2:41 PM
305	Close one lane, eastbound, convert parking to walking, biking lane, nearest the curb. Use inner lane for parking, with small dividers spaced, perhaps every ten cars, for planting. Use outer lane for cars.	1/5/2017 2:30 PM
306	Traffic during season would be atrocious!	1/5/2017 2:23 PM
307	And stop the idea of moving the post office for a downtown hotel. It's sheer lunacy to continue to burden our infrastructure for more traffic.	1/5/2017 2:19 PM
308	I think by reducing lanes it will back up traffic. We would have to wait for cars wanting to back out onto the one lane also reducing the flow of traffic.	1/5/2017 2:06 PM
309	I think there would be way too much traffic	1/5/2017 2:06 PM
310	It appears that this suggestion will only work during the months of May thru Nov. when tourists are in fewer numbers.	1/5/2017 2:02 PM
311	too dangerous with everyone backing out into a stream of traffic. Currently, less parking, but safe to pull out.	1/5/2017 1:57 PM
312	the traffic moves much better with 2 lanes.	1/5/2017 1:52 PM
313	Need to see traffic study	1/5/2017 1:45 PM
314	Changing any to one way will make the congestion even worse it that is possible.	1/5/2017 1:16 PM
315	It used to be that way and was changed to the way it is. Must have been good reason.	1/5/2017 1:04 PM
316	Backing out into traffic is dangerous for all parties. Like it or not Venice Avenue is the direct route to the beach and a 1000+ condos along it. Traffic needs to flow.	1/5/2017 12:59 PM
317	No, absolutely not. One lane with angled parking would greatly decrease the number of parking spaces. I like it the way it is NOW.	1/5/2017 12:40 PM
318	It would be a complete disaster. Multiple accidents. Very bad idea.	1/5/2017 12:30 PM
319	Downtown has reached its practical capacity of people/pedestrians. The notion that more people is better is not true. It may be advantageous to merchants, but it is at the point where more people are now a detriment to downtown.	1/5/2017 12:30 PM
320	I truly believe it would cause a lot of fender benders. Would it add that much extra parking?????	1/5/2017 12:18 PM

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321	Yes, But only if you add or maintain a bike lane & add bike racks, at least 2 to a block & keep it one way East bound.	1/5/2017 12:13 PM
322	This was done in Hendersonville NC and it was very helpful to local businesses and there are other roads for commuters or those who want to pass through quickly	1/5/2017 12:03 PM
323	The only traffic lane will be blocked completely when a vehicle is backing out of parking space	1/5/2017 11:58 AM
324	Driving is a bigger issue in Venice. People aren't sure how to drive. With one lane and angled parking we are only asking for more fender benders. Please put the efforts and money into a new parking garage (on the Post Office site)	1/5/2017 11:41 AM
325	GOOD TRAFFIC FLOW AS IT IS. IF PARKING CAUSES PROBLEMS, PROVIDE A CENTRALLY LOCATED LOT WITH EASIER PARKING OPTIONS FOR THE ELDERLY	1/5/2017 11:39 AM
326	The traffic backs up too much now with two lanes and you want to reduce it to one? The backups would spill onto 41 and other side streets. I feel this is a bad idea.	1/5/2017 11:31 AM
327	If on both sides - East and West	1/5/2017 11:26 AM
328	Backing out any vehicles with angled parking would be a nightmare with the heavy traffic Venice Ave., West has.	1/5/2017 11:13 AM
329	Build a parking garage in walking distance.	1/5/2017 11:12 AM
330	Absolutely not. With bridges so close to Ven Ave/Bus 41 intersection and shopping district it would create GRIDLOCK trying to leave the island.	1/5/2017 11:08 AM
331	A disaster in the making.	1/5/2017 10:59 AM
332	This would create a bottle neck because vehicles will be backed up every time a car is backing out. Now cars can go by in the left lane. There is plenty of parking downtown if the City cracks down on store owners and employees taking up customer parking spaces.	1/5/2017 10:57 AM
333	Venice avenue is beautiful as is. If you did angled parking all you would see is shiny metal cars.	1/5/2017 10:32 AM
334	Traffic in season would be outrageous and people backing out of parking spots would be a problem. I don't see any problem with Venice avenue now.	1/5/2017 10:31 AM
335	The traffic should be one way on Venice and Tampa with TWO lanes of traffic on each and angled parking. This will help the Tampa merchants, offer better parking and will help reduce traffic congestion on Venice Ave.	1/5/2017 10:23 AM
336	That would clog thru traffic and create backup hazards that could be argued would increase traffic accidents when drivers back up into traffic that doesn't stop. What you really need is to install stop signs at every intersection on Venice Avenue. Traffic crossing Venice Ave is nearly impossible and stop signs would elevate that.	1/5/2017 10:21 AM
337	I would answer Yes, Only if there are traffic turn lanes for right and left-hand turning vehicles at Nokomis and Nassau streets. Not in favor of removing any palm trees from the ave for any renovation projects.	1/5/2017 10:19 AM
338	Are you insane?	1/5/2017 10:17 AM
339	Less vehicular traffic is better to allow more open space to walk	1/5/2017 10:12 AM
340	One lane , for sure. Have concerns about backing out of angled parking. Visibility is limited by both car design, and the fact that many drivers have inability to turn their necks for full view of cars moving towards them.	1/5/2017 10:09 AM
341	While angled parking makes it easier to park and increases parking density, the trade-off is that there'll be significant traffic backups at intersections when a person needs to make a left turn at Nassau and Nokomis. So unless you can provide a reasonable boulevard redesign that includes a left turn only lane, I'd have to say no to the one-lane idea.	1/5/2017 10:06 AM
342	NO...does not handle traffic in season as is!	1/5/2017 10:03 AM
343	One-way road yes. Angled parking no - too many older drivers don't have the flexibility to look over their shoulders in order to reverse safely.	1/5/2017 10:02 AM
344	This would be awful and add to congestion. Cars trying to back up from angles parking into one lane of traffic. Are you kidding. And it would make the downtown look bad.	1/5/2017 9:56 AM
345	The south side should be completely closed and the north side could be made 2 way. The south side would be a walking zone with planters and shade trees.	1/5/2017 9:51 AM
346	The last thing we need is less lanes on Venice Avenue. Plus I lived in a town with angled parking. There were twice as many people waiting for parking spots and there were twice as many people backing into traffic. CRAZY!	1/5/2017 9:46 AM
347	This would surly reduce the movement of traffic plus create an opportunity for backing out accidents.	1/5/2017 9:39 AM
348	I think that this would grid lock the street during high season.	1/5/2017 9:37 AM
349	Only if this provides more parking spaces.	1/5/2017 9:37 AM

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350	This would cause alot of traffic jams and accidents with cars, vans, etc. driving in and out of spaces. This is an awful idea!	1/5/2017 9:32 AM
351	This would on contribute to traffic buildup. On street parking is adequate as is.	1/5/2017 9:26 AM
352	Issue is fire and ambulance access. Also angled parking is accident prone waiting to happen. Consider no parking except for handicap. Provide for parking outside area and shuttle service into the area.	1/5/2017 9:26 AM
353	Angled parking has been studied many times and each time the reports have come back not recommending this as a viable option.	1/5/2017 9:25 AM
354	Violation of John Nolan Plan	1/5/2017 9:20 AM
355	I believe that by reducing to one lane in each direction would really bottle up traffic going in either direction.	1/5/2017 9:05 AM
356	Way too much traffic now. Build a parking garage on currents parking areas on Miami. Buy more space if necessary.	1/5/2017 9:04 AM
357	While this would normally be a good idea in a town full fols who cannot figure out how to use a rotary I think we asking for trouble having them back out of a parking space into traffic. The one lane would significantly slow traffic/	1/5/2017 9:00 AM
358	It would just make more congestion during seasonal times. More parking would ease the situation allot.	1/5/2017 8:58 AM
359	I'm not usually around during the snowbird season, but this seems to be a pretty good idea. I have witnessed several times a vehicle stopped for someone in the crosswalk, but a driver in the other lane does not see the pedestrian. It would also make parking easier.	1/5/2017 8:57 AM
360	It'll take away from the beauty of our wonderful city !	1/5/2017 8:46 AM
361	Although, many think this would cause more accidents, I disagree. It works great in Sarasota, and also is quicker for people to park. Trying to parallel park on Venice Ave. is a nightmare.	1/5/2017 8:27 AM
362	NO! Traffic is terrible especially during season, taking the lanes down from two to one makes no sense. Also, angled parking will cause more accidents, causing more back-up issues. Terrible idea only to make the bad situation worse!	1/5/2017 8:26 AM
363	With so many senior drivers this would be very dangerous as a. Ew concept. Backing out onto the,road would very dangerous.	1/5/2017 8:26 AM
364	If the parker backs up into the one driving lane, traffic stops. While prospective parkers stop and wait because they see people getting into a parked car to leave, traffic stops.	1/5/2017 8:11 AM
365	Will create traffic problems with reduced travel lanes and delays caused by vehicles backing out of parking spaces into a single lane of traffic.	1/5/2017 8:01 AM
366	Where would traffic be diverted? It would be like a Publix parking lot. It could potentially back up traffic horribly at the stop lights, on Santa Maria St, Nokomis Ave, etc.Elderly people take for ever to get into and out of parking spaces.	1/5/2017 7:59 AM
367	backing up for many people and especially the elderly is difficult and dangerous in my opinion. Some people are not polite enough to allow for folks pulling out to leave a parking spot.	1/5/2017 7:54 AM
368	Traffic during season is heavy with two lanes. Cannot think one lane will improve. Parking needs to be elsewhere. This is a walking community.	1/5/2017 7:54 AM
369	squeeze park for more parking on both sides.	1/5/2017 7:48 AM
370	should be converted to a walking mall. wow, what an attraction that would be. just like some areas in italy and europe	1/5/2017 7:47 AM
371	While I like the idea, I consider it too dangerous. Being a geriatric population community, I do not believe that most people are comfortable with their ability to drive backwards!	1/5/2017 7:43 AM
372	If this does nothing to harm the existing median and beautiful palms that make Venice the very charming city, that brings people here in the first place. Don't cave to changes that has changed other cities to commercialism.	1/5/2017 7:22 AM
373	backing out blind will lead to accidents	1/5/2017 7:10 AM
374	Absolutely not.	1/5/2017 6:51 AM
375	One way lanes restrict awareness or access to shoppers and tourists in general. This was done in Fort Wayne, Indiana, a vibrant downtown community approximately 19 years ago. It is now being upgraded and reversed to two way traffic.	1/5/2017 6:35 AM
376	One lane each way OK, but not angle parking	1/5/2017 4:19 AM
377	There's plenty of municipal lot parking, and on other streets.	1/5/2017 1:45 AM
378	Please no	1/4/2017 11:42 PM

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379	Old people can't drive as it is - it will be gridlock	1/4/2017 11:29 PM
380	It seems to be working fine now. I worry that angle parking and one lane would lead to an increase in accidents as one car backed out and gets rear ended by the oncoming traffic.	1/4/2017 11:22 PM
381	I feel two lanes are needed. Backing out on single lane would slow traffic further.	1/4/2017 11:06 PM
382	Newer cars have up to date smart parking. No need for angled parking!!!	1/4/2017 10:05 PM
383	It seems fine the way it is -unless that would provide more parking.	1/4/2017 9:51 PM
384	It's great just the way it is. Why spend money unnecessarily?	1/4/2017 9:45 PM
385	There is too much traffic for one lane only - unless you divert traffic elsewhere.	1/4/2017 9:40 PM
386	See #4	1/4/2017 9:35 PM
387	If Venice AV's east and west dual lanes are designated one lane with angled parking it is imperative that other east west access be enhanced to allow residents and visitors west and east of downtown quick movement.	1/4/2017 9:33 PM
388	We need more bike racks with bike locks and a bicycle lane.	1/4/2017 9:28 PM
389	The angled parking could be installed on the north side of the street and sidewalks could be widened on the south side of the street with parallel parking.	1/4/2017 9:27 PM
390	Also, all angle parking on streets of Venice should be eliminated--especially on Esplanade at Venice Beach Park. It is only a matter of a short time before someone is killed or severely injured while moving beach gear in or out of the rear of the vehicles. This is obvious liability for the City.	1/4/2017 9:19 PM
391	Please build a parking garage!	1/4/2017 9:15 PM
392	Angled parking will cause significant delays when poeple back out of the parking spots into traffic. Example: Greenwich Ave, Greenwich, CT. This is not worth the few parking spots that are gained with angled parking.	1/4/2017 9:06 PM
393	Getting in and out of the parking would add to congestion and take away tranquility. Close or convenient parking should be cjarged .	1/4/2017 9:06 PM
394	Angle parking is more dangerous due to lower visibility when backing out of spaces.	1/4/2017 8:59 PM
395	that would cause more traffic problems....	1/4/2017 8:57 PM
396	Traffic would back up to a standstill during events	1/4/2017 8:47 PM
397	Already congested. Angled parking would then tie up only traffic lane as folks exit and enter. Already takes as much as 15 min to reach 41 from beach	1/4/2017 8:43 PM
398	Unless you are actively interested in increasing traffic congestion and risk of accidents, I cannot conceive of why you would consider this.	1/4/2017 8:40 PM
399	But not with angled parking.	1/4/2017 8:34 PM
400	With two lanes of traffic in each direction today, the left lane can at least keep traffic moving while people are trying to park. Some of our older residents need a little extra time parking, so two lanes gives others the opportunity to keep some traffic moving. Reducing Venice Ave downtown to one lane will hinder all flow of traffic while people are waiting to park / pickup / drop off or pulling out. Venice avenue downtown works pretty well right now. There is adequate additional parking in centennial park and nearby streets. Additionally, Venice Ave West of Harbor is 4 lanes. Pushing all this traffic down single lanes and one-ways doesn't seem logical.	1/4/2017 8:31 PM
401	Absolutely not ! Reducing to 1 lane can only compound traffic congestion. Angled parking necessitates backup into oncoming traffic or pedestrians and does not provide the view required to do so safely. This would be especially true if one had a large truck or SUV to the right preventing any clear view while backing up. Accident rates would significantly increase. See more reasons in #2	1/4/2017 8:26 PM
402	Consideration could be given to eliminating parking on the north and south side of Venice Ave., and providing bicycle lanes. With the influx of additional vehicles looming on the horizon ways to reduce the number of vehicles coming onto the island must be addressed.	1/4/2017 8:25 PM
403	Unless one way streets could be established north and south of Venice Ave. that would somewhat move traffic.	1/4/2017 8:15 PM
404	The street is way too busy for 1 lane	1/4/2017 8:14 PM
405	The double lanes make it safer for riding bikes, and makes it prettier, overall. I don't want to see a mile of parked cars. Leave it the way it is, please.	1/4/2017 8:11 PM
406	Too much congestion will result	1/4/2017 8:09 PM

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407	Bike lanes would be better.	1/4/2017 8:05 PM
408	Angled parking adds accident risk. Small vehicles beside large ones would be backing out blind into traffic. Also pedestrians walking out between vehicles into traffic that cannot see them	1/4/2017 7:59 PM
409	I suggest no parking on the south side of the street.	1/4/2017 7:54 PM
410	Traffic is already crazy during "the season" - if we close off one lane each way we will never be able to get "out of town" or get to the beach!!	1/4/2017 7:51 PM
411	Parking is only an issue during the busy time of the year. During half the year there are no parking issues for this area.	1/4/2017 7:43 PM
412	this would cause major traffic jams and delay if reduced to one lane.	1/4/2017 7:40 PM
413	Angled parking is too difficult for our many senior drivers to manage. They will not be able to see the traffic they are backing into.	1/4/2017 7:38 PM
414	This would restrict traffic flow in order to gain parking spaces. Traffic would come to a standstill whenever a car is backing out of a space. Many Venice drivers are incapable of looking behind their car before backing, as we frequently see in Publix parking lots.	1/4/2017 7:36 PM
415	Parking on the street is a bad idea	1/4/2017 7:30 PM
416	We should be discouraging people from using downtown. It gets too crowded as it is. Why should tax \$'s be wasted to support the few merchants who sell tourist junk in downtown. Why should Venice be a tourist trap?	1/4/2017 7:25 PM
417	Chance of Increased accidents could be risky.	1/4/2017 7:20 PM
418	Just the eastbound lane would benefit from this...less congestion going west to the beaches	1/4/2017 7:19 PM
419	Parking is more important than traffic, if there are no other complications.	1/4/2017 7:18 PM
420	It will encourage more walking and increase number of parking spots. You can still have turn lanes near main corners.	1/4/2017 7:17 PM
421	There is a traffic problem now with 2 lanes...one lane would be a worse bottleneck.	1/4/2017 7:14 PM
422	It's worth a try to have more parking spaces!	1/4/2017 7:12 PM
423	Or close it to traffic	1/4/2017 7:07 PM
424	just makes sense since it is all on the "strip"	1/4/2017 7:07 PM
425	So traffic will back up for blocks while someone waits for someone else to back out. Don't think so.	1/4/2017 7:06 PM
426	We think this would lead to more congestion, and more danger, as the one lane traffic would be stopped every time someone pulls out of a parking spot.	1/4/2017 7:05 PM
427	Drivers won't be able to back out into on coming traffic.	1/4/2017 7:05 PM
428	Angle parking will provide more spaces and easier parking for our elderly community.	1/4/2017 7:01 PM
429	Traffic would come to a standstill if a car backed out of an angled parking spot & that is only if someone was willing to stop to allow him/her to back out....	1/4/2017 7:00 PM
430	Easier for elderly to park...street too thin for 2 lanes	1/4/2017 6:49 PM
431	This would slow down through traffic, and send more traffic to Tampa and Miami Aves.	1/4/2017 6:49 PM
432	Concerned about traffic flow with one lane and cars having to stop to allow parkers to exits angled spots	1/4/2017 6:49 PM
433	Seems like this idea would generate traffic backup.	1/4/2017 6:48 PM
434	I've noticed that some folks are driving fast on Venice Ave, creating a safety hazard. I believe that if you look at the records, the speed limit in the 1962-66 timeframe was either 10 (or 15 mph) in front of the drugstore, now Carney's.	1/4/2017 6:47 PM
435	This has been a big disaster in Sarasota	1/4/2017 6:35 PM
436	This would only add to the congestion	1/4/2017 6:35 PM
437	Will increase parking capacity and slow traffic as well. Will make pedestrian crossing safer than now.	1/4/2017 6:33 PM
438	Traffic is already difficult with two lanes	1/4/2017 6:31 PM
439	Leave the charm.	1/4/2017 6:28 PM
440	venice ave pedestrian only w/Tampa ave. & miami ave. one way in opposite directions.	1/4/2017 6:27 PM

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441	Quaintness & charm of town would be destroyed. Much more upscale appearance without angled parking (old postcards show angled parking)-looks rinky dink.	1/4/2017 6:27 PM
442	should be yes but will not work because people backing up (slowly) - accidents- will create large backups	1/4/2017 6:25 PM
443	Parking is difficult enough, this will angled parking would only make it more difficult!	1/4/2017 6:21 PM
444	I like the angled parking idea, but I think one lane would bottleneck at the intersections.	1/4/2017 6:19 PM
445	I think it's fine as it is	1/4/2017 6:19 PM
446	It would slow up traffic, waiting for people to back out.	1/4/2017 6:19 PM
447	Please don't turn our downtown into St Armands	1/4/2017 6:19 PM
448	Reducing the road to one lane would really tie up traffic trying to get off the island because there will be only one lane available to go straight across the Venice Avenue Bridge or turn left to go across the KMI Bridge. When any bridge is up, it will back traffic back to someplace west of Harbor Drive. There is no place for people to back out of their parking place except in the only through traffic lane causing more back up and delay. It will make going downtown miserable.	1/4/2017 6:17 PM
449	Not sure what would be done with the extra space if you make it a one way street. I think it's better for traffic flow to keep it two lanes, and would keep the quaintness of downtown the way that it is.	1/4/2017 6:16 PM
450	A parking garage behind Venice Theater would be the best location for a garage desperately needed. It is difficult to find parking for theater performances & that would be beneficial for merchants as well. The north bridge hides most if it. We need people to come shop & eat here with ease & close to our beautiful downtown.	1/4/2017 6:15 PM
451	Backing out will be problematic. I've never seen as many close calls in parking lots as I have since moving here. It's too difficult for many seniors to be alert behind and aside of them.	1/4/2017 6:06 PM
452	Terrible idea traffic will slow to a complete crawl at best	1/4/2017 5:59 PM
453	This would slow traffic but provide more parking	1/4/2017 5:32 PM
454	No angled parking. I like the idea of a walking mall.	1/4/2017 5:31 PM