



HEALDSBURG 2040

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Via email

Dear Mayor Gold & City Council members,

Countries around the globe have seen a broad push to create safe spaces for people forced to stay at home during this pandemic. Emphasizing social-distancing in public spaces has created unimagined opportunities for cities think about how better to serve people. "Corona bike lanes" are being created in small towns and big cities everywhere. Oakland has opened up 74 miles of streets to pedestrians and cyclists in their "Slow Streets" program.

Healdsburg also needs a "Slow Streets" program.

Healdsburg 2040 wanted to find out how much support there is from the residents of Healdsburg for a local "Slow Streets Program." We created a survey that went live last Monday June 8th, and reached out for responses. Through our mailing list, social media platforms (NextDoor & Facebook), and good old word of mouth, we received over 320 responses in just one week! When we found out that City was also putting up a survey, we used our website's *Survey & Petitions* area to direct over 100 clicks to their **Marketspace** page. The comments on the survey speak of a real desire to move things forward quickly.

A temporary pedestrian/bicycle lane on Healdsburg Ave north of Powell is a good example. The model of the permanent version of this plan has already been approved by Council. Our survey now makes clear that the community desires a pilot project this summer, with 80% support

Please read the summary we have attached. We will post the completed analysis of our survey on our website this week. It will include the hundreds of comments about "Slow Streets", and a list of requested temporary "Limited Access" streets in neighborhoods all over Healdsburg.

This is an important time to Imagine Healdsburg's future. That is our SDAT mandate. Won't you please come with us?

Thank you for all that you are doing in this difficult time.

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