

THE OLD TOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

PEDESTRIAN PLAZA SURVEY

As you may know, the 100 Block of King Street between Union and Lee Streets was closed to vehicles for 4 consecutive weekends during June and July in order to test the viability of a pedestrian plaza. The street is again closed for another 8 consecutive weekends terminating on the 5th of November. After that, the City Council will determine the viability of the Pedestrian Plaza.

The Old Town Civic Association would like your reaction to these closures. Please answer the questions below? Your participation will be extremely helpful in formulating our collective opinion on this issue. The results of this survey will be provided to the City.

1) Did you actually go to the 100 Block of King street on any of the closure weekends? If so which weekend?

2) Do you think that turning the 100 block of King Street into a permanent pedestrian plaza is a good or bad thing? Good_____ Bad_____

3) What did you like or dislike about the test?

4) Are you aware of any traffic problems (availability of on-street parking etc.) that were created by the closure or that might be created if the closure were made permanent? Yes_____ No_____

If YES, please describe

5) Should the closure be made permanent, do you have any recommendations for the materials (planters, benches, barriers, etc.) that should be used to create an attractive and historically authentic streetscape?

6) Would you endorse closing the 100 and 200 blocks of King Street in future tests?
Yes_____ No_____

7) Do you believe that closing the 100 block of King Street had a positive or negative impact on the restaurant and retail businesses in the 100 block and 200 block of King Street, and why?

8) Do you think that closing the 100 block of King Street should be a part of the waterfront planning? Yes_____ No_____

9) Other Comments:

After you have completed the survey please mail it to OTCA, PO Box 21333, Alexandria, VA 22320-22333 or FAX it to 202-479-4657. If you received the survey by e-mail please return your completed submission to the sender. Please respond no later than the 20th of October 2006.