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Hello all,

**The benefits of public permanent parklets out way a few car spaces in a myriad of ways.**

- Increases the number of people adjacent to businesses. 10 to 14 people can occupy a Parklet instead of 2 to 6 in parked cars that are often unoccupied.
- Makes cars passing through town and near Parklets slow down when more people are present.
- Our sidewalks are smaller than other towns and limit the number of people to two side by side, hence people cannot congregate.
- Parklets add color, vibrance and vegetation to make the town more enticing and inviting. Similar to European towns where people come to meet and stay a while.

**The fact that Caltrans wants to charge a lease fee for Parklet spaces should be challenged.**

Is this a penalty for people choosing to walk and congregate in town vs free to drivers? Shouldn't that be the other way around if we want to support a healthy town environment?

**The estimates for design and construction of a permanent parklet**

85K total - seems like it can be done for much less if this is an obstacle.

**Taming of Sebastopol**

I personally feel the Parklets, Bike Lanes and Pedestrian Routes are taming Sebastopol and moving it into a much more livable and enjoyable experience.

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