

# 1/8 Cent Sales Tax Workshops Written Comment Form Summary

	IN FAVOR - SPECIFIC PROJECTS						
	Downtown	N Carson	S Carson	E William / Hwy 50	MAC	Animal Services	All Projects
TOTAL	64	52	50	50	72	84	41
% OF TOTAL	53%	43%	42%	42%	60%	70%	34%

IN FAVOR OF AT LEAST ONE PROJECT	AGAINST	UNDECIDED	COMMENTS PROVIDED *
94	17	9	GRAND TOTAL 120
78%	14%	8%	

**LATE MATERIAL**

MEETING DATE 2/20/14  
ITEM # 22



\*Any written comments provided will be included separately for review.

COMMENT FORM  
One-Eighth-Percent Sales Tax Expenditure Plan

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We need to move forward  
towards a better community & that  
tells an investment in our dollar

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We need to invest in the future of Carson City. Carson City is a wonderful place to live. Telegraph Square made a great improvement to downtown but we can do more, be more, be a place people want to go to. The multi purpose center would bring dollars into our city. Let's do it right and fund our projects, fund the future of Carson City.

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I am a Douglas County resident (Sunridge), but because of my location, I spend 80 to 90% of my money in Carson City. Almost all of my shopping, nearly all of my medical, all of my automotive repair, and the vast majority of my recreational dollars (dining, movies, musical events, etc.) are spent in Carson City.

The projects described are, in general, highly desirable. The Animal Services Facility and the MAC are needed, and the beautification projects for North, South and East Carson will go a long way in increasing the visual appeal of the city to residents and visitors alike. My only concern is about the Downtown.

Your information lists several case studies that tend to favor a "Main Street" project. I recently moved from the San Francisco peninsula (Redwood City) where several cities have significantly upgraded their Downtown areas, all with favorable results. Redwood City, Menlo Park, San Carlos, Burlingame and Millbrae, to name just a few, have wonderful Downtown areas that are rather upscale and very inviting for shopping and dining, as well as for the occasional "Street Event".

However, to the best of my knowledge, every one of those Downtown areas is situated off of the "Main Drag". The main thoroughfare running from San Francisco to San Jose is Highway 82, otherwise known as El Camino Real. The Downtown of each of these cities is situated immediately *adjacent* to the highway (not the freeway, which is highway 101). Commute traffic, including trucks and busses, can easily pass through each city without impacting the Downtown foot traffic. With one turn, one can move from a 4 to 6 lane highway immediately into a beautiful, restful and attractive Downtown. This arrangement makes it easy to get into, get around, and get out of each city.

In order for the Carson City Downtown to emulate those of the California cities cited both in your information and those I have indicated above, either the main thoroughfare would have to be rerouted, or the Downtown would have to expand west from Carson Street. People need a way to get through Carson City, on their way to work, school, and to the numerous businesses in the area. The freeway already bypasses all of Carson City down to Fairview. If two lanes of traffic through the Downtown cannot handle the traffic now, I am doubtful it will handle it in 3 or 4 years as the population and tourist traffic increase.

Your information sheet refers to roundabouts. I am assuming for the moment that the idea is to reroute thru-city traffic onto Stewart Street. I am guessing this idea will increase Stewart traffic by 50 to 100%. With the way the traffic signals operate on Stewart, (especially for 5<sup>th</sup> street), I am doubtful this idea will provide a real solution. Several traffic signals in Carson City operate counter to the flow of traffic. 5<sup>th</sup> Street and the Fairview/I-580 signals often turn red for through traffic when no vehicle or pedestrian is waiting to cross. With the current traffic volume, this amounts to an inconvenience (or an insult) to the through traffic. However, doubling the Stewart street volume may result in significant traffic delays.

A suggestion would be to block off two lanes through the Downtown, one north and one south, and measure the impact (both in traffic and public opinion). If it works, proceed with the Downtown project. If not, make the adjustments needed and try again.

In the meantime I would suggest performing the North and East Carson sections (and the South section as much as possible) prior to further permanent work on the Downtown. Residents, visitors and businesses will be encouraged as they see the transformation and beautification of their city.

I sincerely hope you decide to implement the plans you have for Carson City. I have personally seen what similar projects have done for several California cities. However, when it comes to the Downtown project, make *sure* you know your plan *will work before* you spend significant funds. The tiny 1/8 cent tax isn't the issue. The potential traffic problem (nightmare, in the mind of a commuter) is.



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Over the past 30+ years Carson City has built a new sheriff's office, court house, fire department, public works facility, new truck barns, moved the city's administrative officers and the health department into new facilities. It's now time for a new animal services facility and move forward with the building of the multi-purpose athletic center. These two projects should be at the top of the list.

The street corridors project would be wonderful improvement for Carson City, but it appears this is going to be a very long term project and a lot more funding will be needed to complete all of the improvements.

Thank you to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors for all of your hard work and the decisions you have to make for our community.

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We have aging infrastructure; these are more important: sewer and water-systems MUST be maintained!

Concerns re:

1. Round about @ William & Carson Streets, Have you contacted the 4 property owners that will lose part of their property? Would you take it under "eminent domain"?
2. Who will pay for the maintenance of all the proposed trees & greenery?
3. Why such expensive projects for gym & animal shelter.
4. If this 1/8 tax increase is implemented, the property owners will NOT support any other increases. What then when a really big need occurs?

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I support property and sales tax support for a new or expanded library.

1. I do NOT understand why these items are being considered and support for a new/expanded library is not. It is an essential service.

2. I support the MAC but am only interested personally in an indoor walking track large enough to compensate for lack of winter walking (safely).

3. We need a new animal shelter to meet present + future needs.

4. I do not want to be stuck in traffic jams to get through town without taking the freeway.

I'm ok with updating downtown but don't believe rotaries are charming, quaint or effective. I don't think improving the look of downtown is a priority.

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5. If the downtown etc project is approved, improving the look of Hwy 50 East from Carson St → Freeway should be the priority NOT Freeway → further east.
6. These are projects that should be supported by property tax not sales tax.
7. What are local business people contributing?
8. At the Community Center forum, information was not well organized and it was difficult to get questions answered. Among many things, this speaks to the need for a centrally located multipurpose community-centered meeting space. In other communities it would be a library. Hint hint.
9. Without addressing the trashy look of downtown casino lighting, it is difficult to understand how 2 way ~~or~~ traffic will make a huge difference.
10. We still need a second high school.