

Circuit Ave

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To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board <planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov>



To whom it may concern,

Please bring back the great Main Street that we once had. Please allow us to replace our aged out sidewalks with larger more functional ones. Circuit avenue could be great with parallel parking like Edgartown. Has it hurt Edgartown's economy? Does anyone think Water street would look better with angled parking. Maybe the parallel parking will slow down people running into buildings like Reliable (twice in a few years) and the Park Corner Bistro. Maybe wider modern sidewalks would have prevented my 75 year old native Oak Bluffian mother from being sent to the hospital with a broken elbow. Our sidewalks are a joke and parallel parking is an answer for at least the lower half of the street. Please do not be swayed by an overwhelming response by those who don't have vested interests in our economy. We live and die by the tourist experience and it's embarrassing how much better VH and EDG are to walk down Main Street. Also for future consideration please look into an alternate surface for circuit avenue extension. With raised sidewalks not an option why not explore a surface like cobblestone that would act to not only deter strollers down the middle of the street but also slow down skateboarding (which at least once a day is reckless down the middle of the road) but also slow down the workers racing to the Patriot. It's hard not to spill the last beer of the day if your truck is rattling your teeth out on the cobblestones. The point is you can't drive fast on the cobblestones. Take a look into downtown New Bedford and what an amazing job they did with welcoming people to the waterfront. When you get off the boat you gravitate towards the brick and bluestone rather than linger in the road. This is much like another Island not too far from here you may have heard of called Nantucket. They also force people to sidewalks by making road walking uncomfortable. Thank you for your time and please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Warm regards,

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Concerned resident and business owner.