

Costco Commercial Center DEIR Public Comments
August 6, 2023 through August 12, 2023

From: [Lynda Allison Doty](#)
To: [Jose Valenzuela](#)
Subject: Costco
Date: Tuesday, August 08, 2023 1:05:31 PM

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Please leave well enough alone and do not build this new NE Costco. Too much traffic, and congestion. It would be a big mistake.

Blessings!
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From: [Brenda Cosio](#)
To: [Jose Valenzuela](#)
Subject: Costco New store Input
Date: Tuesday, August 08, 2023 9:20:06 AM
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Hi Jose,

I wanted to forward some community input our office received regarding the proposed Costco store on the corner of Herndon and Riverside Dr. I saw in the Fresno Bee that community members can submit public comments until August 26 so I'm sending this over to you.

The reporting party is:

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“Unsure if you have votes to approve or disapprove Costco new store. If so, I would strongly encourage you to vote NO. If not, I would encourage you to still express major concerns. My reasoning is; if you look at a map you will notice this planned store will leave a bigger gap for South of Shaw Ave residents. This is how Fresno ended up with a decimated downtown. I might discontinue shopping at Costco. Alternative to voting against is if Costco agrees to establish a store more centrally located, in short period of time from closure of west Shaw store. We have money also! Hopefully, the big money people haven't bought this project. Thanks, and hope to hear something positive.”

Thank you,



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From: [beth d](#)
To: [Jose Valenzuela](#)
Subject: Comments New NW Costco Project
Date: Wednesday, August 09, 2023 10:58:23 AM

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Thank you for your time. I live nearby the new proposed NW Fresno Costco project. Back when Walmart first wanted to put a SuperStore on that property, I attended all the meetings to fight that project. I did not want that type of project there then and I still do not want this type of project there now.

When this Costco project was first proposed the store size was going to be much smaller in size. Now it is going to be the largest store in the world. It is going to have trucks coming in and out at all hours, lots of traffic from all over Fresno, adding to the pollution, noise and traffic we already face. With 32 gas pumps, a car wash and online fulfillment center. This will just increase traffic and noise in the area drastically. Costco keeps adding to the plans making this store larger and larger with changes that will increase traffic.

With the recently changes of W. Sierra & Veteran Blvd , and the planned changes to open W Spruce to make an entrance into Costco, this has increased traffic on N Polk. This is making it harder to exit the Villa Capri neighborhood during rush hour times. Once Costco is open and W Spruce is open to Costco, I expect the traffic on N Polk will be even heavier. This will make exiting onto N Polk even harder. I know stopping this Costco project is futile. At the very least, consider putting a stoplight at the intersection of N Polk/W Sierra to help give the residents of the Villa Capri neighborhood a chance of safely exiting their neighborhood. Especially with the planned development that is going in at that intersection.

Thank you for your time,

Beth Durbin

Fresno, CA



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From: [Sandi Iley](#)
To: [Jose Valenzuela](#)
Subject: My Vote is "NO" to the Proposed Costco on the corner of Herndon Ave. and Riverside Drive
Date: Wednesday, August 09, 2023 8:47:02 PM

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This is response to the newspaper article about the proposed Costco on the corner of Herndon Ave. and Riverside Drive. Spruce Ave. does not need to be extended along the southern edge of the golf course westward to Riverside Drive. I hear enough traffic on Spruce now and school buses pick up and drop children off during the school year. We do not need all the added traffic, noise and pollution day and night, there is enough with all the trains. Please build the Costco on the West side of Herndon.

I bought my house brand new in 1992 and my vote is NO.

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From: [Stephanie S](#)
To: [Jose Valenzuela](#)
Subject: Costco
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2023 2:59:40 PM

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Although I am a Costco shopper, the proposed location would be a disaster. I have to travel on Herndon daily to get home and when they closed off and eliminated the Grantland exit, that was the start of the problem traffic. Whoever plans the roads for the area obviously never drives there. Adding Costco traffic when a train crosses will cause traffic jams and accidents. It is horrible now, and adding traffic, especially during holidays would be foolish beyond belief.

Create an overpass for the train first, that would be helpful. Recreate an onramp from Herndon to get on 99 instead of what is there now. Maybe actually drive the area and see how it will affect those that live in the area.

Stephanie S

From: [thomas coppin](#)
To: [Jose Valenzuela](#)
Subject: The largest Costco in the world
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2023 5:36:05 PM

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When Costco expanded in Salt Lake City, I went to see what the world's largest Costco was like as I live just north where our Costco is small. It is a wonder to walk through just to see how much is offered. It's staggering.

But most of the expansion caters to commercial customers such as restaurants. A restaurant can shop for a good part of their needs in one place. Costco has delivery trucks to deliver to larger customers. That means the enlargement didn't seem to result in a proportional increase in traffic. But the increased number of gas pumps certainly speeds up the lines for gas.

I would say to not fear the expansion. There are things the largest Costco doesn't have which I have seen in Boise such as a car wash and garden center. So the expansion to me was largely to cater to the commercial customers and didn't greatly increase the traffic.

Thomas Coppin
Bountiful, Utah

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From: [Dawn Mathews](#)
To: [Jose Valenzuela](#)
Subject: Proposed new Costco.
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2023 6:49:03 PM

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Mr. Valenzuela,

I live off of Grantland and Bullard and shop at the existing Costco on Shaw all the time and the traffic is ridiculous and no one seems to care. Why not build a bigger and better Costco off of Herndon which can handle the traffic as well if not better than Shaw right now. I'm sure they have a plan to expand the entrance and exit off of Herndon.

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Larry Rodriguez](#)
To: [Jose Valenzuela](#)
Subject: The new Costco
Date: Friday, August 11, 2023 8:43:46 AM

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If you want to see about the logistics of a new Costco, replacing an existing one, you should review the issues with the new Redding, California, Costco and the the Medford, Oregon, which was also relocated. What I found was:

Redding, California Costco was relocated from Redding downtown to a location next to Interstate 5 and included a new gas station. Those of us who drive on Interstate 5 found the new location great. However, it caused heavy congestion to those who wish to shop in the store and it has become a quick headache with traffic in the area. Expect it to become much worse when there is a gas shortage or the potentially long waiting lines start to impact Interstate 5 traffic at the freeway exits. Matter of fact, visit many of the Costco gas stations in the bay area when long waiting lines start to develop due to rising gas prices.

Medford, Oregon Costco relocated several years ago to a larger facility. The original Costco was located off Crater Lake Highway. The highway was built to accommodate the auto traffic to the Costco Gas Station from Interstate 5. The new Costco, that has been relocated to the new location and has been there some time, is accessible through a portion of neighborhood 2 lane city street from Interstate 5, leading to traffic delays and potential issues in the local neighborhood (like children in cross walks). Definitely an issue with city planning.

In summary, I would plan a minimum four lane path to Costco as well as secondary street access to local customers.

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From: [sylvia fernandez](#)
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Subject: costco
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Hi,
my name is SYLVIA FERNANDEZ born and raised in SF, going through a separation and thinking of relocating to FRESNO, would love to know more about future opportunities EMPLOYMENT I speak fluent spanish as well, let me know COSTCO sounds like a great new opportunity for myself.
gracias :)

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