

Bring on traffic — see if it works

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I've lived in Fresno since 1946. I worked downtown and saw a new era developing, (so I thought) ... the Fulton Mall! Then reality set in. No place to park. Frustration! Oh, there were parking lots fenced in behind each store. You entered for free but paid to exit. Visit five stores, pay five times to get out.

Not to mention the confusing one-way streets. The retail giants started deserting the mall because of the parking headaches. Customers were giving up on the mess (me included).

It was the beginning of deterioration — panhandlers, transients, trash in fountains.

Now the argument is, clean it up, spruce it up and it will be like the good ol' days. A "fresh paint job" won't fix 50 years of neglect or bring back retailers. I say, bring on the traffic, we've tried everything else.

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