



Open Streets Initiative – Updates

City Council Meeting – June 14, 2022

Open Streets Initiative - Temporary Parklet Background

Response to COVID-19

- Citywide effort to support the economic recovery for businesses amid Health Order physical-distancing requirements
- First temporary parklets were installed in May 2020
- At the program's peak:
 - **112** temporary parklet locations citywide
 - **124** participating businesses citywide
 - **176** Outdoor Activity Permits (OAP's)
 - **10** Sidewalk Dining Permits
- Currently:
 - **80** temporary parklet locations citywide
 - **91** participating businesses citywide
 - **12** parklets removed since January 2022
 - **27** Outdoor Activity Permits (OAP's)
 - **9** Sidewalk Dining Permits



Current Number of Temporary Parklets by Council District

	Total at Height of Program	Removed	Current
CD1	28	11	17
CD2	27	4	23
CD3	44	10	34
CD4	3	1	2
CD5	7	4	3
CD6	1	1	0
CD7	0	0	0
CD8	1	0	1
CD9	1	1	0
Total	(124) 112	(29) 32	(91) 80



*Figures in parenthesis are number of businesses utilizing temporary parklets. While adjacent figure are the number of actual parklets as some businesses share.

Outside Activity Permits (OAP's) by Council District

	Total at Height of Program	Current
CD1		4
CD2		1
CD3		11
CD4		3
CD5		5
CD6		1
CD7		0
CD8		2
CD9		0
Total	176	27



Reno Room – 3400 East Broadway

Note: OAP's will sunset on June 30, 2022 regardless of the outcome of the Temporary Parklet discussion.

Focus on Belmont Shore (2nd St, Livingston Dr to Bay Shore Ave)

Currently:

23 Temporary parklet locations (includes double parklets)

28 participating businesses

10 temporary parklets removed to date

517 Parking stalls available (351 On-street, 166 Public lots)

52 Parking stalls converted to Temporary Parklets

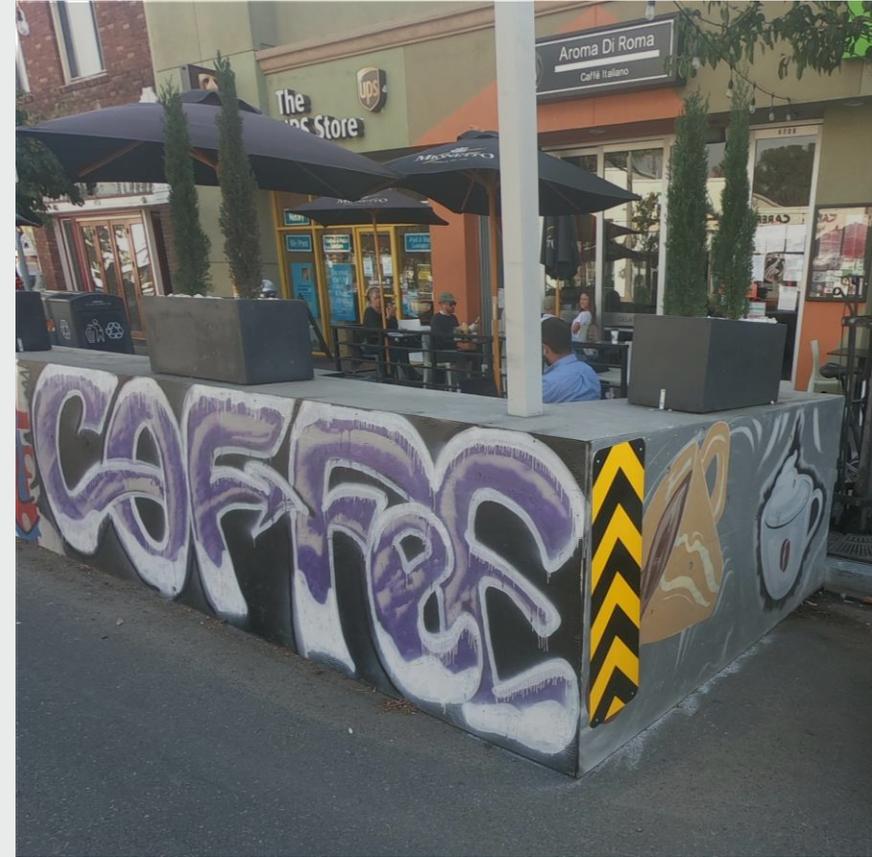
10% (6% on 2nd St – 4 % on side streets)



Focus on Safety

Elements to Consider for Temporary Parklets

- Object marker at approach
- Remaining traveled way – 12' standard
- Structural elements
- Proper installation of barricades
- Stormwater drainage elements
- Safe pedestrian passage
- Utility conflicts
- Parking and impacts to accessibility
- Existing Temporary Parklets cannot convert automatically to Permanent status.



Maintaining the integrity of Temporary Parklets

Tailored Approach

- Address issues on a case-by-case basis
- Remove temporary parklets by request
- Reduce or adjust parklet footprints
- Check and fill barricade water levels
- Reaffirm consent from businesses neighboring a temporary parklet (frontage overlap)
- Coordinate insurance compliance
- Continue inspections by City staff



Outreach and Communication

Public Works staff involvement

- Virtual Meetings
- Public and Business Surveys
- Coordination with Council Districts
- Field Inspections and Business Visits
- E-mail, phone and website with residents

A. Utility Access		
YES	NO	A.1 Utility access points are unobstructed and accessible (e.g., transformers, water/gas valves, or any other utility device)
YES	NO	A.2 Platform has perforations for air circulation (only if indicated as a "GAS" parklet above and a platform exists)

B. Parklet Boundary		
YES	NO	B.1 The parklet extends into frontage of an adjacent business(es)
YES	NO	B.2 All equipment, decorative or structural elements are within the parklet limits (i.e., not obstructing adjoining uses or walkways)
YES	NO	B.3 <i>Broadway only:</i> Parklet elements are within at most within 15" of the buffer between the parking lane and bike lane

C. Pedestrian Accessibility		
YES	NO	C.1 Sidewalk has at least 5' of clearance and free of obstructions or trip hazards (i.e., free of canopy legs, tables, chairs, cables)
YES	NO	C.2 Overhead decorative elements, canopies, lighting, cables or wires are at least 7' above the walkway

D. Traffic Accessibility			
YES	NO	D.1 Adjacent vehicular travel lane is at least 11' wide (outside edge of parklet to nearest lane marking)	ACTUAL (ft) (in) →

E. Platform		
YES	NO	E.1 Parklet has a platform installed
YES	NO	E.2 There is a continuous and unobstructed channel along the curb gutter with an open cross-section of roughness
YES	NO	E.3 Gutter channel opening is covered with a screen to prevent blockage
YES	NO	E.4 The platform is flush with the sidewalk for the entire length of the parklet (e.g., no raised curb)

F. Structural		
YES	NO	F.1 Cladding over k-rail consists of wood material
YES	NO	F.2 Object Marker is installed
YES	NO	F.3 Barricades are filled with
YES	NO	F.4 First k-rail installed at an



We want to hear from you!

The Open Streets Initiative has been extended through June 2022, and we are encouraging participating businesses and their customers to provide feedback on our Temporary Outdoor Dining Program.

The online survey will be available through **November 7, 2021**. To complete, please scan the QR code or follow the link provided.

bit.ly/OSP_parkletsurvey

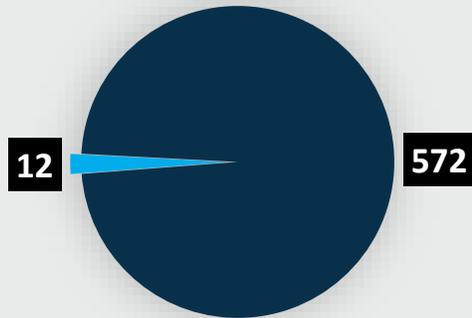
If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the Open Streets Initiative team at goactive@longbeach.gov

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Results of Outreach – Belmont Shore

Customer & Resident Responses

584 Total Responses from CD3 businesses/residents/customers



■ Belmont Shore Resident or Customer
■ Belmont Shore Business Owner

Of 584 Submitted Comments

38%	Support the program
11%	Support, but with restrictions
12%	Parking impact concerns
6%	Traffic sight-line concerns
14%	Congestion and parking concerns
9%	Accessibility and aesthetic concerns

Top Parklet Concerns (Survey & Email)

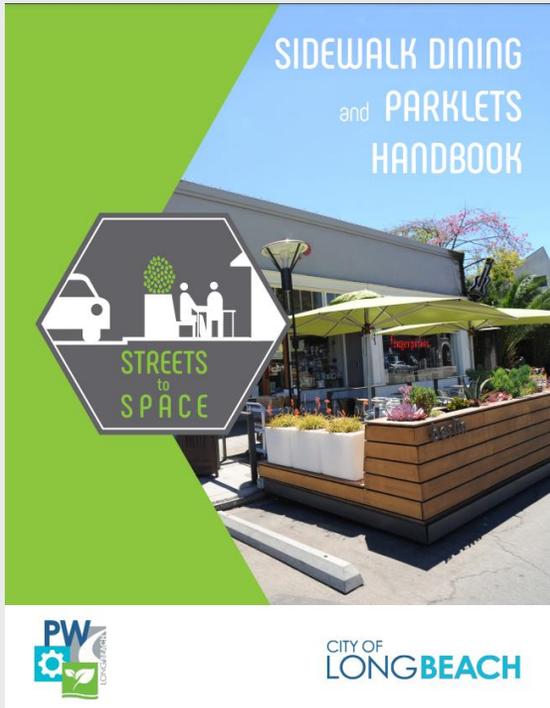
- Parking impacts
- Sidewalk access
- Aesthetics
- Driver sightlines
- Noise (especially on side streets)
- Quality of life

Positive Feedback

- Value outdoor dining option
- Improves walkability of area
- Enhanced experience/character of Belmont Shore

www.longbeach.gov/goactivelb/

Permanent Parklets



- Existing ***temporary*** parklets are **not** **approved or designed to be permanent**
 - Temporary parklets are managed and permitted separately from the Permanent Parklet Program – which predates COVID-19
- Permanent parklet permits have been available through City’s existing *Sidewalk Dining and Parklets Handbook*
 - Permit requires design and construction of a new structure that meets permit requirements
 - Local Coastal Zone requirements may apply

→ www.longbeach.gov/pw/services/permits

Current status of Permanent Parklet Applications

- Only 4 businesses with a temporary parklet established a permanent parklet through the formal process/guidelines. 2 in CD1, 1 in CD2 and 1 in CD5.
- There are 4 businesses have applied for a Permanent Parklet Permit that are currently in the review process. 3 in CD1 and 1 in CD7.
- 30 businesses have only expressed interest in the formal establishment of a permanent parklet. 7 in CD2 and 23 in CD3.

NOTE: Permanent parklets will not be allowed for the following reasons:

1. Business does not comply w/safety, insurance or refill requirements.
2. Applicant has a business condition that has safety concerns, or documented issues that have been determined by the City Traffic Engineer to be detrimental to the quality of life of nearby businesses and/or residents.
3. All businesses located in the Coastal Zone will be required to obtain a local Coastal Commission Approval. This is an internal City process.



Permanent Parklet Ideas

Parklet Build Considerations for Semi-Permanent Parklets

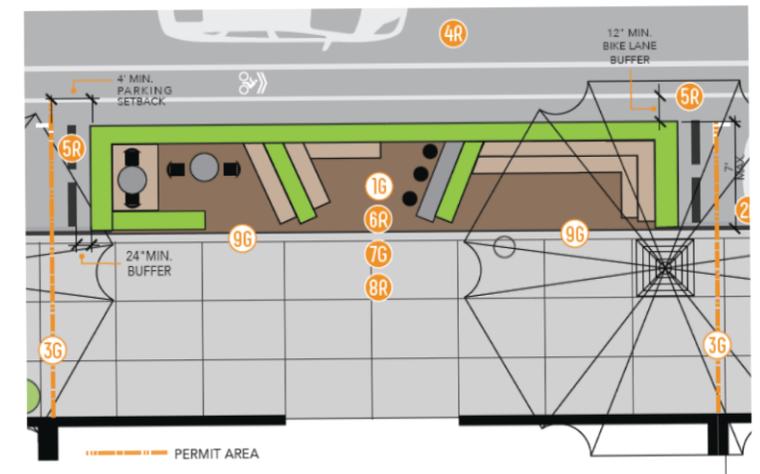
- Semi-permanent materials can be removed if needed



Berlin Bistro 4th St & Linden Ave

A. siting & location

- 1G** Parklets should be creative spaces and allow for flexibility of uses, such as dining and public seating.
- 2R** The Parklet may not extend beyond 7' from the curb line where there is parallel parking, or 15' from the curb line where there is diagonal parking.
- 3G** A parklet should be sited entirely in front of the applicant's place of business.
- 4R** Parklets are permitted on streets where the legal vehicle speed limit is 25 mph or less. On streets where the speed limit exceeds 25 mph, a permanent bulbout may be constructed per City standards and shall comply with all sidewalk dining requirements.
- 5R** To ensure visibility to moving traffic and parking cars, parklets shall be buffered using a wheel stop or similar protective deterrent located a minimum of 24" from the parklet. Parklets shall provide a 4' minimum setback from adjacent parking spaces and 12" from an adjacent bicycle lane or traffic lane.

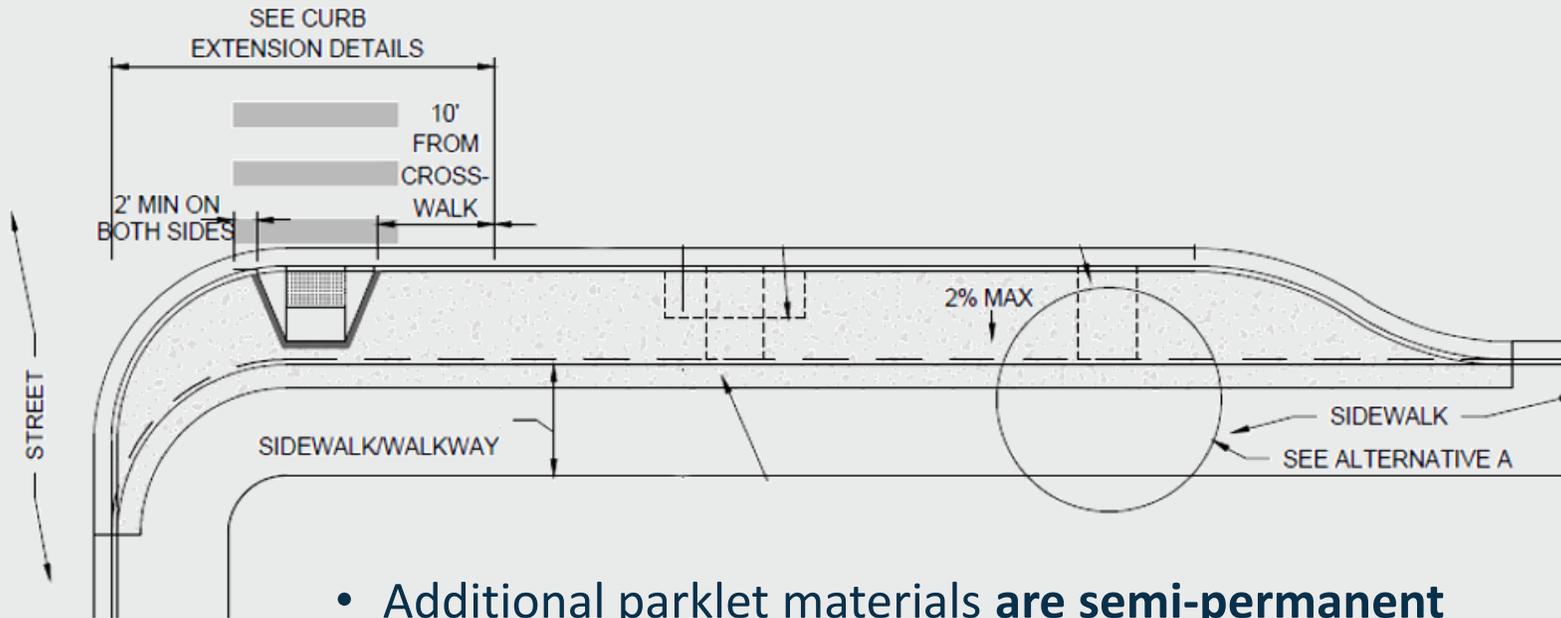


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Parklet Build Considerations for Semi-Permanent Parklets

- Concrete curb-extensions are mandatory on streets with posted speed limits of 30+ MPH



- Additional parklet materials **are semi-permanent** (e.g., furniture, decorative elements, planters)



The Social List 4th St & St. Louis Ave

Open Streets Initiative - Recommendations

- OPTION 1:

Current Open Streets Initiative and Temporary Parklet Program sunsets June 30, 2022.

- OPTION 2:

Current Open Streets Initiative and Temporary Parklet Program sunsets on June 30, 2022 with the exception that any business that has applied for a Permanent Parklet Permit by August 1st shall be allowed to continue utilizing their Temporary Parklet until September 30, 2022.

Conditions for OPTION 2 – a business must:

- Formally apply for a Permanent Parklet Permit per the existing City Permanent Parklet Program no later than August 1, 2022. (Owners will be notified at the time of application, that the proposed permanent parklet may not be feasible because of safety, or quality of life concerns.)
- If the application is accepted, adhere to all Temporary Parklet Permit conditions as the formal approval of the permanent parklet is determined. This includes review of criminal activity and neighborhood quality of life concerns.
- Comply with all safety, insurance and k-rail refill requirements. Parklets will be removed starting June 30, 2022 if businesses fail to comply.
- Temporary parklets allowed on minor side streets after June 30, 2022 only after a case-by-case review by the City Traffic Engineer.



Thank you

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