



Parklets

City Council – October 12, 2021

Parklet Definition

- Conversion of an on-street parking space into an extension of the sidewalk, to be used for open space, public seating, or the use of an adjacent business for dining or retail



Background

- Pilot program approved by Traffic & Parking Board in Feb. 2020
- COVID Parklets for outdoor dining implemented in May 2020
 - Use modified version of pilot parklet guidelines
 - 50 applicants to use 117 on-street parking spaces
 - 104 parking spaces currently in use, mostly in Old Town

Public Feedback

Feedback Form, 2700+ respondents:

- 91% of residents/visitors more likely to visit a restaurant with outdoor seating
- 67% of residents/visitors have positive/very positive views of parklets
- 74% of residents/visitors want to see parklet dining continue permanently
- 66% of businesses want to see parklet dining continue permanently

Proposed Program

- Amend City Code to add parklets as a permitted encroachment
- Update parklet design guidelines and requirements
- Transition temporary parklets into permanent ones
- Annual permit requirement with fee

Next Steps

- Direct Traffic & Parking Board to update the Parklet Guidelines:
 - Buffer space
 - Level surface with sidewalk
 - ADA access
 - Continuous edge (railing, fence, planters)
- Finalize permit and fee requirements
- Annual maintenance agreement