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Understanding Parklets / People Spots

Parklet / People Spot General Design



Operable doors to stack within building footprint. This provides the ability to add tables and to project a more open dining experience.

Fabric Canopy & Frame provide shelter from sun & rain while adding greater street presence for the restaurant.

Restaurant Signage as a branding opportunity. Changing the color and texture of the frontage add to the richness of the built environment

Bollards at 10'-0" on center set 12" out from edge of Parklet / People Spot provide the mandatory safety barrier to make the users of the Parklet / People Spot feel safe using.

Maintaining a six ft. sidewalk width is important to maintain a safe passage for the full extent of the Parklet / People Spot. Minimize perimeter openings into the Parklet / People Spot so cross pedestrian traffic doesn't cause congestion

Benefits / Opportunities

Re-imagine our streets
Complete streets balance the needs of providing walkable streets, safe cycle ways, transit paths, and traveling by car. Parklets / People Spots are a relatively low-cost, easily implementable approach to achieving greater engagement and interest for all users of the street.

Encourage Improved Pedestrian Safety & Activity
Parklets / People Spots provide buffer areas between traffic lanes and the sidewalk. They also provide outdoor gathering spaces, especially when local or City parks may be far away.

Support Local Businesses
Parklets / People Spots enhance the pedestrian environment which can help make the street feel more safe and inviting for people shopping, running errands, and accessing services in their own neighborhoods. Ultimately, it fosters people spending time in their own "urban backyard."

Fosters Neighborhood Interaction & Investment
Parklets invite pedestrians to sit and gather with friends & neighbors. In many cases, neighbors have participated in the design, financing, construction, and stewardship of Parklets / People Spots.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/SOURCES
- https://dceocovid19resources.com/restore-illinois/restore-illinois-phase-4/
- https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home/reopening-business-portal/business-guidelines.html
- https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/bacp/sbc/obtaining-a-sidewalk-cafe-permit0.html
- https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdot/supp_info/make_way_for_people/people_spot.html
- https://chicagocompletestreets.org/streets/mwfp/peoplespots/
- http://groundplaysf.org/wp-content/uploads/San-Francisco-Parklet-Manual.pdf

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