



Street Seats

Overview of 2012 Pilot Project

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What are Street Seats?



- Temporary permit to extend café seating into parking lane on purpose built platform
- Extends sidewalk to allow for additional café seating along the street
- Similar programs in San Francisco, New York, Oakland, Philadelphia, Long Beach, Vancouver, BC, and Montreal, QC



Why is PBOT interested?



- Part of managing public right of way
- PBOT's mission is to be a community partner in shaping a livable city
- Street Seats uses existing temporary revocable encroachment and café seating permits



2012 Pilot Project overview



- Purpose to test concept and receive feedback prior to launching program
- Applicants responsible for permit costs, design, construction, installation, maintenance, cleaning, and removal
- Café seating permit can be extended into platform area, optional
- \$1 million in liability insurance required, similar to café seating permits
- Program to be evaluated on impact to parking, program demand, and neighborhood and business feedback

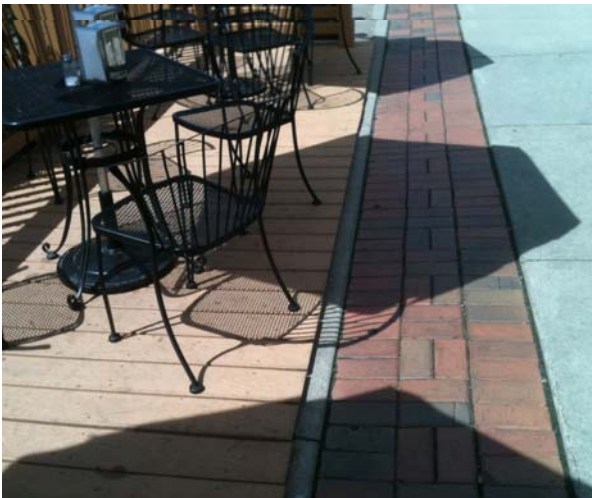


Design Guidelines



Current design guidelines are based on safety/functionality:

- Does not extend beyond 7 ft
- Not located at corners
- Should be flush with curb
- Must not interfere with stormwater drainage
- Physical barrier required along street side
- Platform must be removable
- Vertical elements, such as umbrellas and landscaping, encouraged
- Sidewalk side to be open for peds
- Additional traffic safety markings may be required by PBOT

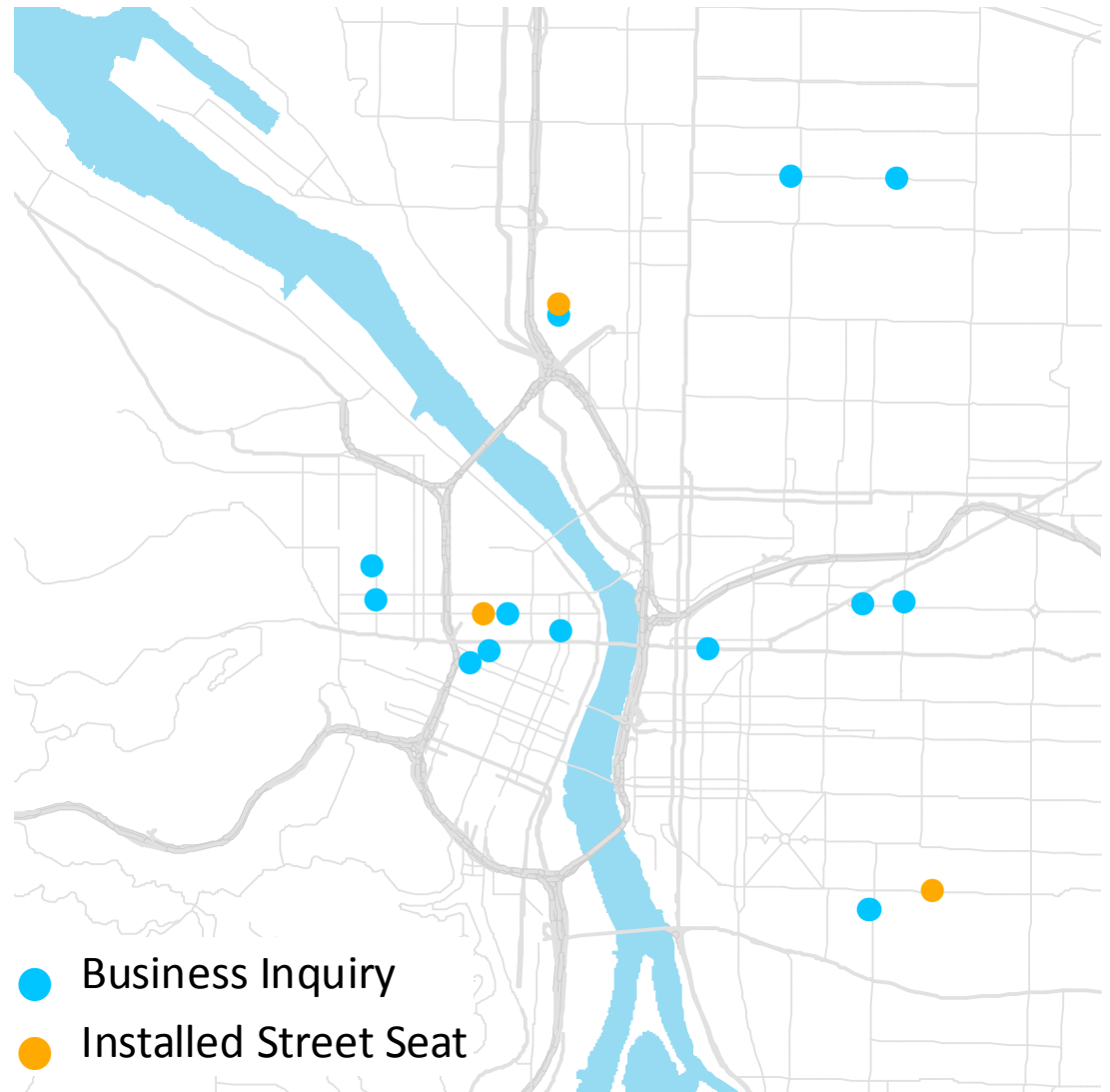


Initial Feedback



As of October:

- 3 installed and 17+ business inquiries
- Equal community support and criticism
- Positive: improves vitality of street and adds needed seating
- Negative: safety concerns and parking loss
- Inquiries thus far from restaurants, bars, and coffee shops



Wafu, SE Division St



- Wafu, 3113 SE Division Street
- First Portland installation
- 20 ft long, includes café seating permit
- Facility made of wood decking and railing
- Permit duration August 23 – October 21, 2012



Oven & Shaker, NW Everett



- Oven & Shaker, 1134 NW Everett Street
- Same owners and design as Wafu installation
- 20 ft long, includes café seating permit
- Facility made of wood decking and railing
- Permit duration September 1 – October 21, 2012



Mississippi Pizza, N Mississippi



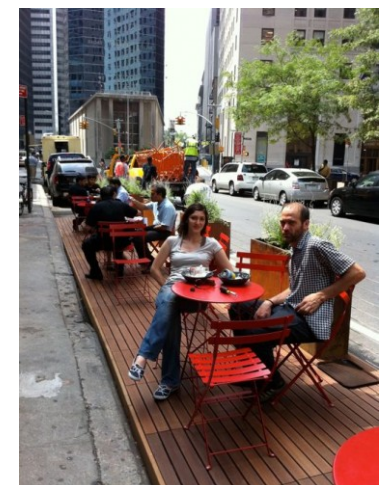
- Mississippi Pizza, 3552 N Mississippi Avenue
- 50 ft long, café seating permit but encouraging public use
- Facility made of wood decking plus creative themes
- Permit duration October 1 – December 31, 2012



Parklets in other cities



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City	Number of Parklets Installed	Departments Involved	Permit Required and Cost	Insurance/Liability	Duration
San Francisco	35	Lead: Department of City Planning Coordination: Department of Public Works, Municipal Transportation Agency, and non-profit partner	\$791 base fee \$191.50 for before and after inspection \$221 Yearly permit renewal	\$1 million	Year-round; Applicants must renew permits yearly
Montréal	Approximately 90	Department of Public Works	\$600 for application \$7,625 fee with parking meters \$2,207 fee without parking meters	\$2 million	April – October
New York City	4	Department of Transportation, Traffic and Planning Division	Cafés must apply but no fee required	\$1 - \$3 million depending on size	April 15 – October 14
Vancouver	2	Engineering Department's Street Activities Branch	No permit required – call for proposals solicited from artists	None – conducted as city project	Summer: (Picnurbia) Semi-permanent: (Parallel Park)

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Philadelphia	2	Lead: Mayor's Office of Transportation and Utilities Design Review: Streets Department Temporary license issued: Department of Licenses and Inspection	No permit required	None required to date – temporary license	April – October 22
Long Beach	2	Lead: Department of Public Works Approval: Department of Water and Power, Department of Traffic and Fire Department	\$819 with yearly renewal	Between \$1 million to \$2 million liability coverage	Year-round; Applicants must renew permits yearly
Oakland	7 sites in permitting process	Lead: Planning Department Reviews: Building Department	\$1,100 for a permit	\$1 million in general liability insurance	Year-round; yearly renewal yet to be determined

Design Best Practices



- Provide safety standards but don't stifle design
- Encourage creativity with a modular system
- Encourage plantings and landscaping
- Encourage built in seating
- Develop inventory of design concepts as resource
- Clearly articulate maintenance responsibility and tasked party



For more information...



Portland's Street Seats Pilot Project

www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/index.cfm?&c=59158

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UCLA Parklet Toolkit ["Reclaiming the Right of Way"](#)

San Francisco Parklet Program

<http://sfpavementtoparks.sfplanning.org/parklets.html>

New York City Program

www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/sidewalks/curbside-seating.shtml