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Briefing

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Date: April 13, 2023
To: Portland Design Commission
From: Benjamin Nielsen, Design & Historic Review Team
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Re: PBOT Healthy Business Permit Program: Draft Guidelines for Outdoor Dining Briefing Cover Memo – April 20, 2023

This memo is regarding the upcoming Briefing on April 20, 2023, for the PBOT Healthy Business Permit Program and, more specifically, draft guidelines for outdoor dining areas along sidewalks, including street seats. This briefing continues the conversation held with the Design Commission on January 19, 2023. A copy of PBOT's draft Outdoor Dining Program Design Guidelines is available for review online:

- <https://www.portland.gov/transportation/permitting/documents/outdoor-dining-design-guidelines-draft-public-comment/download>

A copy of the summary memo from the January 23, 2023, Design Commission briefing is also attached, for your review. I encourage you to please review your prior comments and raise those issues again that have not yet been addressed.

Spring 2023 Draft

The draft guidelines address several of the issues that the Commission raised at the first briefing, particularly regarding issues of visibility (at corners, in particular) and design differences for street seats that are used seasonally versus year-round. Proposed guidelines are largely dimensional, however, and do not directly address issues related to the materiality and durability.

The draft also does not contain any guidelines for public street plazas.