

ORDINANCE 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM IN THE DOWNTOWN CORRIDOR

- WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020, the Common Council passed Ordinance 20-11, which suspended portions of the Bloomington Municipal Code during the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 virus; and
- WHEREAS, Ordinance 20-11 relaxed certain City regulations, including sign and seating encroachment regulations, which made it possible to assist local restaurants by extending the outdoor seating area into parklets, which are also known around the country as streateries; and
- WHEREAS, the City also temporarily closed portions of Kirkwood Avenue to make it available for enhanced social distancing and outdoor seating; and
- WHEREAS, due to the success of the program, the Common Council expanded and extended the Outdoor Dining Program ("Program") in Ordinance 22-01 and Resolution 23-04 and Resolution 2024-05 (streateries only); and
- WHEREAS, the Program continues to add vibrancy to our downtown and add to the health and use of our downtown business community; and
- WHEREAS, the Common Council seeks to provide long-term certainty to businesses, residents, and visitors regarding parklets and the Kirkwood conversion, allowing them to plan, adapt, and invest with confidence; and
- WHEREAS, the Common Council is committed to activating Kirkwood Avenue as a premier destination for commerce, pedestrians, civic engagement, and community life, fostering economic vitality and social interaction; and
- WHEREAS, the City desires to continue the Outdoor Dining Program in the downtown ; and
- WHEREAS, to continue the Program, it is necessary for the Common Council to suspend certain elements of the Municipal Code during those portions of the year that the Program is active; and
- WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works will consider a resolution which, if approved, will authorize alternative seating and encroachment policies, approve the final Program Guidelines, and express support for the Program; and
- WHEREAS, the Common Council therefore wishes to extend the Program to create a downtown outdoor gathering space and to continue its support for Bloomington's business community;
- WHEREAS, this ordinance does not preclude the City of Bloomington from advancing additional investments in Kirkwood Avenue as outlined in the Transportation Plan and Safe Streets for All Plan, ensuring future improvements align with the city's vision for a vibrant, accessible, and multimodal corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY INDIANA, THAT:

- SECTION 1. The Common Council hereby approves the Program as set forth by the Program Guidelines, and any amendments thereto, approved by the Board of Public Works, attached as Exhibit A. The Kirkwood conversion shall be from the 100 E. block through 500 E. block and operate each year pursuant to the Program Guidelines.
- SECTION 2. The Program shall operate annually from March through November, with specific dates to be set by City Staff from the Economic and Sustainable Development

Department. City Staff shall report on the status of the Program to the Council once annually. The Program shall operate unless earlier terminated under SECTION 7 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. City staff shall also publish Program Guidelines for each year the Program operates on the City’s website and distribute the guidelines to all eligible businesses. The Program Guidelines must comply with the terms and restrictions of this Ordinance. The Program Guidelines shall be presented and approved by the Board of Public Works for each year of the Program.

SECTION 4. The Common Council approves fees for the operation of the Program. City staff shall set the specific fees for the Program for each year the Program is in operation, subject to the following limitations:

Program	Minimum Fee	Maximum Fee
Parklet	\$250 per space	\$1,000 per space
Kirkwood Seating	\$250	\$5,000

SECTION 5. The City of Bloomington Common Council hereby temporarily suspends the following sections of the Bloomington Municipal Code only to the extent necessary to operate and for the sole purpose of implementing the Program:

Standard	B.M.C. Section	Temporary Waiver and Guidelines
Standards for Encroachment	12.06	The businesses participating in the Program and their seating areas shall be subject to the Program Guidelines and B.M.C. 12.06 as modified by the Board of Public Works. Existing encroachments shall continue to be subject to the full rules, requirements, and conditions of B.M.C. 12.06.
Use of Right-of-Way	12.08	Program participants shall not be required to obtain an additional permit for the use of right-of-way under B.M.C. 12.08, provided that the right of way is not blocked or used for anything other than those uses explicitly authorized by the Program. All other uses, closures, or access to right-of-way as indicated in B.M.C. 12.08, even in areas being used for the Program or by Program participants, shall continue to be subject to the full rules, requirements, and conditions of B.M.C. 12.08.
Intoxicating beverages	14.36.090	Designated parklets and areas along Kirkwood participating in the Program shall be excepted from the prohibition of consuming alcoholic beverages in or on any public street or right of way as long as the beverage is procured at a participating business that is operating in

		accordance with a license from the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.
Parking Meter Charges	15.40.010 Schedule U	Meter fees for on-street parking spaces that are to be used as parklets and from 100 E. Kirkwood through the 500 block of E. Kirkwood Avenue shall be suspended.
Signs	20.04.100	For the avoidance of doubt, any signs that may be required under the Program, shall be considered public signs under B.M.C. 20.04.100(c)(2)(A).
Loading Zones	15.32.100	For the duration of the Kirkwood closure, the loading zones from 100 E. Kirkwood through the 500 block of E. Kirkwood, as indicated in Schedule O of B.M.C. 15.32.100, shall be suspended.

SECTION 6. The Director of the City’s Economic and Sustainable Development Department (ESD) shall issue a Provisional Use Permit to any applicants approved by ESD staff, provided that the applicants and their applications are found to be in compliance with this Ordinance, Program Guidelines, and any other reasonable conditions and restrictions set forth. The Provisional Use permit shall be valid for 21 days after the implementation date of the Program as set forth in the guidelines. The purpose of the Provisional Use permit will be to allow for the parklet to be set up, utilized, and inspected by city staff. If, during this period, any non-conformities with this Ordinance or the program guidelines are found, city staff, at their sole discretion may:

- Request modifications to the parklet to come into compliance with this Ordinance or the Program Guidelines; and
- Temporarily cease operation of the affected parklet under the Program until such time city staff has found the parklet to be in compliance with this Ordinance and the program guidelines.

If, at or prior to, the end of the 21-day period it is found by city staff that the parklet is within compliance with this Ordinance and the program guidelines, city staff shall issue the Program Permit. Failure to obtain a Program Permit will result in the immediate termination of the affected parklet.

SECTION 7. In cases of emergency, lack of participation, or any other reason that may render the Program impractical, the Common Council authorizes the City Engineer to permanently or temporarily suspend the Program, in part or in whole. If the City Engineer suspends operation of the Program or any part of the Program, except in cases of emergency, the City shall provide notice to participating businesses no later than 14 days prior to suspension and report back to the Common Council the reasons for the suspension within 45 days of the action taken. In cases of emergency, any part or participating area of the Program may be immediately terminated. City staff shall notify businesses and City Council of the emergency termination within 72-hours of the action.

SECTION 8. Businesses participating within this Program shall remain in compliance with the Program Guidelines adopted under this Ordinance and by the Board of Public Works. If a Program participant violates any provision of this Ordinance, violates the Program Guidelines, or if any condition of approval has not been met, the ESD Director may issue a notice of violation (NOV) to the responsible party. Any Program participant charged with violating any provision of this Ordinance or the program guidelines may, in the sole discretion of the ESD Director, be issued an official warning or be subject to the penalties and remedies described in SECTION 9 of this Ordinance. If an official warning is issued, it shall be

considered as affording the violator one opportunity to comply with this Ordinance or Program Guidelines. If a NOV is issued, it shall be served to the responsible party by first class mail, email, or in person in accordance with the contact information provided in the Program application. A participant that receives an NOV from the City shall have 14 days to appeal the NOV to the Board of Public Works.

SECTION 9. The City may use any remedy available at law to bring usage of the right-of-way under this Program into compliance in the event a NOV, in accordance with SECTION 8 of this ordinance, is issued, including those penalties and remedies found in Bloomington Municipal Code 1.01.130 and the following:

- Order a temporary cessation of the operation of the affected parklet/Kirkwood space under the Program until such time city staff has found the parklet/Kirkwood space to be in compliance with this Ordinance and the program guidelines;
- Order the removal of the parklet or cease using Kirkwood Avenue street space under the terms set forth in SECTION 7 of this Ordinance; and
- Issue a civil penalty of not more than \$2,500.00 for each violation.

SECTION 10. If any section, sentence, or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid section, sentence, provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 22nd day of January, 2025.



President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:



NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 24 day of January, 2025.



NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 27 day of January, 2025.


KERRY THOMSON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

Ordinance 2025-02 establishes the Outdoor Dining Program for the use of parklets (also known as streateries) and Kirkwood Avenue as additional seating space and opportunities for businesses to expand into the street and suspends certain portion of the Bloomington Municipal Code in order to facilitate the Program.

Note: At its Regular Session on January 22, 2025, the Council amended this item pursuant to Amendment 01, sponsored by Cms. Rosenbarger and Asare, which repealed and replaced the original ordinance with a new version that enabled both the parklet program and a Kirkwood conversion program to operate in the same manner as in previous years, mirroring language from Ordinance 22-01.

Distributed to: Clerk, Council Attorney, Economic and Sustainable Development, Engineering, Legal, Mayor, and Planning.



To: Members of the Common Council
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From: Jane Kupersmith, Director, Economic and Sustainable Development

Date: January 17, 2025

Re: Additional information regarding **ORDINANCE 2025-02: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM IN THE DOWNTOWN CORRIDOR**

Executive Summary

City staff submitted a memo to Common Council on December 30, 2024, proposing ORDINANCE 2025-02: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM IN THE DOWNTOWN CORRIDOR. In response to feedback from business owners and members of the Common Council, City Staff has drafted guidelines that may be considered for approval by the Board of Public works, should the Common Council approve an amendment to the Ordinance that adds the conversion of blocks of Kirkwood Avenue to pedestrian-only spaces to the Outdoor Dining Program.

Background

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Bloomington Common Council approved Ordinance 20-11, An Ordinance Recommending that Portions of the Bloomington Municipal Code be Temporarily Suspended Due to the Ongoing Public Health Emergency, which suspended portions of the municipal code to support the operation of businesses in downtown Bloomington. The Common Council extended this ordinance and approved the expansion of outdoor seating through the end of 2021. Ordinance 22-01 extended the program through 2022. Resolution 23-04 extended the program through 2023, and resolution 2024-05 extended the program but allowed only parklets. The Kirkwood Avenue conversion was suspended due to Clear Creek Reconstruction. Each ordinance and resolution included program guidelines (also required to have approval from the Board of Public Works).

Due to the continued economic benefits of the Program, City Staff recommended that the City Council pass a new Ordinance 2025-02 to renew the Program. The Ordinance 2025-02 as

initially presented would establish a three-year Outdoor Dining Parklet/Streatery Program, running from 2025 through 2028. Each year during this period, the program's guidelines will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Public Works only. They were provided as an exhibit to Ordinance 25-02.

Staff made the recommendation to City Council to extend only the parklet program for the next three years, to improve the look of the parklets, and to focus on event-based closures of Kirkwood, understanding that during this window, the Planning & Transportation Department would begin formal evaluation and public engagement process regarding the future vision of Kirkwood Avenue.

The issue of converting Kirkwood to a pedestrian space is a complex one, with many competing views. Staff made its recommendation, having cross-functionally evaluated issues of safety, construction closures, and equitable access to this resource. It is clear that additional input is needed from the Kirkwood businesses, as decisions about the way Kirkwood is handled affects them directly. Staff has issued a survey to these businesses and will be prepared to present that feedback to Council at the January 22 meeting.

Since issuing its recommended strategy, staff has revisited some of the major inputs:

Safety

Initial feedback was that given the longer 400 block, BFD had concerns about being able to access the middle of the block in a timely manner since hoses do not reach the interior from outside the bollards. Since that initial feedback, BFD believes that with a reserved fire lane, and with BFD completing practice runs on this block, they feel supportive of a full or partial closure of Kirkwood.

BPD states that if north-south streets are open, they can get access to deliver services to the "closed" streets.

Construction

A construction project in the parking lot adjacent to CVS is slated to begin in Q1 2025. This project will require deliveries and heavy equipment in the first block. This would preclude the 100 block of E. Kirkwood from a full block closure. Construction continues on a hotel project at the corner of Kirkwood and S. Washington Streets.

Access

In past years, respondents to surveys are in favor of the conversion of Kirkwood to a pedestrian space. Certain businesses benefit from the program; certain businesses have operational challenges; and others are hindered by the program. In the 500 block, the street closure has traditionally been utilized by one business, while one other business does not support the closure and states that it harms their business. In the 2023 survey, 50% of 26 of respondents were in favor; 38% were against; 13% were neutral; and 3 businesses did not respond.

Outreach

As of the writing of this memo, there were 17 business respondents from Kirkwood Avenue. 52.9% support parklets and Kirkwood conversion; 35.3% support parklets only; and 11.8% do not support any outdoor dining program. ESD staff will download survey data and share that with Council staff in advance of the Jan 22 meeting.

Some written comments are as follows:

- *Not enough businesses participate to warrant closing the street.*
- *If businesses feel the need for outdoor dining they should have worked that into the structure of their building if they own it or should have chosen another building that supported those needed. Every business on the block pays taxes for the streets to be open and accessible and those businesses during closure are not taking our taxes away.*
- *This program needs to end. It is not fair nor beneficial to most of the businesses in the area. It also provides unfair advantage to only a handful of restaurants. It decreases already shrinking parking options. It actively discourages people from coming downtown. We are far enough past the pandemic shutdowns that this should not still be happening.*
- *Great to see local coming to downtown in summer*
- *Again, positive impact for specific events. Negative impact on operations during seasonal closure. No impact on revenue or foot traffic.*
- *Sustainability*
- *Thanks for all City Of Bloomington for helping downtown business*
- *If an event–i.e Lotus fest, 4th St. We benefit from that b/c of the increased traffic. But when the City just keeps the blocks closed, it affects delivery, staff, all the daily business inputs. But if it's a Fri-Sat-Sun event, we actually benefit from those things because of the increase in traffic.*
- *Decreasing cost and safety measures*
- *More attractive barriers, do not close Kirkwood*
- *My only other suggestion is to start a long term plan on the future of Kirkwood with expanded outdoor dining and still some traffic. We've been talking about this for 5 years now but I haven't seen any design ideas come through yet.*
- *Closed Kirkwood is a great vibe! It makes Bloomington feel charming and warm, makes people want to amble about and not worry about cars! We love it, all power to the pedestrians.*
- *Kirkwood is dark during the fall months. More street lights (permanent or temporary) may keep people out eating/shopping for longer*

Program Implementation

Resolution 25-02 was approved by the Board of Public Works on January 14, 2025. These guidelines address the implementation of parklets. Staff is currently working to finalize similar guidelines for a Kirkwood conversion dining program, should one be approved, and would seek to have them ready for consideration by the Board of Public Works on January 28, 2025. Staff will ensure that the Kirkwood Conversion is both PROWAG and ADA compliant. The program would maintain an open lane for use by emergency responders. DRAFT guidelines are included with this memo as Exhibit A.

Future of Kirkwood

Kirkwood Avenue is identified as one of the highest priority corridors in the newly adopted SS4A Safety Action Plan and will need to be comprehensively addressed to achieve the goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries by 2039. The Planning and Transportation Department has already begun analyzing ways to improve safety for roadway users along Kirkwood and will continue this work in coordination with the Engineering and Economic & Sustainable Development Departments. While we do not currently have a timeline for any proposed changes, we expect to begin earnest analysis and public outreach in the interim years of the proposed outdoor dining program.

The Safety Action Plan on the SS4A website here: <https://bton.in/SS4Aw>

Conclusion

As of the writing of this memo, the conversion of Kirkwood to a pedestrian space remains a program with multifaceted inputs and impacts. With this memo, staff seeks to address questions that may arise for council members as they consider how they might amend the proposed program; to share information about the inputs that went into the initial staff recommendation; and to share direct feedback from businesses.

Exhibit A: 2025 Kirkwood Conversion Dining Program DRAFT Guidelines

Timeline:

- Materials due to Council: December 30, 2024
- Council - first reading: January 8, 2025
- Board of Public Works approval of [parklet] guidelines January 14, 2025
- Council vote on new ordinance: January 22, 2025
- Board of Public Works–potential approval of [Kirkwood] guidelines January 28, 2025
- Applications available to businesses: Early February 2025
- Deadline for submitting applications: March 3, 2025
- Final staff determination of the number and location of parklets: March 10, 2025
- Implementation of program (*weather permitting*): March 31-April 3, 2025
- Season officially begins: April 4, 2025
- End of seasonal outdoor dining program: November 10, 2025

Costs

- Kirkwood conversion outdoor dining cost:
 - For businesses with a capacity of under 20, the cost will be \$500 for utilization of the extended outdoor space on Kirkwood during the 2025 season.
 - For businesses with a capacity between 20 and 100, the cost will be \$1,250 for utilization of the extended outdoor space on Kirkwood during the 2025season.
 - For businesses with a capacity 100 and above, the cost will be \$3,500 for utilization of the extended outdoor space on Kirkwood during the 2025 season.
 - All fees are due in full by March 28, 2025.
- Businesses are responsible for any direct costs associated with utilizing expanded outdoor dining space.
- Each participating business must submit a certificate of insurance to the Economic and Sustainable Development Department establishing proof of a comprehensive general liability policy naming the City of Bloomington as additional insured to the extent of at least \$500,000 bodily injury and \$100,000 property damage, which shall be in effect during the term of this authorization.

Eligibility

- Eligibility is limited to establishments on Kirkwood Avenue from Indiana Avenue to the B-line.
 - City staff will review the proposed spaces’ street locations to ensure they are suitable for the program.

- All participating businesses must agree to cease alcohol sales in parklets by midnight.
 - Eligible businesses must complete the application and payment process as outlined in this memo.
 - Eligibility is limited to any business or organization located in the participating blocks of Kirkwood Ave. This program is focused on, but not limited to, food service establishments.
 - All participating businesses must agree to cease alcohol sales in parklets and on Kirkwood by midnight.
- Application process:
 - Application form will go live on the City's webpage in February 2025.
 - Applications are due by March 3, 2025. Businesses may submit applications in advance of the deadline.
 - A detailed site plan drawn to scale shall be submitted with the application. This site shall indicate the location of any ramps and seating installed in the parklet as well as any street furniture/trees. Measurements should be included to show conformance with Exhibit B.
 - Fees are payable via grant application site by March 28, 2025.
- Implementation:
 - The participating businesses will work with City staff to install and remove bollards at the beginning and end of the 2025 season. Implementation will be coordinated by City staff.
 - City staff will temporarily reconvert the participating blocks of Kirkwood Ave. during the 2025 season. No permanent physical changes will be made to the streetscape.
 - All cross streets will remain open.
 - A fire lane will be left in the middle of the street as necessary, as determined by the Bloomington Fire Department.
 - Where the street is closed with a contiguous barrier (i.e. orange jersey barriers as opposed to bollards), there will be a bike lane so that bikes and scooters may retain a path despite Kirkwood being a dismount zone.
 - City staff will review the quantity and location of ADA parking spaces in the downtown area and will determine whether additional ADA spaces are needed.
 - Areas not occupied by businesses or the fire lane will have greater arts programming, such as live music, mural and plein air painting, performances, or festivals. The nature and timing of this programming will be determined by City staff, in partnership with community stakeholders
 - If the weather in March/April 2025, is not conducive to outdoor dining, City staff may exercise discretion on the exact dates the bollards are installed.

- If a space is removed, either by request of the business or by determination of City staff, it may not be reinstalled in the same calendar year. Any fees paid by the business will not be refunded.
- Requirements for participating businesses:
 - Participating businesses are required to provide their own furniture, decorations, etc.
 - Participating businesses are required to invest in the beautification of street spaces through decor that meets safety standards (see Exhibit C).
 - Participating businesses must meet all requirements for their extended outdoor seating, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), PROWAG, Indiana Alcohol Tobacco Commission (ATC), Monroe County Health Department, safety, and insurance requirements.
 - Participating businesses must meet ADA/Accessibility requirements as stated in Exhibit B. All businesses utilizing the extended outdoor space on Kirkwood will be required to have a temporary PROWAG-compliant ramp from the sidewalk into the section of the street they are utilizing.
 - Tents and heaters are not allowed for use in the Outdoor Dining Program.
 - Participating businesses must comply with Indiana Fire Code regulations.
 - Businesses must remove all seating, furniture, decorations, and any other property from the parklet before the end of the program on November 10, 2025, when the parklet setups are set to come down or face fines in accordance with Title 12 of the Bloomington Municipal Code.

ADA/Accessibility Requirements

Expanded outdoor street spaces must conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines and Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG), or have adjacent outdoor seating options which conform to the ADA and PROWAG (if applicable). It is the responsibility of the applicant to design and implement their seating to be compliant. Below are guidelines that will help design your space to be compliant with the ADA, PROWAG, and the City of Bloomington's standards. The guidelines below are not expected to cover all contingencies, but rather to provide basic information that participants must adhere to.

Ramps for Curb Access

- All participating businesses shall have a ramp which provides access directly from the business to the seating area.

- The ramp shall be placed in a manner that provides a clear, straight pathway, no less than 54 inches, leading from the entrance of the building to the seating area
- Slope: The maximum slope allowed is 1:12 (8.3%). This means that for every 12 inches in length there will be a 1 inch of rise (or less).
- Width: The width of a ramp shall be no less than 48 inches wide.
- Landings: The landing clear width shall be at least as wide as the ramp. The landing clear length shall be a minimum of 48 inches long. Ramps that change direction at the landing shall have a clear space a minimum of 48 x 48 inches.
- Further information can be found in the PROWAG:
 - Section R304 Curb Ramps and Blended Transitions
 - Section R407 Ramps

Accessible Seating

- While it is encouraged that all seating be wheelchair accessible, it shall be required that a minimum of at least 1 seat for every 25 to remain accessible. Seating can be made accessible by following the guidelines below:
- If only one accessible table is provided, it shall be placed closest to the accessible route into the space.
- Table Height: The table shall be 28-34 inches from the ground to the underside of the table.
- Knee Space: There shall be at least 27 inches of vertical knee space from the underside of the table, and at least 30 inches wide.
- Clearance: There shall be a clear floor space of at least 30 by 48 inches around the accessible seating.
- Availability: Accessible seating shall be available without necessitating the moving/removal of furniture.
- Further information can be found in the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design:
 - Section 221 Assembly Areas
 - Section 306 Knee and Toe Clearance
 - Section 902 Dining Surfaces and Work Surfaces
 - Further information can be found in the PROWAG:
 - Section R405 Knee and Toe Clearance

Beautification Guidelines

Several options are available to outdoor dining program participants for beautification. Examples of parklet + block beautification may include, but are not limited to, the adornment of art, accessibility alterations, or cosmetic improvements, all per guidelines listed in this "Exhibit C: Beautification Guidelines." Given the potential costs for professional parklet beautification, employing cost-friendly and easy-to-implement solutions is crucial, as businesses will bear the costs.

Beautification Options:

- Additional seating platforms
 - Outside of their uses associated with outdoor dining, spaces installations may include wooden or metal benches, platforms, ramps, or additional forms of seating to compensate for increased customer capacity and general community interactions.
- Adornment of art
 - Program participants are encouraged to use a variety of art sources to beautify spaces.
 - E.g., collaboration with local artists and the utilization of murals
- Space greenery
- Additional lighting
 - Please review the Bloomington Municipal Code section 20.04.090 for compliance.
- Further cosmetic and logistical improvements
 - More options for cosmetic improvements include the use of budget-friendly space dividers, outdoor rugs/flooring, temporary installations of menu/special boards, spaces dedicated for bike parking, and the inclusion of interactive features.
- Businesses should work with City staff to determine appropriate beautification options for the spaces. No permanent physical changes can be made to the streetscape.