

**Outdoor Dining in Public Right-of-Way  
30-Day Public Review  
Comments and Responses**

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| 8-Jul-23  | How do you justify tables IN THE STREET??? Particularly with speed limits above 25mph. Sidewalk dining is one thing but in the street. Please explain how all of sudden Parklets will be allowed to be in areas that had red curbs before? Now all of sudden it's safe to have people in the street? Ridiculous. No regard to safety. Love to hear an explanation.   | Thank you for this feedback. Outdoor Dining Guidelines were prepared with safety as the foremost priority. We will only allow parklets on streets with speed limits of 25 mph or lower (Design Standards and Guidelines, Page 10). We will require Traffic Safety Barriers such as k-rail, jersey barriers, and other Caltrans recognized traffic safety barriers (Design Standards and Guidelines, Pages 13-14). Outdoor dining parklets will only be allowed in on-street parking spaces, and not in red curb areas (Design Standards and Guidelines, Page 10). Many jurisdictions in California now allow restaurant expansion into public right-of-way. The process to develop these guidelines included reviewing the City of LA, City of San Diego, City of Sacramento, and San Francisco to ensure our safety measures are consistent with other jurisdictions. |
| 15-Jul-23 | I support using sidewalks, alleys, streets, and on street parking, for outdoor dining.   | Thank you for this feedback.   |
| 23-Jul-23 | Please tell me that the city is not going to allow businesses to build "whatever they want" relative to outside dining in the street. 90% of them eyesores to the community and also blocked neighboring businesses with 20 umbrellas up and down sidewalks. You have to duck to walk past them. Also when the new guidelines are set when do they have to take down structures that don't adhere to new rules? And how punitive will fines be. I've talked to several owners that said they won't remove them until the "city makes me". Appreciate any answers you can provide. Clearly not a fan of tables in the street. | Thank you for this feedback. The comments make several references to "the city" so we want to clarify these guidelines are for the County of Los Angeles and are not affiliated with the City of LA. We will not be allowing businesses to "build whatever they want". Detailed guidelines have been prepared to ensure compliance with safety measures, ADA Access, and County codes. Umbrellas must have a seven-foot minimum vertical clearance when open, not overhang the pedestrian access route, and be in a stable base to prevent accidental or windblown tipping over (Design Standards and Guidelines, Page 8). Inspectors will enforce any violation of permits condition through permit violation, revocation and impoundment.  |