



OUTDOOR DINING TASK FORCE MEETING

DECEMBER 12, 2023



AGENDA

- Roll Call
- Approval of Minutes
- Walk Street Targeted Outreach
- Outdoor Dining Long-Term Vision
- Public Comments
- Task Force Discussions



WALK STREET TARGETED OUTREACH

Outreach Scope

- Expanded from 6 to 15 commercial corners:
 - Provide equitable opportunities to other parcels that may change uses
 - If supported by public, planned to maintain baseline of max. 6; first-come, first-serve
- Outreach targeted to parcels along same block as the 15 commercial corners
 - Survey and Focus Group meetings



WALK STREET COMMERCIAL CORNERS

Outreach Results

Majority strongly opposed to the idea on all corners despite proposed mitigation measures

- Concerned with:

Noise, vermin, parking, traffic, pedestrian congestion, quality of life, privacy, property value, change in character, proximity to residences

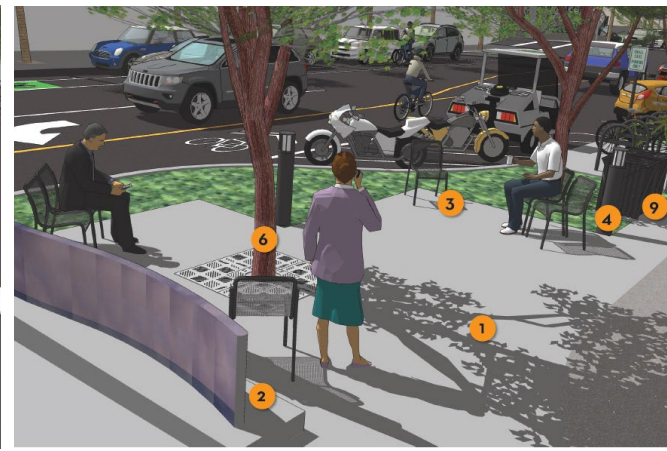
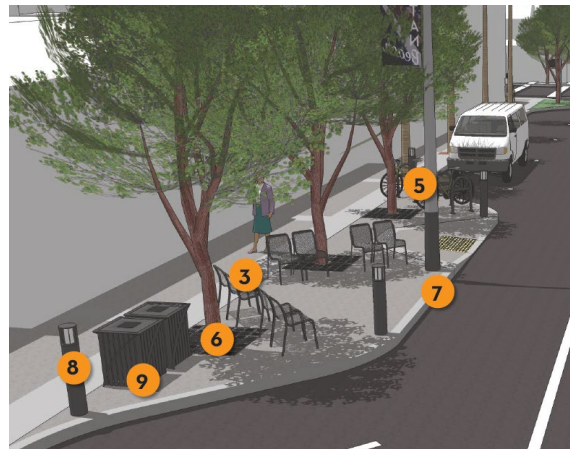
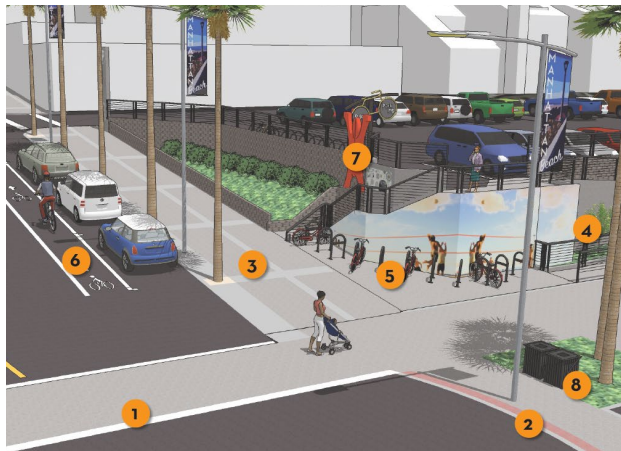


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Downtown Specific Plan - Chapter 7

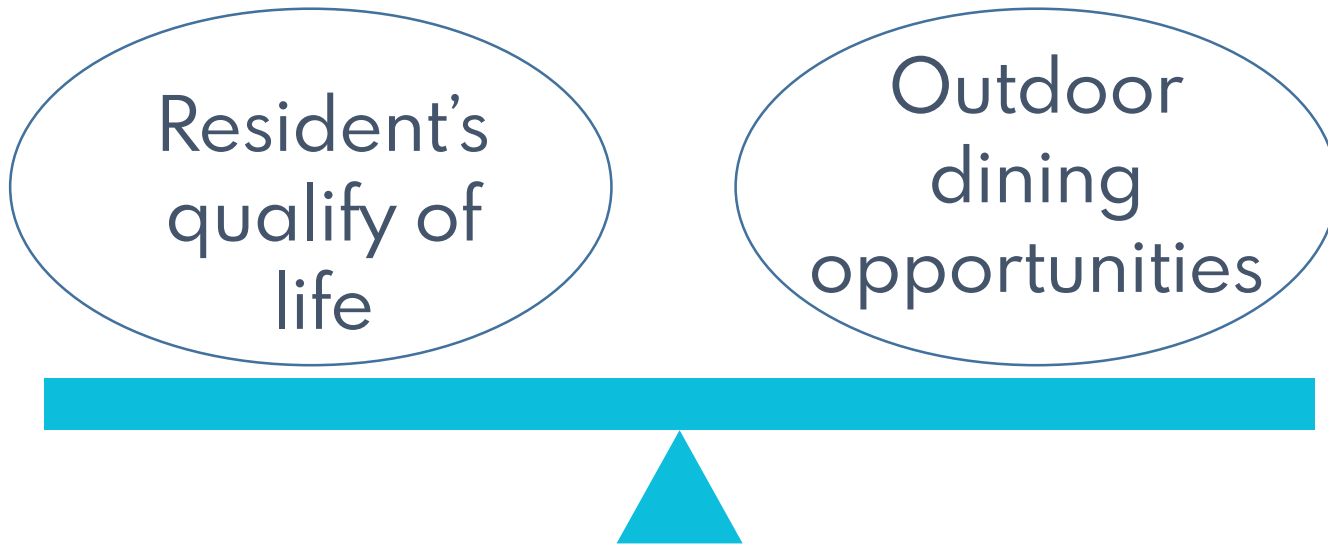
Public Realm Development Standards & Design Guidelines

Enhance public spaces that activate the environment on select corners adjacent to commercial uses



OUTDOOR DINING: LONG-TERM VISION

Objective



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Community Input (Concerns)

- Sidewalks are narrow and congested
- On-street decks cause numerous issues:
visual blight, maintenance, drainage flow,
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Potential Solution and
Long-Term Vision

Permanent
Sidewalk
Widening



OUTDOOR DINING: LONG-TERM VISION

Sidewalk Widening

- Addresses community input on narrow sidewalks
- Allow sidewalk dining adjacent to establishments
 - >> No utility connection concerns, less congested sidewalks, clear path of travel for pedestrians, unified layout
- Reduces various issues related to on-street decks
- Creates more opportunities to serve the public with flexible uses when sidewalk dining is not occurring
- Provides curbside passenger access for parked cars
- Reduces need for access ramps to/from dining area



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Sidewalk Widening



Before



After



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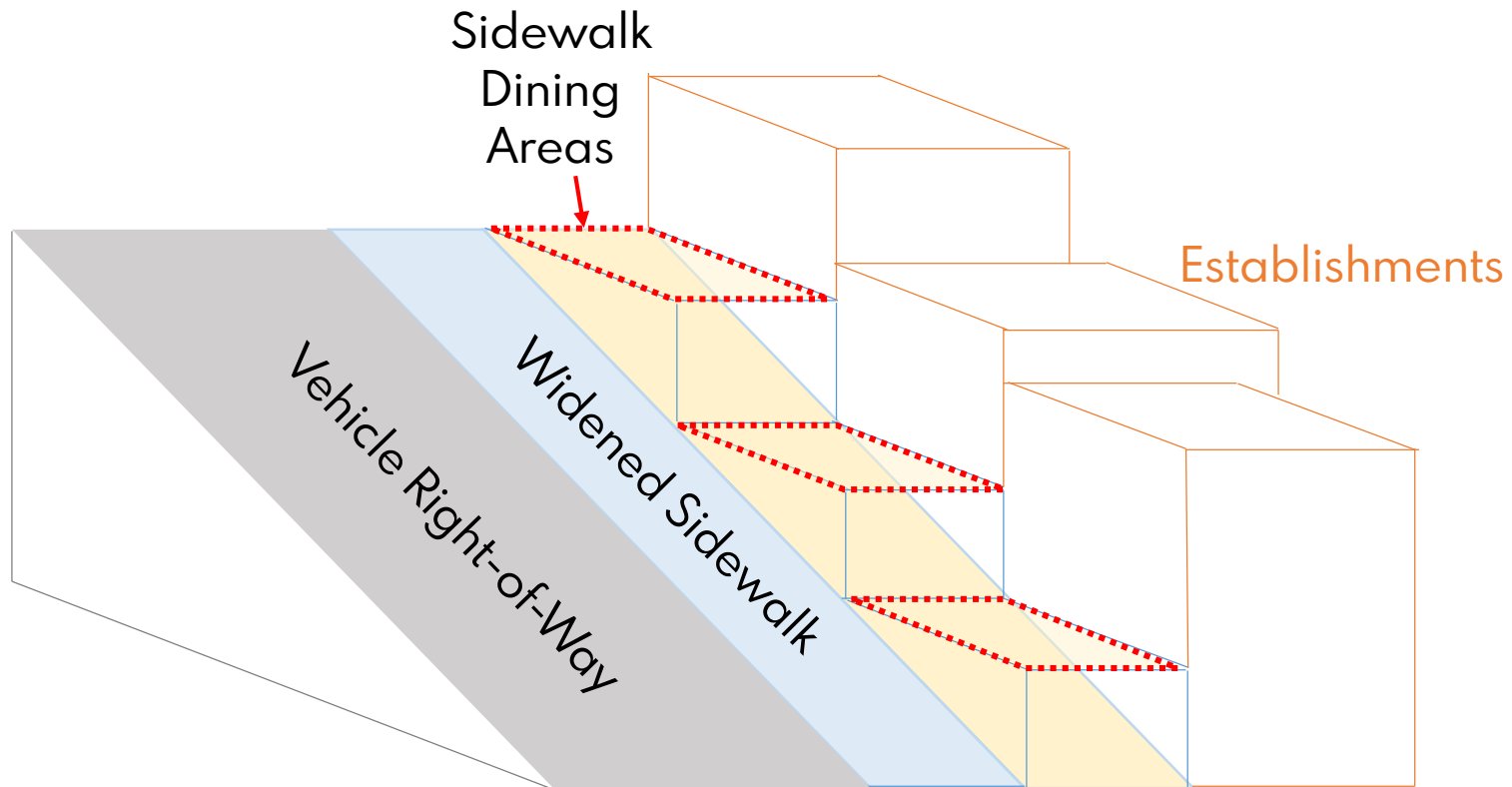


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Sidewalk widening example on slope



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- Reconfigure On-Street Parking
 - Remove, add, and reconfigure spaces from angled to parallel or vice versa
- Identify Potential Dining/Seating Areas
 - Based on establishments that participated in temp. program and available space in the vicinity
 - Identify new public seating areas for other uses



OUTDOOR DINING: LONG-TERM VISION

- Two-Phased Approach on Right-of-Way
 - Long-Term: Mostly sidewalk dining with few on-street decks where sidewalk cannot be widened
 - Short-Term??
- Long-Term Vision Implementation
 - As a major public improvement, requires City Council approval to allocate funds and plan build out over a period of time



OUTDOOR DINING: LONG-TERM VISION

Task Force Q&A



PUBLIC COMMENTS



TASK FORCE DISCUSSIONS

Outdoor Dining Defined

Open air “al fresco” dining on sidewalks, dining decks, rooftops, and in public parklets in which the experience:

- Allows for opportunities to enjoy the pleasant weather and scenic ocean views
- Promotes a sense of community and interaction with others
- Enhances the ambiance of the small town character of Manhattan Beach
- Balances community vibrancy with residential quality of life



TASK FORCE DISCUSSIONS

Public Right-of-Way Improvements

1. What menu of options should be included as part of the public realm development?

Example: Benches, chairs, tables, public art, bike racks, trees, lighting, etc

2. Should there be any special considerations?

Example: Limited number of street furniture, porter service, distance from adjacent parcel, etc



TASK FORCE DISCUSSIONS

Noise

Operating hours discussed by Task Force

- Public right-of-way: 10pm
- Private property: 10pm if within 150ft of residential use; otherwise match Use Permit hours
- Prohibit live outdoor entertainment and amplified music everywhere?
- Create provision for vehicle loading hours?



NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 23 (1-3 PM)

- Manhattan Beach Library Meeting Room

