

Question 4 Comments: Parklets

Other: I like the outdoor dining and I do not mind the lane reduction, however the reduction in parking and the absence of handicap parking has caused my mother and others in her social circle to no longer have access to the businesses and dining on Park street. This has saddened her greatly, as she enjoys visiting shops and restaurants, but is not physically able to walk the distances necessary due to the lack of street parking. Our elder population is being negatively impacted. I also believe that the businesses should be required to pay the city for use of this public property for their business use. My suggestion is to add some handicap spots on the street, and charge businesses some sort of fee to make use of our public property.

Other: Parklets need a way to be cleaned. Also, what is happening under the parklets that have the wood floors? I have been to a couple restaurants where bugs have started to be more prevalent.

Other: 0

Other: A half parklet to allow a bike lane would be preferable.

Other: A longer term project should be to make the sidewalks where the parklets are currently, then have outdoor dining right outside the restaurants.

Other: Allow in parking lane but put back drive lanes

Other: Are revenues from the parklets exceeding revenue from parking?

Other: As a structural engineer, these parklets were a knee-jerk reaction to COVID and did not allow ample time to install critical infrastructure for dining safety. Structures are NOT capable in significantly protecting patrons and the use of water filled barricades, plastic bollards and wood pose an even more risk when another collisions into a parklet occurs as these objects can be used a projectiles and items to pierce, wedge, or further harm bystanders.

Other: Beefier barricades are needed

Other: Being so close to traffic does feel safe especially dinning with children. Also traffic kicks up a lot of debris while eating.

Other: Better design consistency, pick up parking is confusing

Other: Bicycle lane. Also less poles and more parking

Other: Build some more parking in empty lots. See California ave in Palo Alto as an example.

Other: can we please get some parking and lanes back? the parklets are NOT an enjoyable experience, you have cars with their exhaust passing just 4 feet away from you and being loud, and you have asphalt under you! Horrible experience AND it makes traffic and parking worse, who wins in this situation?

Other: Car traffic needs to be better controlled around park let's. It's terrifying that a car ran into the parklet at penca azul while diners were eating. There needs to be traffic mechanisms I place to make cars slow down around park street

Other: City need to build more parking or double / triple up on existing ground lots. Invest in a hyper local bike service

Other: Close and Divert all traffic on a 2-3 block sectiof Webster and Park that would become a walking mall.

Other: Close street to car traffic

Other: Close the ones not being used. Widen the streets for traffic where applicable.

Other: Close the streets to traffic. Don't do it halfway somit is a mediocre solution.

Other: Concerned about safety from drivers not paying attention.

Other: Concerned about safety. Cars running into parklets.

Other: cut the number of parklets in half, at least

Other: Dangerous

Other: Diners should sit on the sidewalk closer to the restaurant also so pedestrians are not walking 'through' a restaurant. I will never feel safe dining on the street.

Other: Don't feel safe dining so close to vehicle traffic

Other: Ensure it is safer for everyone

Other: Extend the sidewalks to allow for parklets and more protection from cars.

Other: From the point of view of public safety and good hygiene, they were a bad idea. The city government caved in to local restaurants at the expense of their citizenry.

Other: Future is outdoor experiences - foster events and activities that benefit from park let experience - festival; farmers market; concert series

Other: Good for pandemic but not now. What little parking is allowed makes it dangerous for people dining or getting in and out. It's a traffic nightmare and has impacted all side streets. I don't go there at all now. If doordash doesn't deliver I don't patronage anymore.

Other: Grants to business to upgrade their structures and create some uniformity. The temescal district in Oakland is a good example

Other: Great to help the businesses during the pandemic, but very unsightly and unsafe, and make me less likely to eat in town if they're here long term. Looks trashy.

Other: I am concerned about increased traffic on the island with all the building going on. You take away lanes on the main streets such as Park and Webster, more traffic will end up on residential streets to get around.

Other: I don't think they're safe while cars and buses are allowed on those streets. I stopped going there for these safety reasons.

Other: I don't feel comfortable sitting in a parklet. I'll sit on a sidewalk, but there have been people hurt by cars running into parklets.

Other: I don't have strong feeling about others using them. My experience in dining in them has been that I feel like I'm in traffic and I prefer to go indoors.

Other: I don't like the parklets but understand some people really do. I just get take-out. I absolutely HATE the white bollards and wish they would be removed.

Other: I enjoy having more outdoor dining options (and I think that seeing outdoor diners encourages more outdoor dining, and maybe more dining out generally). I would like them to be safer.

Other: I feel business districts are chaotic and dirty, un-inviting. It may have helped restaurants but other businesses have been hurt.

Other: I feel that the reduction of the parking has taken away from many of the businesses on Park Street and Webster Street

Other: I had 1 parklet meal but was on alert the whole time, not a relaxing environment and street noises too much.

Other: I HATE HATE HATE the bulbouts!!! It makes right hand parking more difficult and driving takes longer. I'm open to possibly keeping the parklets. I have mixed feelings, but I do see the benefits. Definitely KEEP *and* ENFORCE the 15-minute pickup/dropoff. Parking for longer than that is much much harder than it was pre-pandemic and that needs to be addressed in whatever solution you come up with. Don't forget there are disabled who can drive (or are driven by someone) and need to be able to park in front of an establishment.

Other: I hear restaurants say that people like the parklets but they don't necessarily want to use them so that could be problematic. I like having some street dining, but not across the board. Less parking and fewer lanes make going to that area more of an issue, even though I support more pedestrian friendly streets. It's nice in theory but in reality not so sure. Was a great way to get through the pandemic but not sure forever.

Other: I like park let's, but wish they were more uniform. Looks messy.

Other: I like some of the parklets but not all. On Webster Street I think the ones by Calafia Taqueria and Fireside are good and activate the street. But I feel differently about the ones on the other side of the street, by the corner of Lincoln and Webster. Those seems to pinch the street and sidewalk and create congestion. I think the surroundings factor in, Calafia is next to a parking lot so a parklet there feels like it has more space around it. Where as the Lincoln/Webster area is just storefronts right at the curb, no reprieve.

Other: I like the concept of a parklet (outdoor dining seating) but in practice they feel temporary, poorly designed, and dangerous.

Other: I like the park let's but many of them are not well utilized and prevent other uses in the traffic lane. Some of them feel exposed to traffic and unsafe. I would like to co wider widening the sidewalk to allow businesses to spill onto the sidewalks more.

Other: I like the parklets but they should be at the expense of parking and not the loss of a lane of traffic Both these streets are major thoroughfares on and off island

Other: I like them but the changes have made for difficult parking. A business can accomodate more people but there is little benefit if there is no parking.

Other: I love parklets but I dont want them EVERYWHERE. All parklets all the time is too much.

Other: I love the outdoor space. I hate that I cannot park or drive, and that makes going to Park or Webster a chore, not a joy. Those white plastic buffers and bollards are beyond ugly as well

Other: I love the parklets and am using them a lot! Parking and even driving on Park St has gotten harder but it's worth it. I would love it to become even more of a pedestrian "mall" like other cities have. But even if it's left as is, I'm supportive of the parklet's.

Other: I love the parklets. I think we need a permanent, and more eye appealing option. See downtown Mountain View for a great example of a town that took their road from 4 lanes to 2 and created a wonderful pedestrian and dining corridor with outside dining. Ideally there would be more local office space to justify the changes and support the businesses with a stronger lunchtime crowd.

Other: I love to see outside dining, but the park lets need a complete redesign. Widen the sidewalk for the entire length of the street and redesign the dining areas so they are right next to the restaurants.

Other: I really don't understand the appeal, and it's taking space (for parking and getting around town) from Alameda's citizens and giving it to private businesses. It's a real inconvenience and sitting in all that car exhaust for extended periods can't be good for people's health either.

Other: I really feel that if something permanente is created, that the "parklets" should be building side and a permanent sidewalk should be poured curbside. That way eateries can service the patrons outside without crossing pedestrian flow. It would also make me feel safer as vehicles speed by.

Other: i really like them and want them to stay, but would appreciate upgrading look/ feel of them over time, not all at once. some are a bit 'trashy' looking, which was fine during pandemic, but longterm not so much

Other: I really like them. they have enlivened the neighborhoods and added a sense of community. I like the larger shared ones like at Sclaris/Lucky 13 instead of the little ones like at Daisy's.

Other: I see no reason why a gift shop like Daisy's has a parklet with nothing on it. Some look like homeless encampments so the city should help jazz them up or have a uniform look.

Other: I think a happy medium might be to continue the parklet program but reduce the overall number of them. There are a bunch on Park street that just seem to be taking up space and not being used. Others (like Sclaris's and Burma Super Star as examples) use them all day every day and it's sooooo awesome!

Other: I think it's extremely inappropriate for public property to be taken away and given to private businesses. It also causes problems for people with disabilities trying both to maneuver around and also park.

Other: I think most of them on Park St. are unattractive. I might like them more if they looked nicer. I think Webster St. did a better job.

Other: I think Park should be closed to vehicle traffic from maybe Lincoln to Encinal. Or restricted severely. It is a mess there now anyway, redirect that traffic and make it pedestrian only. NYC has done it on Broadway!

Other: I think some of the parklets went up quickly and are not as nice looking. I think there needs to be a standard or they should be removed. Keeping the island looking nice will keep people shopping and dining here.

Other: I think that they are fine on the side streets but not on Park and Webster. I also want the parade to return which seems in question with the parklets there.

Other: I think the outdoor dining adds a festive & community feel to Park Street - and I like that. If it's going to continue I think it needs to look more attractive- invest in nicer looking barriers & lighting. It looks cheap & unattractive right now. I've always avoided driving down Park St. so no big change there.

Other: I think the outdoor dining that is in the streets should not continue. It is dangerous and takes up too much space.

Other: I think there should be building standard for the parklets (safety and appearance) and a better defined definition of how (and who) can use the spaces.

Other: I think they need to be adjusted in some cases so that they do not reduce visibility for drivers who may not see oncoming traffic, cyclists, or pedestrians.

Other: I think we should see how much the parklets are used once people return more to indoor dining.

Other: I understand the need for them during the pandemic to help businesses, but as things get back to normal we need to consider if they are actually safe for everyone. Consider the location, traffic volume, and how safe/unsafe these parklets are.

Other: I would far rather see almost any use of the city's right of ways other than car traffic

Other: I would not say they were a "good response" to the pandemic. That seems a little loaded, they should be removed now. Thank you.

Other: I would prefer that the parklets continue for awhile, perhaps til November or the New Year so , allowing businesses extra income while recovering but prefer the parklets not be permanent because of traffic and parking spots.

Other: I'd like some standardizing of these areas so there's no confusion and it is as safe as possible to sit there. Sometime I worry that distracted drivers could plow into them.

Other: I'd like to see a better build for the parklets & for them to have a better aesthetic, I think some of them look junky.

Other: I'd like to see more consistent quality of construction, maybe with grants for improvements from the city for the businesses that build them.

Other: I'd like to see all of the parklets removed especially the parklets that are being used by non dining establishments. I would never risk my life or my family's life sitting in one of those outdoor dining parklets. Perhaps consider surveying the people that do dine in the parklets. You may find that many of the customers are not even residents of Alameda.

Other: If businesses haven't used the space, it should be reverted back to parking but keep the park let's that have been created.

Other: If certain park lets are not being utilized, then other retailers should use that opportunity.

Other: If some park let's could remain with 4 lanes that would be kinda cool. Someplace like pappos put a lot of effort into their park let and it's only taking up a few spaces

Other: If the park let's stay on Park and Park stays 2 lanes total, add left turn lights to keep traffic moving. No fun to dine in gridlocked traffic.

Other: If the park lets are to become permanent, we may want to give some thought to aesthetics, parking signage and other things I'm not even thinking of.

Other: If the parklet at Webster/Santa Clara continues, move the casual carpool to Lincoln/Webster to avoid conflicts with cars/bikes. I saw a few close calls this spring (I live near intersection). This will be especially important as more offices open, and once school starts again in August for the students who bike to school using the Santa Clara bike lane. Thank you.

Other: If the parklets are to be permanent structures, then they should be more securely built. The accident that happened on Santa Clara and Park (in front of La Penca Azul) is one of many that can happen due to driver failures and has the potential to be a serious risk to life and limb. It was a miracle no one was seriously hurt in that accident at La Penca Azul.

Other: If the parklets stay, they should be more secure for diners safety from drunk or evil drivers driving into the parklet

Other: If they become permanent, aesthetics should be addressed.

Other: If this is long-term, better safety measures at corner parklets are needed. Also, some guidelines to make them maximally usable. Some parklets on Park appear hardly used.

Other: Illuminate through traffic for a four block area on Park Street and Webster, while creating another parking structure for Park Street and a initial parking structure for Webster Street.

Other: I'm concerned by some of the additional outdoor noise generated by parklets for bars at night. On Webster itself this isn't too bad, but some side streets nearby must be disturbed by the added noise.

Other: Include stronger barriers for added safety to patrons dining.

Other: Increase the amount of bicycling/walking access if closing lanes. With a decrease in parking, people may find this change worse than it is. Increasing foot/bike access would greatly increase likely good reception and ease of access.

Other: Increase vehicle barriers

Other: Increased parking on side streets.

Other: It is usually too cold in Alameda to have an enjoyable experience outside. Also there have been incidents with the park let's and people crashing into them, so not really safe.

Other: It was a terrible idea from the beginning.

Other: It would be nice if they were of consistent quality - maybe the city could give grants to the businesses to help them build nice looking parklets - the smaller businesses especially seen to have struggled to create outdoor spaces that are both functional and attractive . These are highly visible streets - and they look so hodgepodge. They don't all have to be the same, but nicer would be good. Some are quite nice. Many likely need some attention since they were built so quickly and used quite a bit.

Other: It would be nice to have a dedicated pedestrian day at Park/Webster be closed to automobile traffic to enjoy the street and all the shops.

Other: I've gone from thinking good pandemic response to they are a total danger to both pedestrians and cars and should be removed.

Other: I've never used the parklets and won't in the future either. Its night next to a busy high traffic area, it makes for unpleasant dining experience.

Other: Keep them at least until all kids are eligible to get vaccinated. Don't allow landlords to charge higher rent due to restaurants' ability to use public space for seating.

Other: Leave only 25% of them as they do have some merit.

Other: Limit them to restaurants & bars move tables close to the store, out of the road, and expand the sidewalk.

Other: Love the parklets but hate the double Parkers

Other: Make improvements for safer bike travel if possible.

Other: Make park street one way and oak and Park Ave one way return.

Other: Make them nicer and safer. Many look very shoddy!

Other: Make them uniform, they look terrible right now.

Other: Makes the business districts look run down.

Other: Many are not kept up well. They look dirty and I will not eat at most of them. Also I do not want to eat in the lane right next to the traffic moving by. And the closing of Alameda Avenue at Park Street is dirty, not cleaned and the weeds are growing up in the cracks of the street and the sidewalks. It looks very bad.

Other: Maybe seasonal

Other: Might be good in the long term, but should be re-evaluated on an ongoing basis and cut down in numbers.

Other: More attractive and permanent dividers should be used to replace white plastic temporary dividers. Tenting should not be allowed for parklets (e.g., La Penca Azulejo). Only permanent and well designed structures should be allowed (e.g., Tomatina).

Other: More feel-good progressive nonsense. Fix. The. Roads.

Other: More permanent structures

Other: More traffic barriers surrounding to prevent injury by vehicles.

Other: MOST are unsightly and do not appear safe because traffic is now terrible and distracted and impatient drivers can easily mow eaters down.

Other: Most of the parklets are downright ugly and there should be design standards. Also the protective railing needs to be uniform and aesthetic.

Other: Most of these look trashy and if they are going to stay need to be designed better. Most of these are trashy tents and pallets. These businesses are getting a lot of extra space for free they need to put money into these areas and make them look like they're supposed to be there not just a pandemic project.

Other: Need a safer barrier from vehicles

Other: Need safe bike facility, even if it means losing the parklet's. Safe bike facility is more important than privatizing public road space. If the road can't accommodate both, lose the parklet's or make them public. Shouldn't have any parking except for disabled. Should incorporate complete closure at peak times.

Other: Need to expand the sidewalk/add bollards to prevent cars from hitting people in the new spaces.

Other: Nice to encourage more outdoor dining - but standards around aesthetics should be implemented.

Other: Outdoor dining is great but mixed with loud/busy streets makes it feel uncomfortable and dangerous. Parklets would feel safer with pedestrian/biking only streets.

Other: Park let's are nice but park street traffic and lack of already difficult parking makes me avoid park street now. The city would need to add more parking structures and find additional ways to make traffic flow to get on and off the island. Our infrastructure is a huge problem and the added housing projects will only make this worse.

Other: Parking was already at a premium in the major commercial areas, now by allowing park let's plus the conversion of retail parking lots to restaurant use the parking is atrocious. It also has backed up traffic in all directions.

Other: Parklets are a great addition and should continue, but not at the expense of proper bike lanes that run the full length of Park and Webster.

Other: Parklets are a taxpayer-funded free gift of precious land to these commercial businesses. The parklets should be removed. If they are going to be kept, then businesses should be required to either purchase or rent the land from the city.

Other: Parklets are good. They need to be fair. Good luck with that.

Other: parklets could be nicer looking, maybe some funding by city for it.

Other: Parklets should be allowed, but I have concerns about private businesses monopolizing space on public streets. Parklets should be public.

Other: Parklets should be more open (like Pappo's, not like La Penca Azul's along Park) and made with natural materials, with ve plantings and integrated bike parking required.

Other: Parklets should be off the street or on a closed street or made safer.

Other: Parklets should be open to the public for use, well lit, ADA accessible, and limited # per block (like 2 on each side of the street for each block)

Other: parklets should be permanently built on real sidewalk concrete

Other: Parklets shouldn't compromise visibility more than a parked car would. As a pedestrian and cyclist, I'm more afraid of walking into a crosswalk from behind a tall parklet into oncoming traffic.

Other: Particularly on Park Street we need to make them safer, less likely to be crashed in to.

Other: Permanent park lets next to traffic lanes need added safety measures. I would support expanding sidewalks to have pedestrians and sidewalk seating outside of restaurants.

Other: Please add bike lanes! This would be a perfect way to connect our slow streets.

Other: Provide the outdoor dining in an area that does not reduce the number of lanes on the streets

Other: put harder concrete barriers to prevent cars from ramming into parklets

Other: Quite noisy for eating and talking when so close to vehicles. Unsafe all around.

Other: re: "Parklets" Interesting idea, but needs to be a bit further away from vehicular traffic.

Other: Reinforce them to be safer (sturdier posts)

Other: Remove all car traffic on streets with park let's.

Other: Remove shoddy parklets - adopt design standards. Bring back some parking. Allow buses to stop without blocking traffic.

Other: Remove them. They are an accident waiting to happen. City of San Jose incident should support this.

Other: Require people to park in the parking garage near city hall or in paid parking spots. Residential parking shouldn't be allowed. People living near restaurants have lost the ability to park near their homes because of patrons taking all the spots. Where are residents supposed to park? The parking garage? It's ridiculous

Other: Require safety and cosmetic standards. If they continue, I'd like them to look more permanent. Some are starting to lose its curb appeal

Other: Right now the appearance of the barricades is ugly. There is a lot of wasted space on the street that it appears the city isn't using for parking or parklets?

Other: Risk of injury to diners is high. Will city be liable?

Other: Rules need to be made about their upkeep. Peeling paint, sun bleached wood, etc will begin to look shabby very soon.

Other: Safety and noise, I wouldn't spend money on that

Other: Should be nice looking not thrown together. The white barriers are ugly and an alternate should be considered.

Other: Some are beautiful. Others need to look better. Also, some like Daisy, make no sense. It's just a claim on public property that they want only their customers to sit on.

Other: Some are well done, but many need improvements like floors that are level with the sidewalk and stable, level tables. I understand the need for barriers, but can they be more attractive? Like large barrel planters with flowers? The parklets and furniture should not crowd the sidewalk -- that area should be preserved for foot traffic.

Other: some businesses are taking advantage

Other: Some cities (Walnut Creek, Pleasanton) have managed to add outdoor dining spaces which are not a hodgepodge of plywood and plastic, utterly charmless and only inches away from traffic lanes. Lots of room for improvement here.

Other: Some of the parklets are not very nice and seem always empty

Other: Some parklets are very unappealing, while others are quite beautiful. Giving people the certainty to create long-term parklets instead of particle board would help beautify our city.

Other: Some parklets look rather tacky (such as bare plywood, etc.) so I would encourage that some standards be established for the sake of overall ambience.

Other: Standardize them (they look messy when each business does their own) and make sure they add greenery.

Other: The added conflict on the sidewalks and added foot traffic congestion. People also live near and above retail spaces where people block entrances for those residences, added trash, extra noise pollution

Other: The big white plastic barriers are hideous and need to go.

Other: The businesses need to pay to maintain these areas. It is not reasonable to make pedestrians walk "through" a restaurant on a public sidewalk.

Other: The city should widen the sidewalks permanently by building them out to where the parklets are now.

Other: The city shouldn't be giving away public road space to private businesses until they've met their obligation to provide safe biking infrastructure. Only then, if they have extra space, they can give it away.

Other: The current structure makes me feel unsafe. A car could bust through and injure folks, it's hazardous for bicyclists.

Other: The entire project is overthought, FUGLY and impractical. Keep parklets but make it simple, uniform, aesthetic. Look at how Los Gatos did it. Take a walk up and down North Santa Cruz Ave.

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Other: The parking spaces are blocked. Cars double parked. The street is too busy and congested.

Other: The parklet idea is great but who wants to eat while inhaling car exhaust and worrying about cars crashing into you. Ban cars and open up the whole street to dining.

Other: The parklets are great. There are some locations, though, where I wouldn't feel comfortable dining without a proper vehicle barrier in place. Perhaps these could be added?

Other: The parklets enliven the streets but aesthetically they differ greatly and there should be some level of design and material requirements. The recent article in the NYT about outdoor dining showed how parklets can be designed to be great and inspiring places, more likely to be used by people and serve as community gathering places.

Other: The parklets have brought new life to Alameda and its streets. I'd like to see more permanent looking parklets, perhaps with lighting, landscaping and matching colors to the building facades. Some parklets (e.g. Penca Azul's) seem temporary and are an eye sore on a previously nice looking block of downtown.

Other: The parklets should allow dogs since it is outdoor seating. Some vendors on Park St have indicated that dogs aren't allowed.

Other: The 'parklets' should be on the sidewalk in front of the restaurants; it makes no sense for waiters to cross pedestrians on the sidewalk. Pedestrians and cyclists should be where the parklets are, and two lanes for cars should be down the middle.

Other: The parklets should be required to be a more professional look to match the aesthetic of Park Street. They currently look hobbled together and inconsistent and cheap. I see cities such as Carmel and Sahara Barbara who have done street dining beautifully.

Other: The sidewalks have tables that block the sidewalks, I walk with a dog and is not very conducive to walking past.

Other: The weather is nice here, and expanding outdoor dining and retail options is great. But allowing cars to park right next to them, makes it really confusing for motorists. Motors cannot see pedestrians or cyclists, and it feels more unsafe to cross streets now than it did before.

Other: The Webster Street Parklet seems well-used. The Alameda Ave one, not so much. I'd like to see that space used more for community events (like Webster's First Friday or Art Walk).

Other: There is definitely a need for more parking space. There is definitely a critical parking problem on Webster Street and I am thinking we may need a second parking garage on Webster Street. That space on the corner of Ralph Appezato & Webster Street next to the Rode Way Inn maybe a very good place for the parking garage.

Other: There is huge variation in park let. Some seem to overtake the street or sidewalk. I don't like the increased traffic. I also don't like the aggressive driving because people are impatient due to increased traffic. Some park keys are unattractive, too.

Other: There is nowhere to park anymore!

Other: There is so much traffic now getting in and out of town. If you are leaving the parklets, please plan for improved traffic flow. Also, please add string lights to the eating area on Alameda Ave.

Other: There need to be more actually public spaces, parklets should be open to the public and not just business patrons. Perhaps adding public spaces in between ?

Other: There needs to be more defined walkway space around the parklets. Or build out walkways into the streets and let the businesses put tables immediately outside their walls. People hanging in parklets often block the sidewalk, and walkers bump into waitstaff.

Other: There needs to be some design oversight and continuity with the aesthetic of the structures.

Other: There should be a lot more, plus bike lanes so it's safe to bike instead of drive.

Other: There should be fewer parklets and are a hazard for blind pedestrians.

Other: There should be permanent barriers around the parklets to prevent cars from accidentally driving into them.

Other: There's just too many.

Other: They actually put people closer to harms way in the event of a vehicle, bicycle or bus accident on the street.

Other: They are often empty, look like there are no standards for construction and I don't believe private businesses should spillover onto public streets. Give the streets back to the people.

Other: They are a complete disaster. Remove them please.

Other: They are fine, but if they reduce the number of total parking spaces in the shopping districts, they will do more harm than good for the businesses.

Other: They are loud and unsafe.

Other: They are scary to me. I don't trust drivers.

Other: They aren't safe from cars crashing, and have seen a scary incident in person. I don't want something more protective either, which will take away from the Park St. feeling.

Other: They look like Jed Clampett designed them. Try creating beauty, then ask your questions, please.

Other: THEY LOOK TERRIBLE, BUT SERVE A GREAT PURPOSE. I THINK A GOOD, STANDARDIZED DESIGN SHOULD EVENTUALLY BE MANDATED, AND IF NOT COMPLIED WITH, THEY SHOULD BE ABANDONED. PARIS IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF GOOD DESIGN.

Other: They mostly look temporary. The city should now issue design guidelines to make them look like a well thought out addition to the district and not a hurried attempt to keep merchants in business and employees working.

Other: They need to be a bit more thoughtfully purpose-designed to be public spaces if they're going to continue long-term. SF has been doing parklets for years and they are always designed first as long-term public spaces that can be used by a business' patrons.

Other: They need to be more formalized and regulated. They should all be brought up to full ADA standards

Other: They need to be more open air for me to continue using them during Covid. Restaurants have them completely walled up. I prefer the picnic benches by the Alameda museum as they are more actual open space. Also need bike parking and bike lanes.

Other: They need to be more uniform, attractive and with safe, attractive barriers to traffic.

Other: They need to go. You can't serve people indoors and outdoors. Make up your mind.

Other: They should set construction and material standards. Make sure they up to a certain code for safety and they should go under a design review.

Other: They were a horrible idea- very unsafe! Dangerous and looks crummy and cheap

Other: they were never a good idea!

Other: they were never a good response or solution without parking enforcement

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Other: They're fine but the parking situation is a nightmare which leaves me less likely to eat at the parklets

Other: They're great for encouraging outdoor hanging out, which makes our streets safer to walk on since there are people around.

Other: They're great! But we also need to plan for, and expand, pedestrian spaces. Parklets should not come at the cost of sidewalk space -- they should always replace parking spaces.

Other: This was a bad idea that was poorly implemented

Other: Time for them to be removed!

Other: To continue they should have a design review process. Visually some are out of character with the neighborhood

Other: Wait until the pandemic really is over before reassessing or doing away with parklets.

Other: We need commercial spaces designed for more outdoor seating. No reason to think there won't be another pandemic. Plus the weather is great here.

Other: We should keep them. Good for business, good for fun. I love it. I vote no parking on the side where tickets is. Only allow parking on one side, have a bike valet on weekends.

Other: What are the traffic implications for this during normal times? The current set up is incredibly ugly with the barricades and haphazard look. If we are going to do this then: 1) there needs to be a reasonable and well thought out traffic remediation of where the cars go (parallel streets are not set up for this as of now), and 2) please redo the sidewalks and roads so they look paved and respectable for our downtown. The streets are so chopped up and sidewalks are unattractive. See Burlingame as an example of a city that got it right.

Other: Wheelchair access and preferred parking where parking exists

Other: Where shops haven't yet taken advantage of possible parklet space, curbside parking should return.

Other: would be best for most or all parklets to be level with the sidewalk. stepping down into the roadway is fine for temporary but not ideal, also the curve of the pavement crown can make it awkward. can the city offer pavers or cement or making more permanent level surfaces? see for example Castro St in Mountain View