

## FAQs

### What's the purpose of parklets and streateries?

Seattle is a city with a limited number of parks and open spaces. It's also a quickly growing city. Parklets provide valuable privately-funded and maintained public spaces for people to read, sip a cup of coffee, and socialize. Parklets convert on-street parking spaces into community gathering places, creating more vibrant commercial districts. Streateries are a new way to support these goals while also responding to the demand for more outdoor café seating in Seattle, particularly in areas where sidewalks are too narrow for sidewalk cafés.

### Are parklets and streateries permanent or temporary?

Parklets and streateries are not permanently affixed to the street in any fashion. However, if well-maintained, the parklet or streaterie host can apply for annual renewals. SDOT will carefully consider any community feedback when evaluating renewal applications, and may require replacement of elements experiencing routine wear-and-tear.

### Do parklets and streateries close at night?

Parklets are free to responsibly enjoy 24 hours a day, and streateries are open to the public during all non-serving hours.

### INTERESTED IN HOSTING YOUR OWN PARKLET OR STREATERY?

While a streaterie can only be hosted by a business that is licensed to serve food and/or alcohol, the Parklet Program is open to all businesses, residents, and community groups in Seattle. If you'd like to build your own parklet or streaterie, you should start by reading through the Parklet Handbook and Streatery Supplement on the website listed below. These documents detail application requirements and explain everything you need to know to get your project rolling.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

[www.seattle.gov/transportation/parklets.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parklets.htm)

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# PARKLET & STREATERY PROGRAMS



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## STREATERY PILOT PROGRAM

With the success of parklets in Seattle, SDOT is piloting a new type of street seating option that combines parklets with sidewalk cafés. “Streateries,” like parklets, are small open spaces constructed in on-street parking spots. And like sidewalk cafés, streateries allow businesses to offer table service to customers during their hours of operation.

Streateries remain open to the public before and after service hours and provide a flexible way to enhance the vibrancy of neighborhood streets throughout the day—sometimes as public space and sometimes as a café.

This is a pilot program. We will permit and evaluate streateries in Seattle throughout 2016. If all goes well, streateries will become a permanent addition to the Parklet Program.

## PARKLET PROGRAM

Since 2013, SDOT’s Public Space Management Program has worked with neighborhood organizations and businesses to enliven Seattle’s streets with small spaces called parklets. Parklets convert a few on-street parking spaces into public open space. They’re a cost-effective way to create more vibrant neighborhoods and promote economic vitality.

Parklets are privately-funded and maintained by a hosting organization or business, but serve as public space that is accessible to all.

SDOT is committed to ensuring that the right of way serves everyone—people walking, driving, moving freight, biking, and taking transit—and the people living and working along it. The Parklet Program is an opportunity for businesses and communities to create new public spaces while still maintaining access to businesses and ensuring our streets continue to move people and goods efficiently.

