

What's the purpose of a parklet?

Parklets provide valuable privately-funded and privately-maintained public spaces for people to read, sip a cup of coffee or enjoy a bite to eat, and socialize. Parklets convert an on-street parking space (or spaces) into a community gathering place, creating more vibrant neighborhoods and activating our streets.

Who pays for a parklet?

Private money. Parklet applicants pay for parklet design, materials, and construction, as well as review and permit fees.

Are parklets open to the public?

Yes, parklets are free and open for everyone to enjoy responsibly, and will prominently feature "Public Parklet" signs.

Are parklets permanent or temporary?

Parklets are not permanently affixed to the roadway or sidewalk in any fashion. However, if the parklet is well-maintained the sponsor can apply for annual renewals. SDOT will carefully consider any community feedback when evaluating a renewal application, and may require replacement of parklet elements experiencing routine wear-and-tear.



All photos courtesy of the San Francisco Planning Department.



PUBLIC COMMENT

The public is invited to provide comments on SDOT's Pilot Parklet Program. Please submit comments by sending a letter or email to:

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Attn: Public Space Management Program
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

For additional information on parklets and SDOT's Pilot Parklet Program, please visit:
<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parklets.htm>



SEATTLE PILOT PARKLET PROGRAM





WHAT IS A PARKLET?



Parks in parking spaces? That's right, and they're coming to Seattle!

Parklets convert on-street parking spots into public spaces for all Seattleites to enjoy. They are a cost-effective tool for increasing our city's public open space, and have added to the vitality of neighborhoods around the world.

Parklets are just one of many ways SDOT is rethinking the possibilities for the public right-of-way. Parklets are privately designed and built, yet open for all to enjoy.

SDOT PILOT PROGRAM

As part of Seattle's new Public Space Management Program, the Pilot Parklet Program explores the feasibility of launching a permanent parklet program in Seattle. The project aims to activate streets, create more vibrant neighborhoods, and support economic vitality. SDOT is committed to ensuring that the public right-of-way serves the traveling public—pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders, freight, and drivers—and the people living and working along it. The Pilot Parklet Program will create new public spaces while still maintaining a healthy parking supply and ensuring our streets continue to efficiently move people and goods.

SDOT is working with local businesses to permit three parklets this summer. City staff will evaluate the success of these parklets throughout the summer and fall and make a formal recommendation about a permanent program later this year. If the City finds the pilot program successful, SDOT could launch a permanent program in early 2014.



PILOT PROGRAM LOCATIONS

Three Seattle organizations are participating in SDOT's Pilot Parklet Program and will be installing parklets in their neighborhoods:

- * **Belltown** - City Hostel Seattle
2327 Second Avenue
- * **Capitol Hill** - Montana Bar
1506 E Olive Way
- * **International District** - Chinatown/ID Business Improvement Area
421 Sixth Avenue S

