

Parklets



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Project Description

A parklet converts a few on-street parking spaces into a small public park. Their design can be simple or elaborate, but must include key design elements, such as being flush with the curb (for ADA compliance), having some form of barrier on its edges, and not blocking a fire hydrant. Parklets are typically installed in places with high pedestrian activity, such as in commercial areas.

Long-term parklets must include a plan for regular maintenance, such as cleaning and litter removal.

Evaluation Topics

- Number of people in the parklet throughout its installation
- Length of time people remain in the parklet
- Amount of maintenance effort needed during installation.

Quick Notes

- Parklets are typically (but not always) placed near existing commercial uses.
- Parklets may only be installed on streets with existing on-street parking.
- Your parklet's surface must be flush with the curb, if a curb is present.
- If it is to remain in place for more than one day, your parklet must also include reflective elements to ensure that it can be seen at night.