

Recommendations for Commercial Streets

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City Council



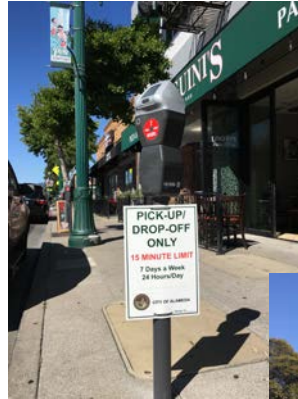
Commercial Streets Program



1/ Reconfigured Park and Webster



2/ Streamlined Parklet Permits



3/ Added short term parking



4/ Allowed commercial use in private parking lots



5/ Closed Alameda Ave



Evaluation Findings

- Program was key to helping businesses survive pandemic
- Businesses still in recovery mode and continue to need support
- Pandemic still influencing how people dine and shop
- Slower auto speeds
- No increase in collisions
- Community support (~ 60%)
- Active transportation and transit planning underway



Recommendations

1. Approve two-year extension and work program
2. Adopt safety barricade standards for parklets
3. Allocate ARPA funds to implement (\$630,350)



Keep and Improve Park Street and Webster Street Striping Plans



- Retain program for 2 more years
- Improve parking, bollards, striping
- Develop design concept for final permanent configuration within 2 years



Resume pre-pandemic parking regulations



- Return to 2-hour parking limits
- Maintain some short-term parking
- Add parking for people with disabilities
- Re-start parking enforcement



Maintain half block Alameda Ave closure



- Maintain closure for two years or until DABA no longer wants to manage space



Improve On-street Parklet Program

- Issue two year permits
- Address aesthetics & safety
- City responsibility:
 - Require parklets to meet higher safety and aesthetic standards
 - Purchase and install uniform concrete barriers
 - Cost = \$323,350



Improve On-street Parklet Program



- Business responsibility:
 - Sign license agreement
 - Pay permit and inspection fees (\$2400 deposit)
 - Submit application by Feb. 2022
 - Upgrade parklet, as needed, to meet updated standards
 - Pay for increased insurance levels
 - Existing: \$1M/\$2M
 - New standard: \$2M/\$4M
 - New corner parklets: \$5M/\$5M



Budget request: \$630,350

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\$323,350	Concrete barricades: Purchase and install for up to 30 parklets
\$157,000	Street and parking maintenance and upgrades
\$150,000	Long-term concept designs for Webster Street and Park Street

\$30-50,000? Subsidize increase in business insurance costs?



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4. Provide direction on business insurance costs

