

City and County
of San Francisco

Economic Recovery Task Force

Shared Spaces

PROGRAM UPDATE

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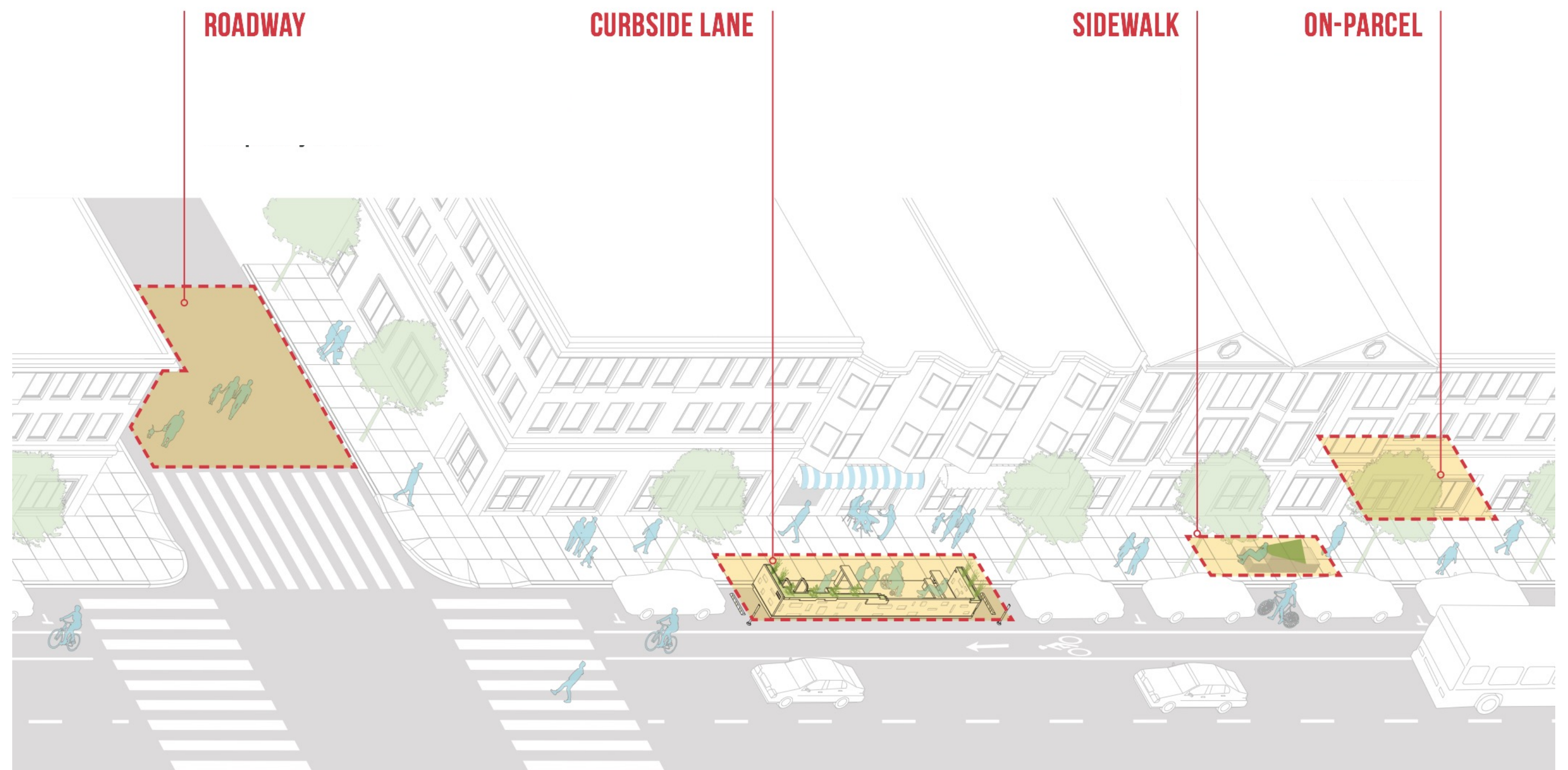
Program Goals

- › Shared Spaces allows local businesses to apply to temporarily use public spaces near their business to operate outside.
- › *Keep people safe by conducting business outside where virus transmission is more difficult than inside*
- › *Help businesses survive and recover after a period of extreme difficulty, preserving the economy, employment, and tax base*
- › *Contribute to a vibrant, interesting street life*

Overview

› A variety of places for businesses to consider:

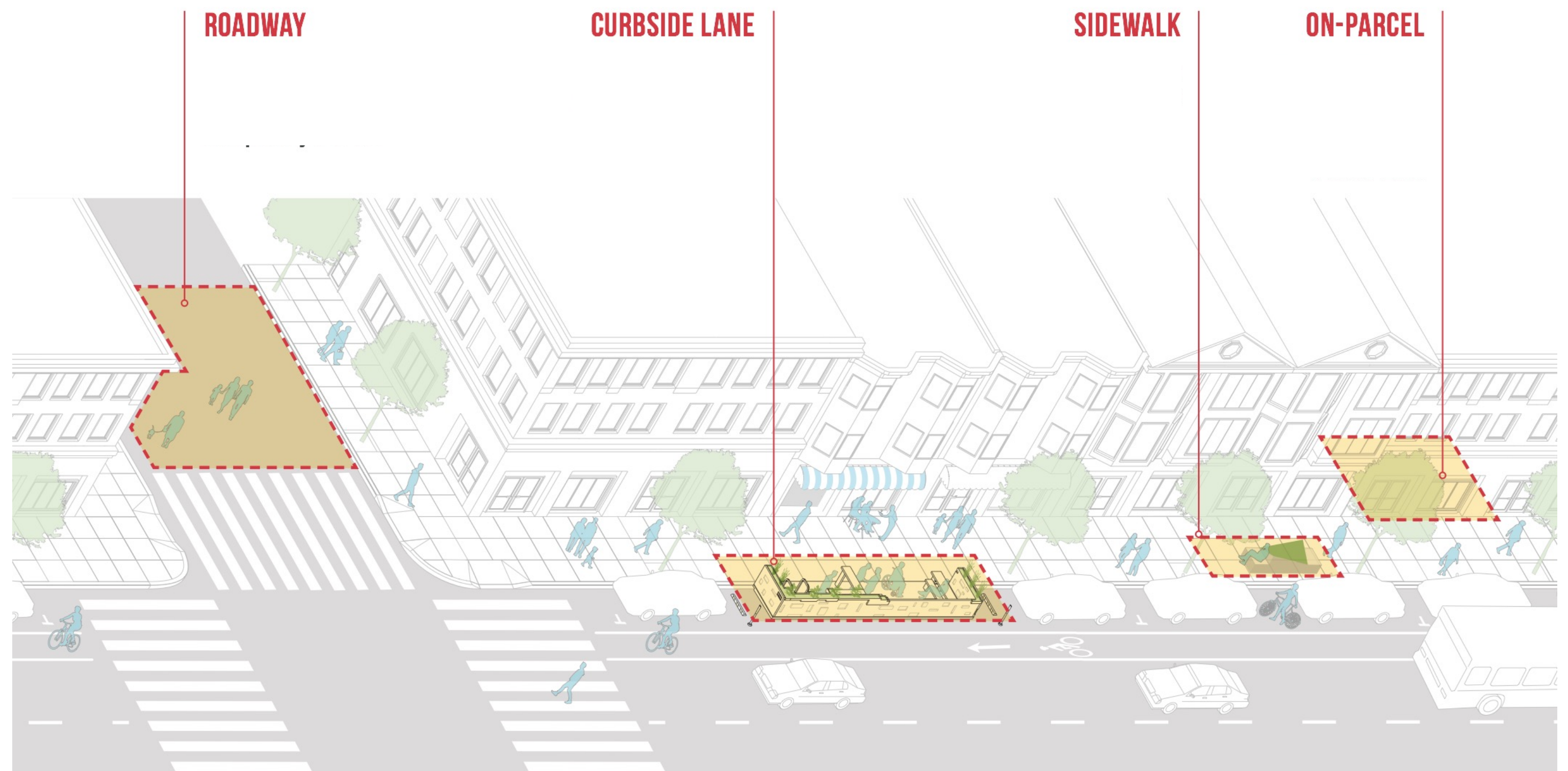
- Sidewalks
- Curbside lanes
- Roadway
- Parks, Plazas, and other city-owned open space
- (Soon: Open Lots)



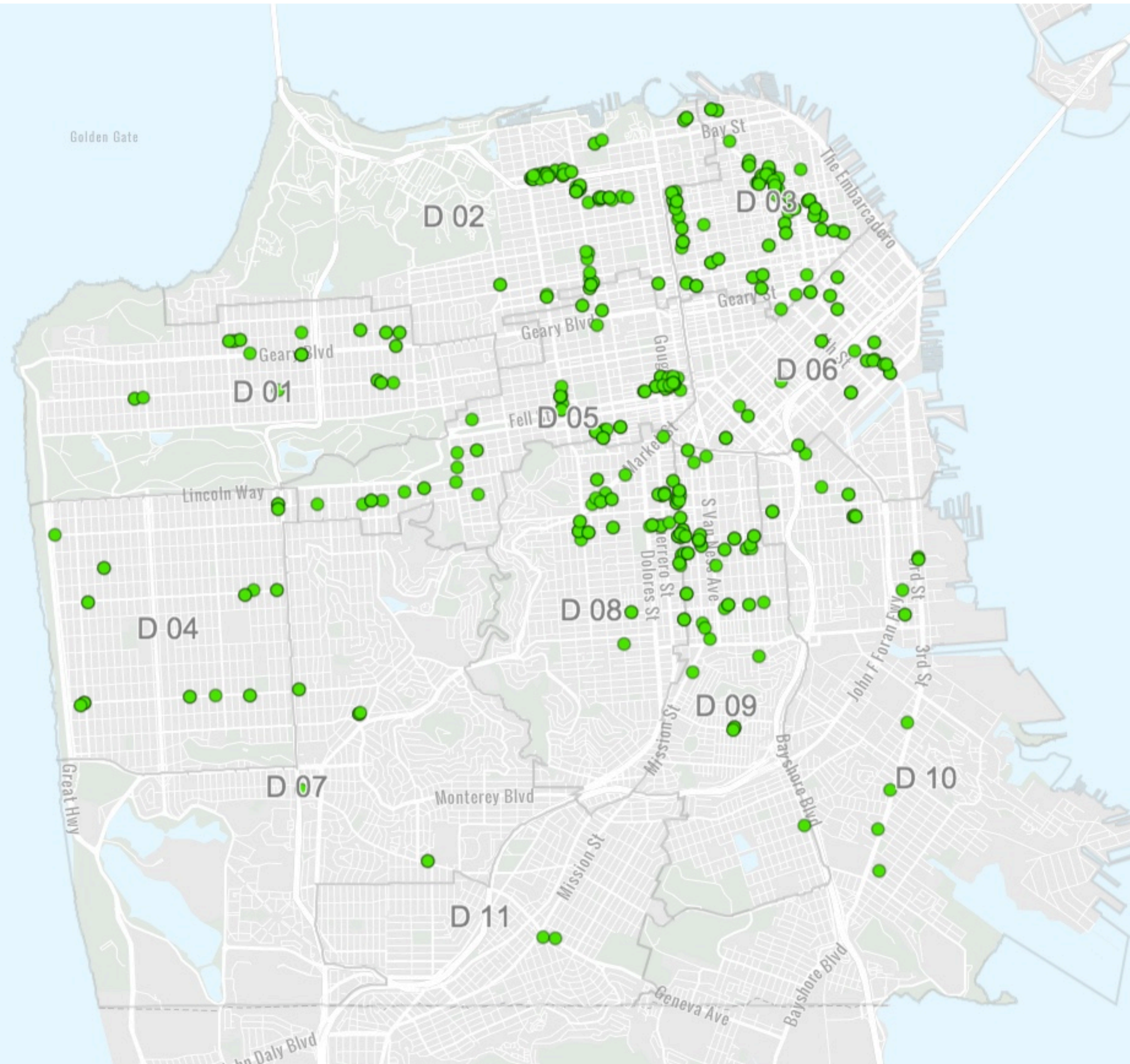
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› Allows uses including:

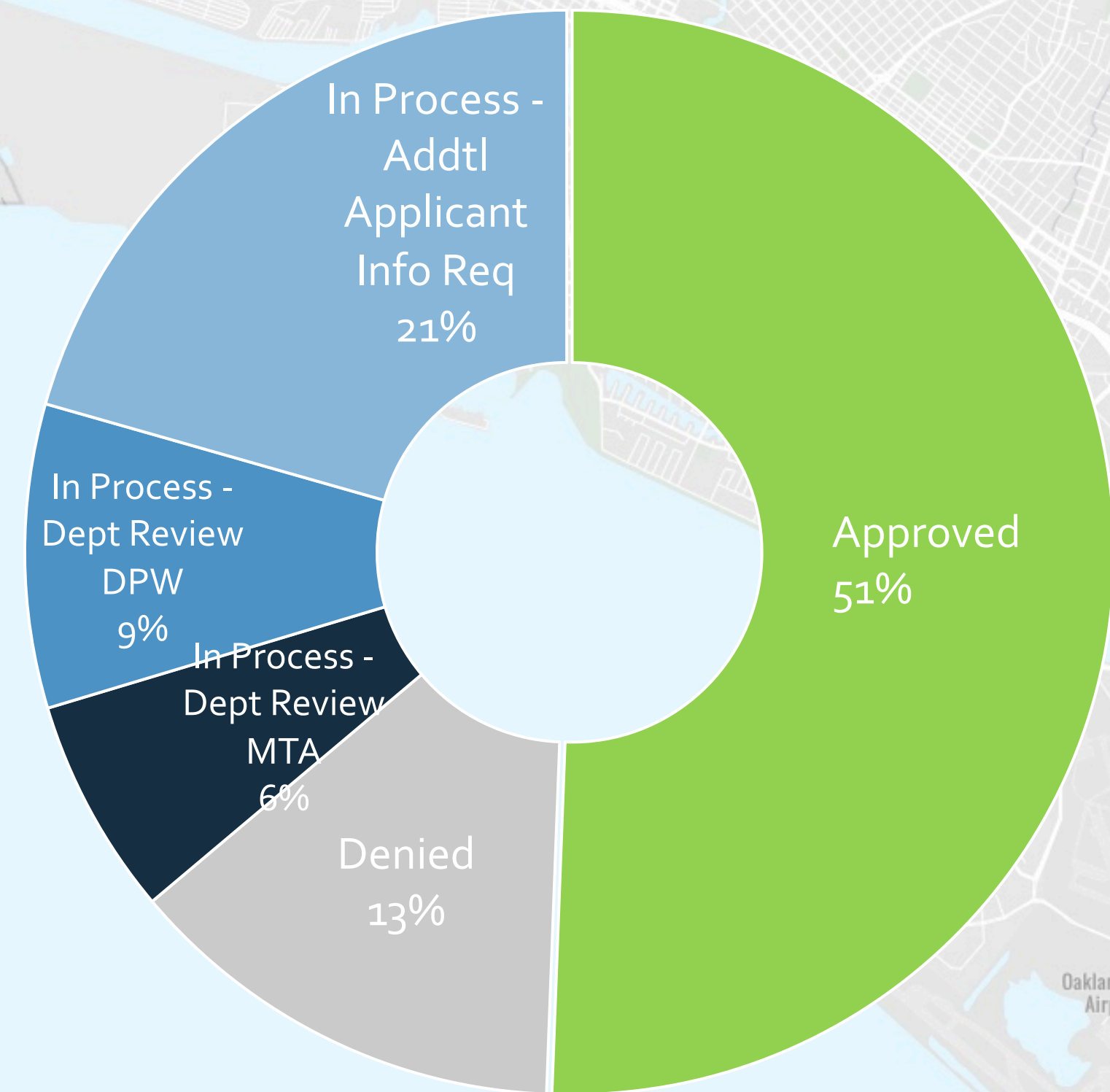
- curbside pickup
- outdoor retail
- socially distanced queuing
- outdoor dining



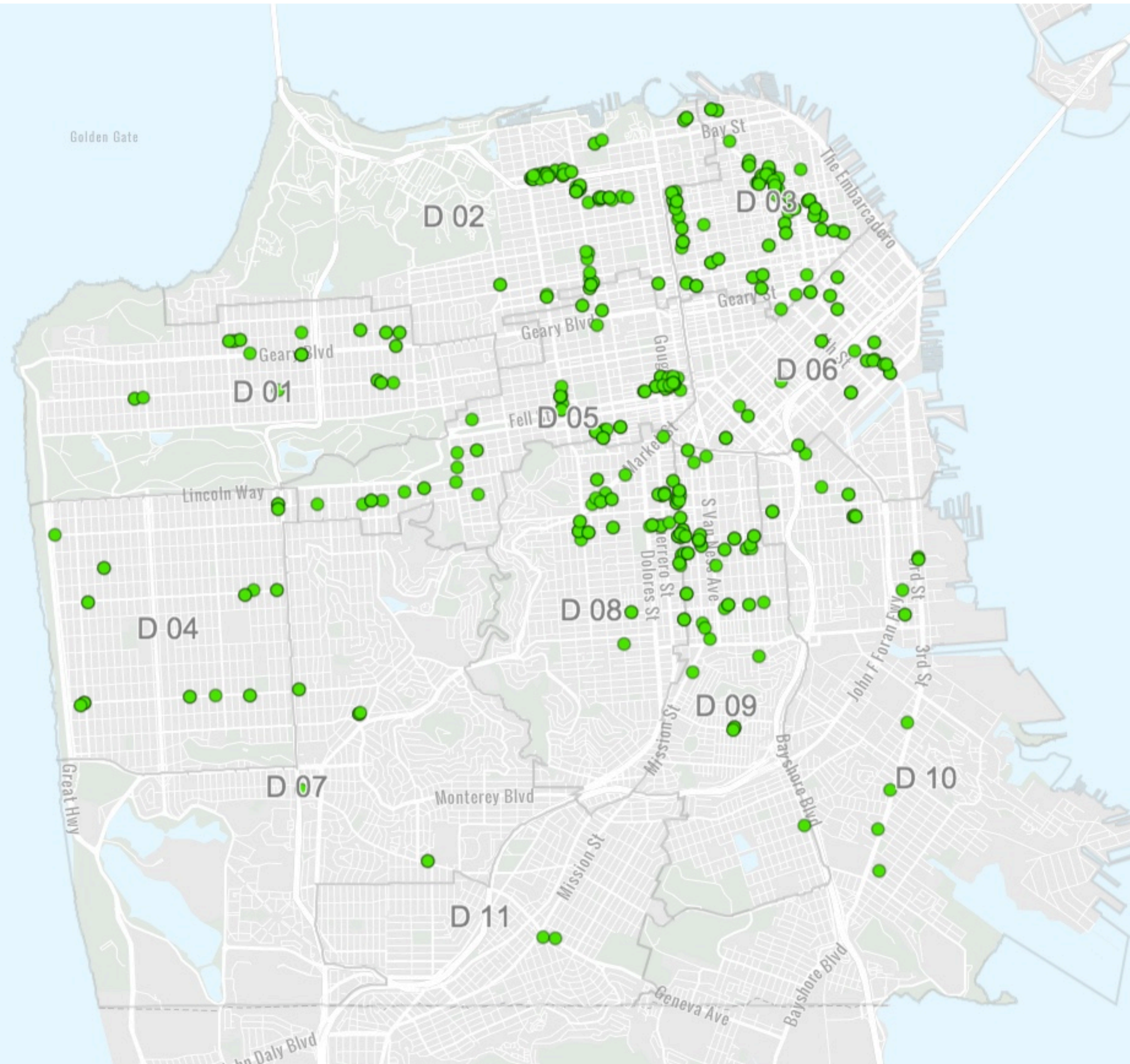
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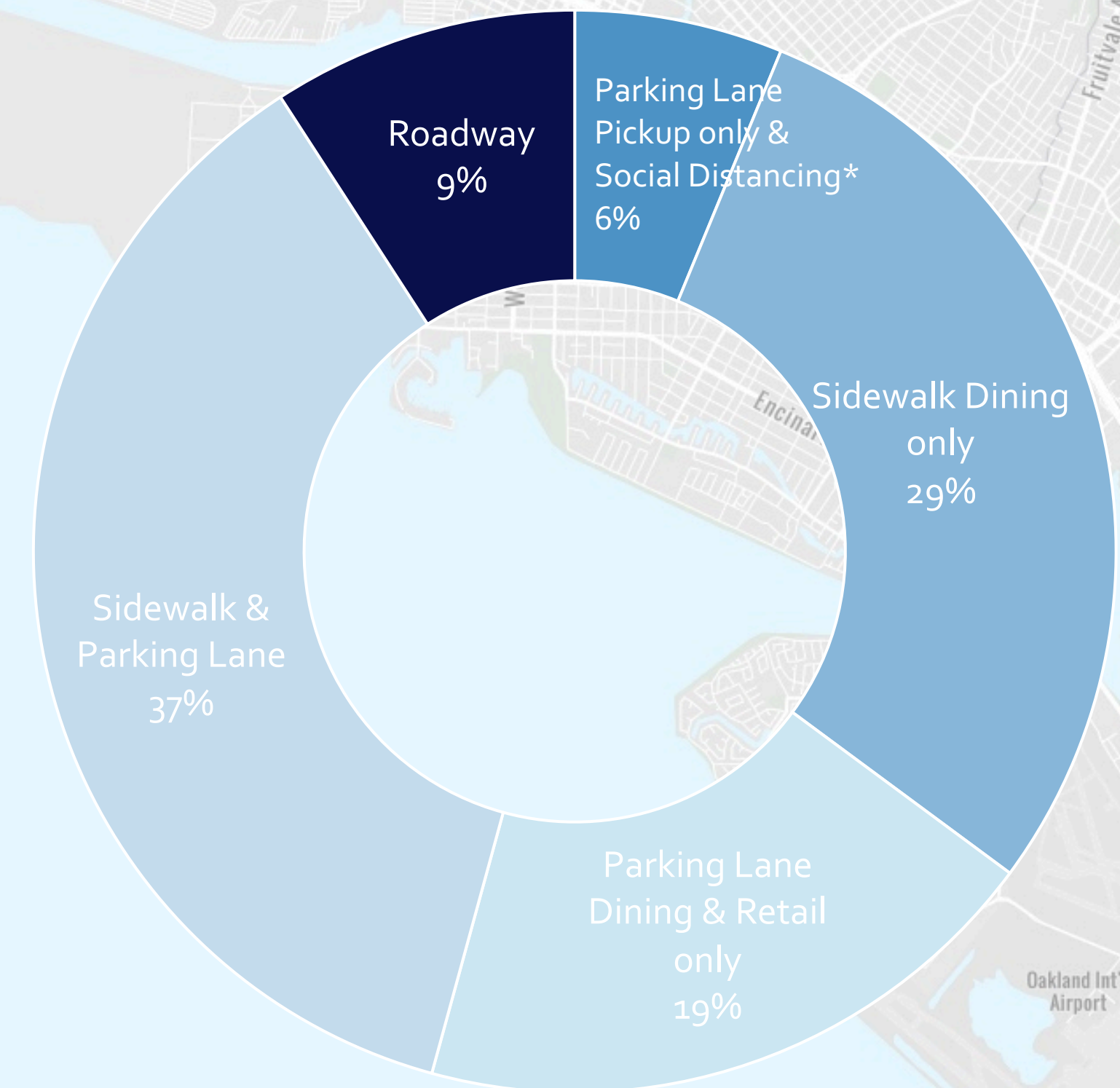
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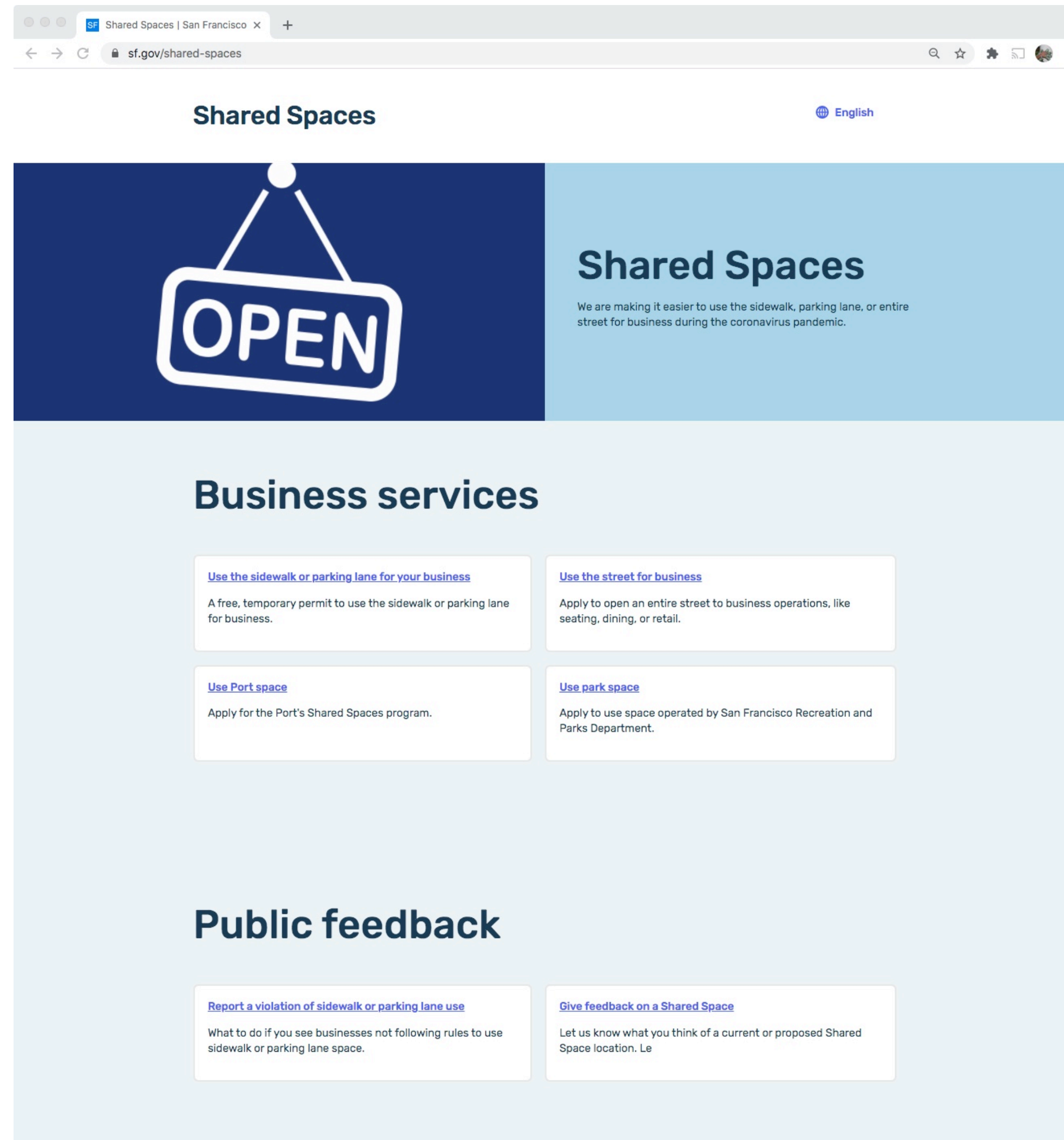
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Shared Spaces Program Statistics

	Parking Lane Pickup	Parking Lane Dining Only	Sidewalk Dining Only	Sidewalk + Parking Lane	Roadway	TOTALS
Approved	50	108	203	179	13	(513) 553
Denied	10	13	33	42	47	(137) 145
Additional Applicant Information Required	3	8	55	135	24	(228) 225
Under Public Works Review	/	55	25	19	/	(56) 99
Under MTA Review	5	25	/	25	16	(96) 71
TOTALS	(60) 68	(184) 209	(304) 316	(385) 400	(97) 100	(1030) 1090

Web Portal at sfgov.org/Shared-Spaces



General Provisions



- › Permits will not have any associated fees
- › Application and program details available at sf.gov/sharedspaces
- › Permits will run through 12/31/2020 unless extended

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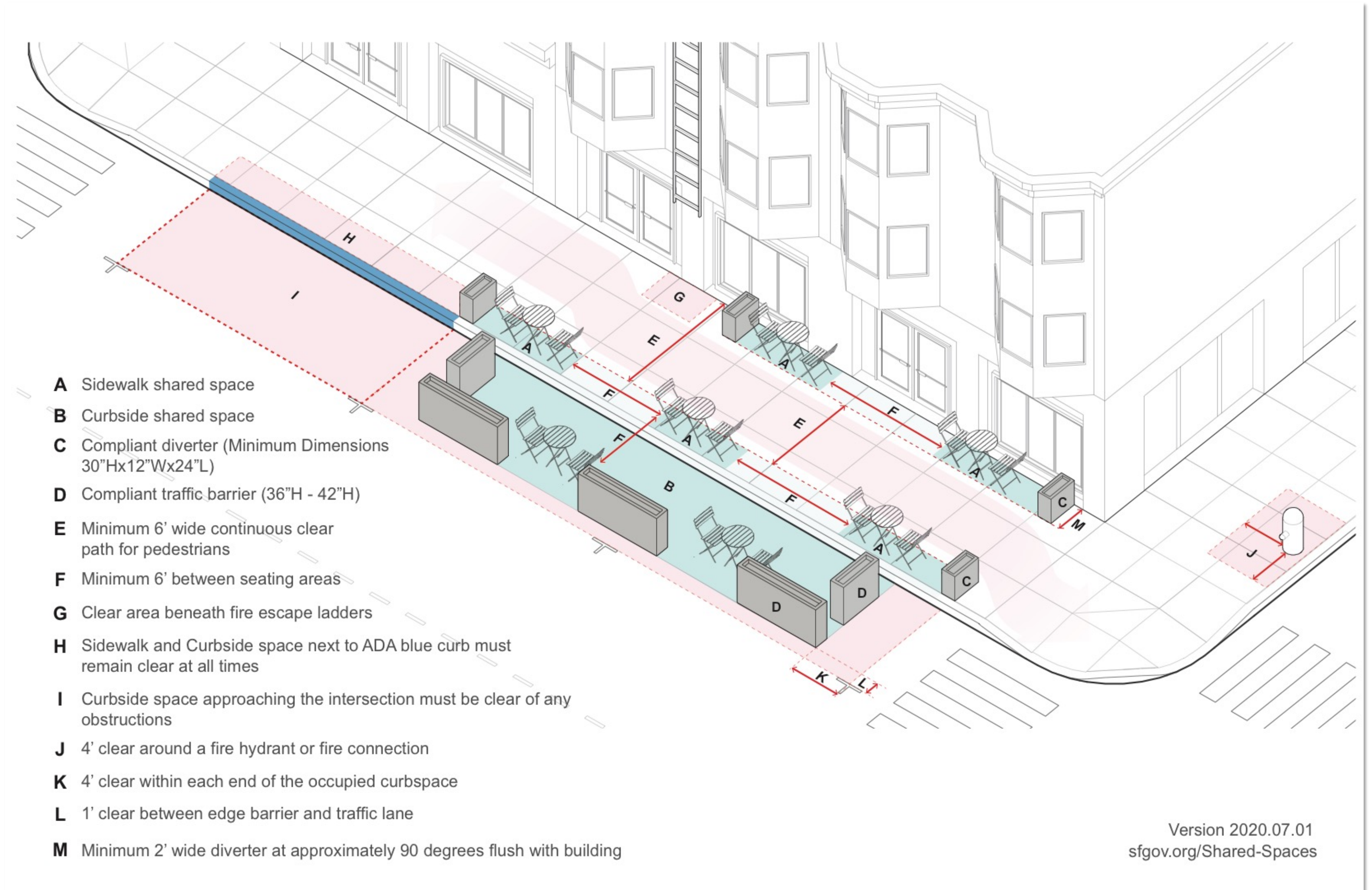
El Capricho, Mission Street. Photo: SF Planning

- › City quickly makes space available – business is expected to:
 - Identify locations
 - Self certify compliance with rules
 - Provide furniture and barriers

Caveat

- › Due to the congested nature of San Francisco's sidewalks and streets:
 - Many businesses will not have a suitable sidewalk
 - Many will not have a suitable curbside lane
 - Many will not have a suitable street for closure
- › The program is designed to make as much space available as quickly as possible, but applicants need to know there are restrictions
- › Collaboration with neighbors will be essential

Sidewalks and Curbside: Site Design



Sidewalks: How it works

- › Applicant fills out an online form, self-certifies compliance with program rules, and begins using sidewalk two business days later
- › Key requirements are: 6' path of travel, no obstruction of fire hydrants, fire escapes, standpipes, etc.
- › *Caution: many sidewalks outside retail businesses are simply not wide enough or too congested with trees and other conflicts for this program*

Curbside Lane: Overview

- › Generally able to use the curbside lane if it's used for parking
- › Not able to use curbside if it is: a red zone, blue zone, bus stop, curb ramp, street with fast traffic speeds, or other conflict
- › Curbside can be for outdoor dining/business, for a loading zone, or for extra room to social distance while customers wait in line
- › For dining/business, a parklet-type barrier between curbside and traffic lane will be required

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Curbside Lane: How it works



- › City will notify the applicant if they have been approved for a curbside Shared Space and any next steps.
- › If the Shared Space is for outdoor dining/business, permit holder will install a barrier

Roadway Lanes for Business



Limon Rotisserie and Los Amigos pupuseria, Valencia Street. Photo: ABC7

- › Merchant Association can propose a full or partial street opening
- › Collaboration and consensus is critical – businesses and residents

Roadway Lanes for Business

- › Among other potential conflicts, street closures will likely not be allowed if there is a MUNI route currently running on that street
- › City will promptly notify applicant if opening street is feasible. If feasible, likely at least 2 more weeks of detailed work to ensure neighborhood consensus, safety, accessibility

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- › Association expected to implement (staffing, barriers, furniture, etc.)

Other City owned land

- › Businesses that are adjacent to land controlled by the Port or Rec Park may apply to use those spaces
- › Department of jurisdiction will determine if location is appropriate for use as a Shared Space (other use, grass vs. hardscape, etc.)

Other details

- › Insurance: \$1m in general commercial liability + workers comp
- › A business can occupy the sidewalk or the curbside lane in front of a neighboring business with written permission of that business owner



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Magsuot ng panakip-mukha

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Manténgase a 6 pies de distancia
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Panatilihin ang anim na talampakang distansya sa bawat isa

Keep a clear path (6ft wide)
Mantenga un camino libre (6 pies de ancho)
保持通暢的道路 (六呎寬)
Panatilihin ang isang malinaw na landas

Streets, sidewalks, and parklets must remain publicly accessible.

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Notify business, call 311,
or visit sf311.org

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Other details

- › Enforcement will be both regular and complaint driven. Members of the public can report a non-compliant Shared Space to 311
- › Permits are temporary, can be modified and revoked at any time if permit holder not complying or if emergency situation changes



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Scaling Up: Equity Strategy for Shared Spaces Program

- › SF Planning, SFMTA, & OWED have established an **Equity Framework** for encouraging broader participation and directing limited resources to most distressed and underserved communities



Scaling Up: Equity Strategy for Shared Spaces Program

- › Multilingual outreach also being designed and executed to reach ESL and immigrant-owned business communities
- › Partnership with Livable City to deliver equity projects
- › Impact Surveys and Reporting
 - Who is participating? Who is served?
 - What have the impacts been?

Thank you!
Questions?

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