

Enlivening Streets and Supporting Businesses with Parklets, Patios and Craft Carts



- Establish a new Parklet Program for Vancouver
- Updates and new initiatives for expanded patio opportunities
 - Use of parking space in addition to sidewalk
 - Seasonal weather protection of patios
 - Extended patio hours
- Initiate a new pilot program of mobile craft carts

Vancouver's First Parklets

PARALLEL PARK

Mount Pleasant

E 14th Av at Main St

Completed in 2011



URBAN PASTURE

Downtown

1000-block Robson St

Completed in 2012



Three initial parklets were completed between 2011 and 2012

HOT TUBS

Sunset

E 44th Av at Fraser St

Completed in 2012



Vancouver's Parklet Pilot Program is Launched



2013 Parklet Pilot Program Guide

Overview

Parklets transform on-street parking into places for people to sit, relax, and enjoy the city. They benefit local businesses, residents, and visitors by providing unique public spaces that attract customers and foster community conversation. They can also have additional benefits such as adding more space for people to walk in congested areas. The typical design is a platform that extends the sidewalk and provides amenities like seats, tables, bike racks, and landscaping.

The City of Vancouver has piloted several parklets through its VIVA Vancouver program, including *Parallel Park* on 14th Avenue at Main Street, *Urban Pasture* on 1000-block Robson Street and *Hot Tubs* on East 44th Avenue at Fraser Street.

To build on this success, the City's *Transportation 2040* plan calls for a simple permit or application-based approach to encourage more parklets citywide at low cost to taxpayers. Many cities, including New York and San Francisco, already have similar programs in place.

For 2013, VIVA is piloting a stand-alone program for interested businesses and organizations. This document lays out the **application process, fees, applicant responsibilities, design guidelines, and technical requirements.**

In 2013, a formal Parklet Pilot Program was launched

- Assess whether an ongoing parklet program should be implemented
- Refine guidelines by better understanding how and where parklets could be built

More Parklets Under the Parklet Pilot Program

FRENCH QUARTER

Mount Pleasant

E 21st Av at Main St

Completed in 2014



COMMERCIAL DRIVE PARKLET

Commercial Drive

Commercial Dr at E 4th Av

Completed in 2014



Three parklets have been approved under the Pilot with more under review

SUNNY SLOPES

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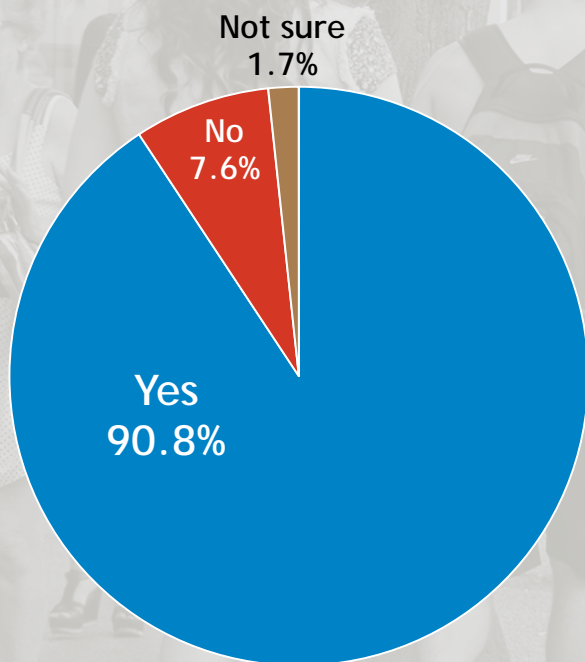
W 4th Av at Cypress St

Completed in 2015



What Do People and Businesses Think of Parklets?

Q. Do you feel that the parklet contributes to a vibrant and fun walking experience?



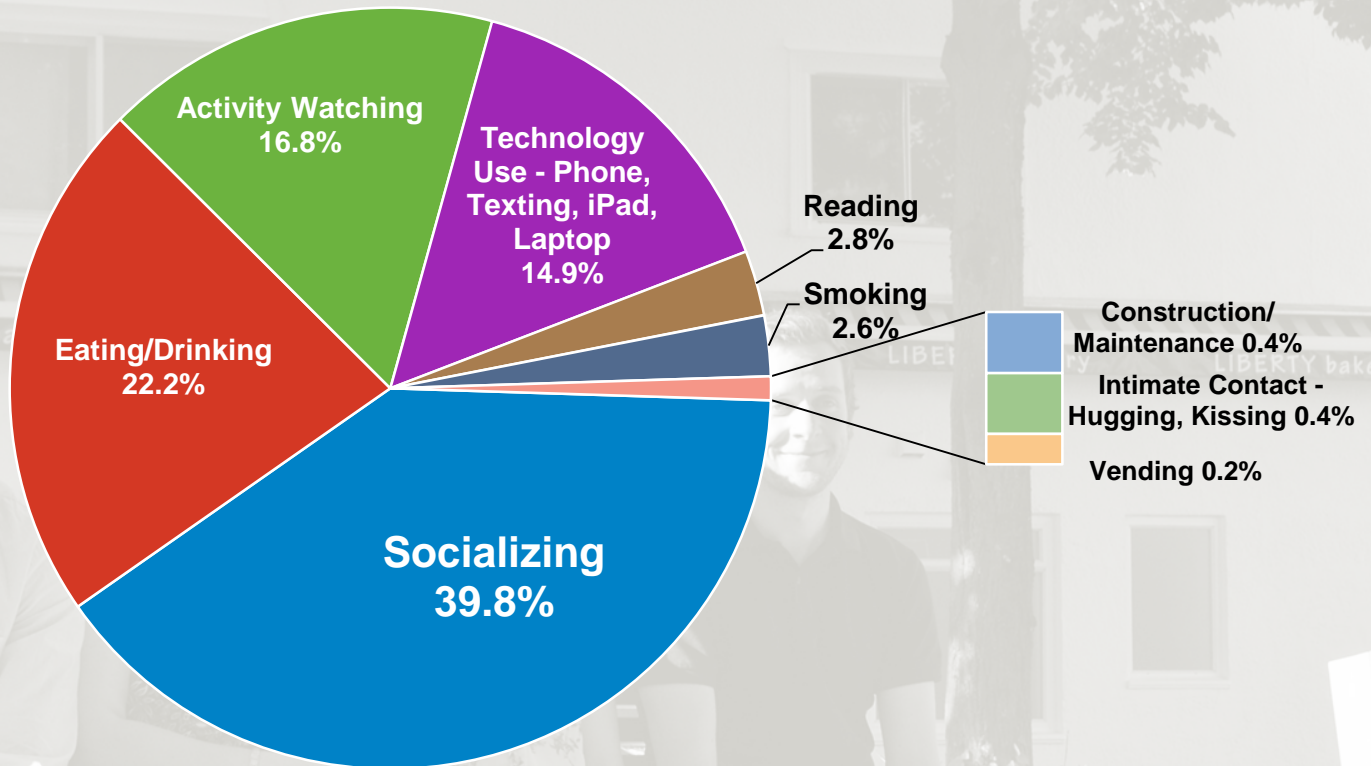
Total responses: 119

91.7% of people liked that the space was transformed into a place for people to sit, relax, and enjoy the city

64.4% of businesses say the parklet has made the neighbourhood better

What Are People Doing in Parklets?

Parklet User Activities



N: 505

NEW! Launching a Vancouver Parklet Program!



Ready to launch
a Parklet
Program to add
more public
spaces to the
streets of
Vancouver!

- Sidewalk Patio Program experiencing continued growth
 - 550 approved patios including over 300 licensed patios (2015)
- Engaged in new trials to enliven sidewalks, support public life and benefit businesses with patios
 - Separated patios
 - Extended patio hours
 - Patio Day 2015



NEW! Simplifying Process to Extend Patio Hours

- 2013-2015: Sidewalk patio hours were extended beyond 11pm
- 2016: Simplifying process by permitting qualifying licensed patios to remain open as late as the hour indicated on its BC liquor license up to a maximum of 1am

YEAR	EXTENDED HOURS	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	NUMBER OF APPROVALS
2013*	12am	37	35
2014	12am	100	100
2015	1am	69	67

** In 2013, the pilot was in place from August to October only*

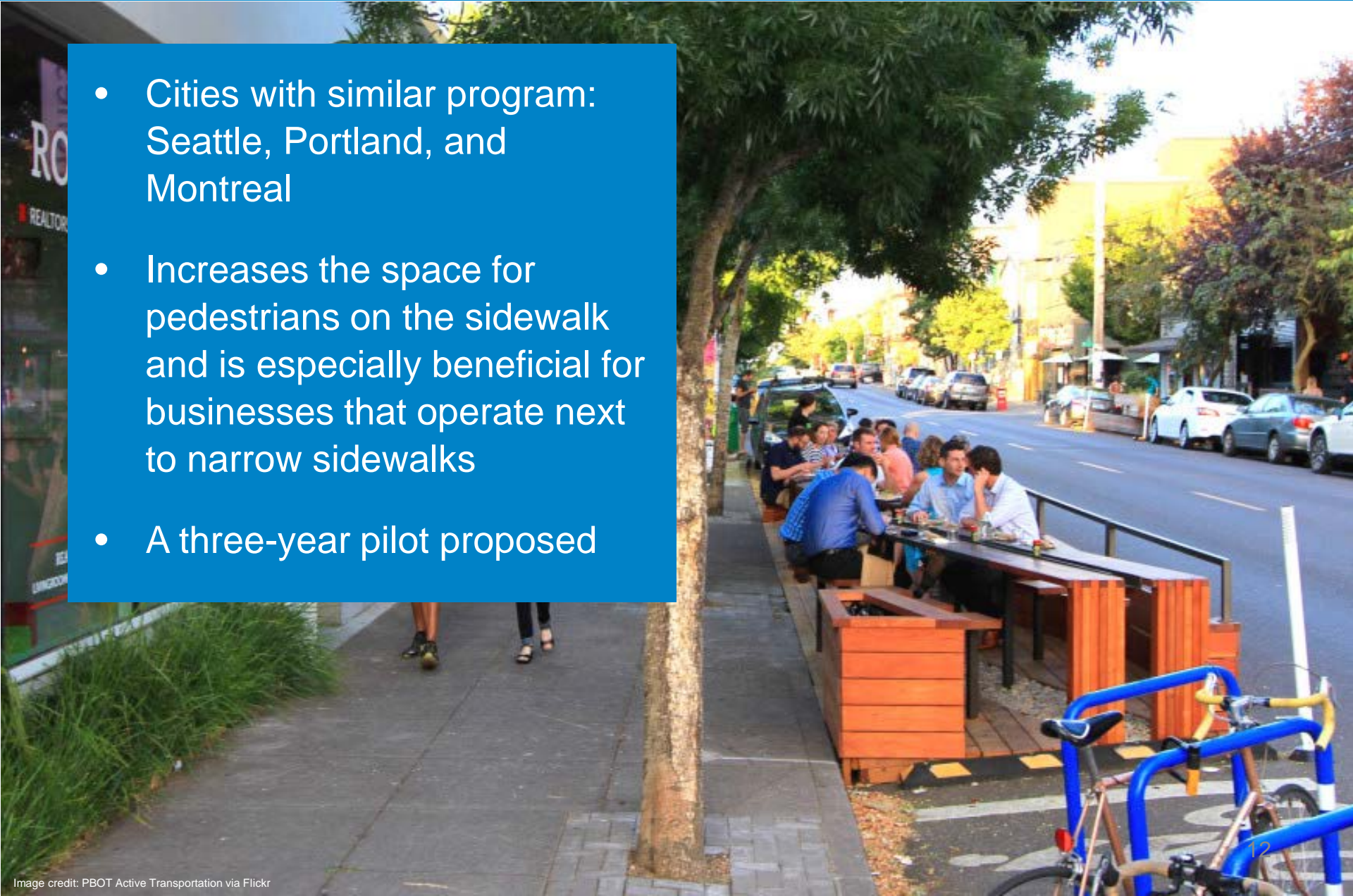
NEW! Exploring Options to Weather Protect Sidewalk Patios

- Current opportunities for weather protection for patios allow for awnings/canopies and temporary retractable side protection
- Staff believe there are further opportunities to ensure patios are available for all seasons



NEW! Streateries: Extending Patios Into Parking Spaces

- Cities with similar program: Seattle, Portland, and Montreal
- Increases the space for pedestrians on the sidewalk and is especially beneficial for businesses that operate next to narrow sidewalks
- A three-year pilot proposed



NEW! Craft Carts Pilot

- Piloting up to ten mobile vending craft carts
- Exploring new operational partnership model with the Craft Council of BC
- Anticipated launch in spring 2017



Parklets, Patios and Craft Carts

- Great ways to support local businesses
- Encourages people to activate and enliven City streets





Questions?

Vancouver's Parklets



Map of Vancouver's Six Parklets

URBAN PASTURE

SUNNY SLOPES

COMMERCIAL DRIVE

PARALLEL PARK

FRENCH QUARTER

HOT TUBS

Continued Growth of Sidewalk Patios

Number of Large Sidewalk Patio Permits

