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Streets for Pandemic Response & Recovery
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• What is missing?
• What assistance, guidance, and direction do businesses and local jurisdictions need?
• Who else should review the guide?
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Objectives

1. Protect public health.
2. Help local small businesses recover.
3. Make business districts destinations for safe and healthy activities.
Principles

1. Center the interests, priorities, and perspectives of those for whom the negative impacts of COVID-19 have been most pronounced.
2. Through environmental design, enable people to adhere to public health guidance.
4. Protect now and iterate over time to build lasting recovery.
Collaborative Development Model

1. Discover & Listen
2. Plan & Design
3. Formalize Roles & Responsibilities
4. Prepare & Implement
5. Operate, Monitor, & Adapt

Iterate
Sidewalk Constraints
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4' - Insufficient Space
6' Pedestrian Clear Zone
4' Furniture Zone
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- 4' - Insufficient Space
- 8' Pedestrian Clear Zone
- 4' Furniture Zone
Sidewalk Constraints

4’ - Insufficient Space
6’ Pedestrian Clear Zone
4’ Furniture Zone
• Sidewalk Extension
• Slow Street
• Curbside Dining
• Plaza or Market Street
• Alternative Designs
Sidewalk Extension
Alternative Designs
Considerations

Emergency access

ADA and Universal Design
Considerations

Transit

Bicycle & Scooter Parking
Considerations

Delivery and pick-up zones

Order and take-out windows
Considerations

- Restaurants and dining
  - Sanitation Protocols
  - Food Handling
  - Employee Safety & Health
- Permit fees and review
- Insurance
- Change of use during day or week
- Priority businesses and communities
Local Examples

Cities with active efforts:

• Bothell
• Edmonds
• Everett
• Redmond
• Seattle
• Sumner
• Tacoma

Current street modifications:

• Streateries
• Shared Curbside Dining
• Plaza & Market Streets
Redmond

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  • Weather
  • Other?
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Next Steps

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