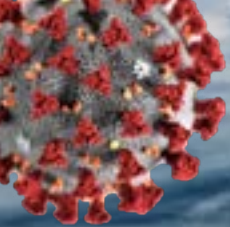


A photograph of a city street scene. On the left, a cyclist is riding a red bicycle. A dark SUV is parked on the street. In the background, a building features a large, colorful mural of abstract, flowing shapes in pink, blue, green, and yellow. To the right, a red food truck is parked on the sidewalk, and several pedestrians are walking. The street is lined with multi-story buildings, and a black lamppost stands on the sidewalk.

The Right-of-Way Wars: Outdoor Dining and Other Public Space Responses to COVID-19

Alicia Karner (Bethlehem)
Dave Munson (Philadelphia)
Erin Clark (Pittsburgh)

Photo by Dave Munson



Bethlehem

Alicia Miller Karner

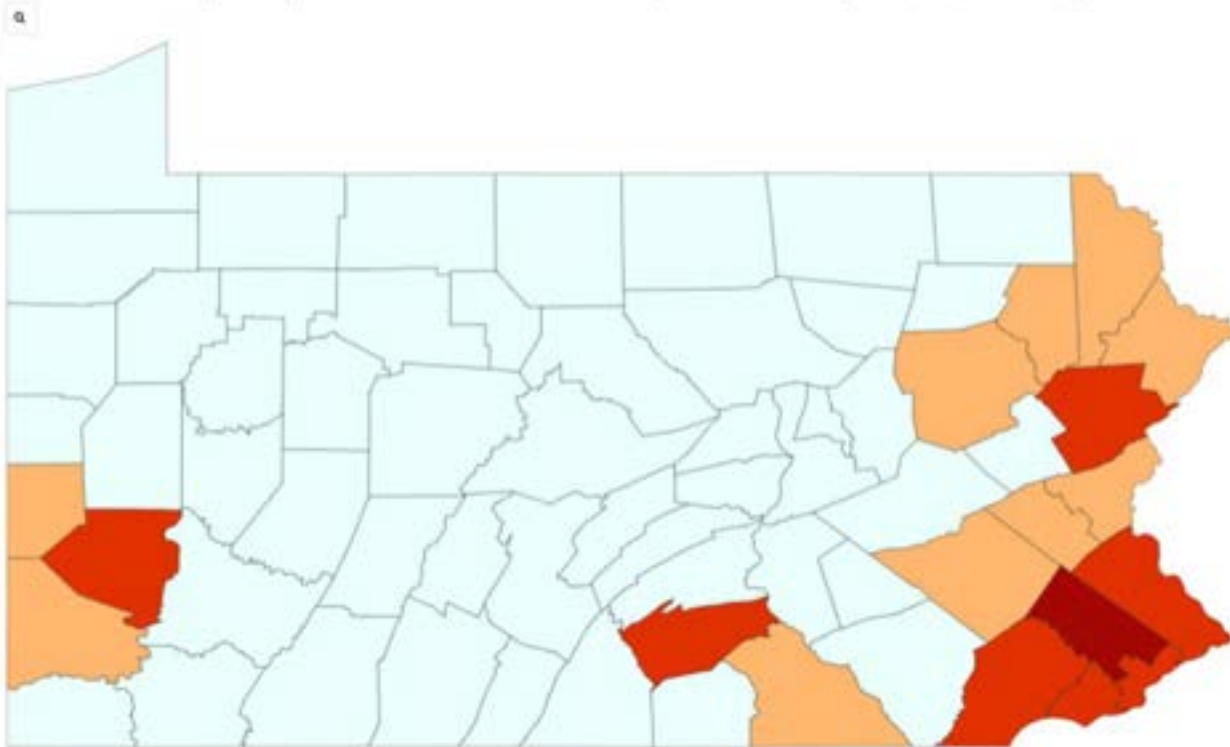




133 Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in Pennsylvania

1 case was reported in Lancaster County by Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health. The case will be added when confirmed by PA DOH.

This map will be updated as new cases are announced throughout the state. Last updated 3/18/2020 at 12:25 p.m.



Source: [Pennsylvania Department of Health](#)



Governor Wolf urged residents to 'stay calm, stay safe, stay home'

MORAVIAN
BOOK SHOP

— Est. 1745 —

LOST TAVERN
BREWING

HOTEL B

GRAND

SNOW
EMERGENCY
ROUTE

SNOW TOWLS OR
CHAINS REQUIRED
NO PARKING
DURING EMERGENCY
VEHICLES
TOWED AWAY

WEDNESDAY THRU
THURSDAY THRU
FRI THRU SAT THRU





















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BOOK SHOP

Est. 1743







A panoramic view of the Philadelphia skyline under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the foreground, the white, ornate dome of Independence Hall is visible, topped with the Statue of Liberty. Behind it, several modern skyscrapers rise, including the Comcast Center (left), the Comcast Tower (center), and the PNC Tower (right). The city's dense urban landscape is visible in the background.

Philadelphia

Photo by Visit Philadelphia

Closing MLK Drive

20 March, 2020



Photo by Albert Yee

Expanding the Playstreets Program

12 July, 2020



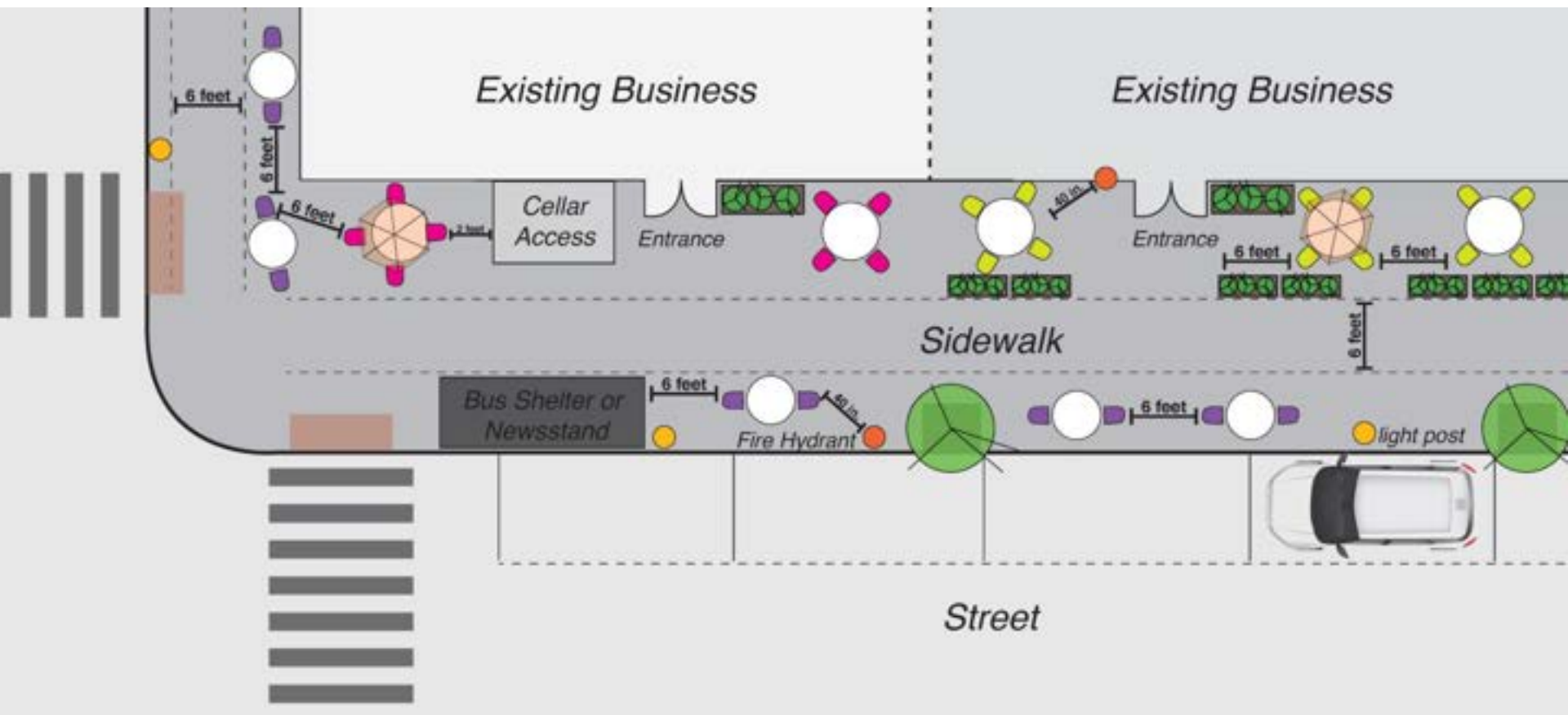
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Sidewalk Cafes

4 June 2020



Photo by Dave Munson



Temporary Street Closures

4 June 2020



Photo by Holly Munson



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4 June 2020



Photo by Mina Monavarian

Existing Business

Existing Business

Sidewalk

Fire Hydrant

 *light post*

Street

6 feet

6 feet

7 feet min

6 feet

Start with what you can control



Photo by Tom Gralish

Expand on what you are already doing



Photo by Joe O'Conner

Leverage partnerships



Photo by Cyntonn Photography

Access Issues



Photo by Philadelphia Streets Department



Safety

Photo by Emma Lee

The Future

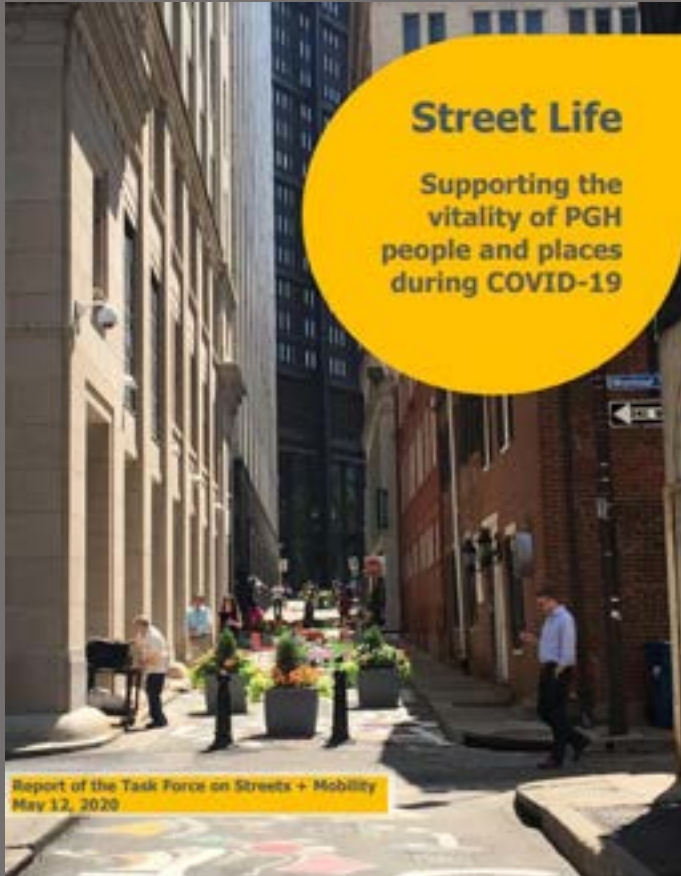


PITTSBURGH OPEN STREETS INITIATIVES



Pittsburgh Department of
Mobility and Infrastructure

October 2021



PGH Streets and Mobility Task Force

April-May 2020

How can we use public space to better support people and businesses **safety, accessibly, quickly, affordably, and equitably?**

Neighborhood Slow Streets



Neighborhood Slow Streets



- Cones and a-frames donated to the City by [BikePGH](#).
- Full-time staff member directed to oversee program
- "Bottom-up" approach
- Priority given to streets that:
 - Form a connected network with existing Slow Streets
 - Are potential routes in the draft Pittsburgh Bike(+) Plan.
 - Are in higher density areas.
 - Lead to parks, groceries, transit stations, or other commonly used public areas.
 - Lack significant park or open space areas.
 - Lack sidewalks or safe, accessible pedestrian networks.
 - Are in census tracts with lower auto ownership rates.

Neighborhood Slow Streets

What We've Learned So Far

- What most applicants were seeking was traffic calming
- Overall positive feedback about the program
- There is a need to reevaluate the materials used. Many stolen or displaced cones and signs
- DOMI is currently exploring how this program can more permanently fit into the City's other traffic calming efforts

COVID Streets are a Step in the Right Direction

Posted by Anna | 2 months ago

While Slow Streets seem to need modifications to make them more effective, I welcome them with open arms. I feel that they have made me feel better that streets are places where I can go out and use them for recreation. i also enjoy seeing restaurants and businesses taking new approaches and being able to stay open. I feel like this program has brought more community and neighborly connections which are much needed during this grim pandemic.

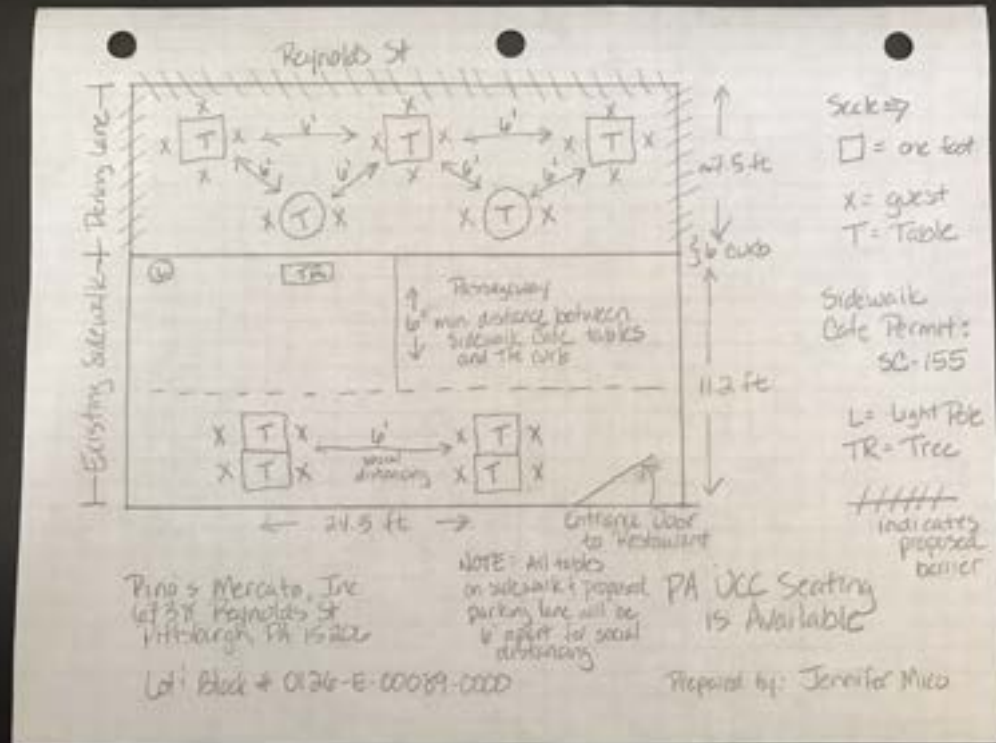
NEIGHBORHOOD SLOW STREETS

♥ 1 Likes 💬 0 Comments

Outdoor Dining and Retail Program



Outdoor Dining and Retail



- Barriers donated to the City by the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA).
- Full-time staff member directed to oversee program
- "Bottom-up" approach
- Expedited permitting process
 - No permit fees
 - Less formal site plan requirements
 - City-loaned barriers if needed

Sidewalk Café





**Parking Lane repurposed for
Pedestrian or Queuing Space**

Parking Lane Cafe



Full Street Closure







Program Evaluation

COVID-19 Streets Response

To address the impacts of COVID-19 on Pittsburgh residents and businesses, DOMI has opened streets and sidewalks for local commerce and outdoor recreation.

+ Follow



Home / COVID-19 Streets Response



What We're Talking About

The Department of Mobility and Infrastructure has helped local businesses extend into the public right-of-way and Pittsburgh residents to use streets for physically distant recreation and traffic calming. Below are some examples.



DOMI Wants to Hear from You.

Quick Question!

Should DOMI's Slow Streets and Outdoor Dining programs be made permanent?

Should DOMI continue Neighborhood Slow Streets and Street Modification for Outdoor Operations (a.k.a. "Outdoor Dining") even when the COVID-19 pandemic is over?

- ☐ Yes, just Outdoor Dining
- ☐ Yes, just Slow Streets
- ☐ Yes, Keep Both!
- ☐ No, do not continue either program.

- [DOMI website](#)
- [EngagePGH](#)
- Surveys
- 1:1 Interviews

Outdoor Dining and Retail

What We've Learned So Far

- Overall positive feedback about the program from Councilmembers, residents, and BIDs (but not *all* positive)
- Based on feedback from our City-County Task Force on Disabilities, we made program adjustments during the early stages of the program
- DOMI is taking steps to launch a permanent program in 2022

Enjoyable downtown is at our fingertips

Posted by Messlife | 2 months ago

This is specific to cycling through downtown on Penn Ave. Before COVID, this path was often clustered with people, especially on weekday evenings, not paying attention to users of the bike lanes. It caused a lot of issues and safety for all users. With the updates to allow street side tables and the outbound bike lane, it's much more enjoyable. Merging with inbound traffic is easy. Outbound would be best if the lane was separated from seating with permanent greenery (planters and the like) to...

STREET MODIFICATION FOR OUTDOOR OPERATIONS

♥ 1 Likes 💬 0 Comments

What's Next for Open Streets in Pittsburgh?

We've already started making improvements to the programs, but there are still opportunities for improvement to make the program more sustainable



Evaluation:
ReOpen PGH Street Life Pilots

Temporary Outdoor Dining & Retail

Neighborhood Slow Streets

**Department of Mobility and Infrastructure
City of Pittsburgh**

A large industrial facility, possibly a steel mill or refinery, is shown at night. The structure is complex, with numerous tall chimneys, pipes, and structural elements. It is illuminated with vibrant red and blue lights, creating a dramatic effect against the dark sky. In the foreground, there is a large, open area that appears to be a park or a public square. This area is filled with people, suggesting a public event or gathering. The ground is lit up with warm yellow lights, and there are some trees and other structures visible in the background. A large, white, semi-transparent text overlay reading "Questions?" is positioned in the center of the image. To the right of the text, there is a small, colorful, circular logo or emblem.

Questions?