Street Seats Design Guidelines

The following guidelines are to be used in the design of Street Seat platform structures:

- The platform should be as flush with the sidewalk as possible. A minimum of 12 feet of the platform must be flush with the sidewalk to provide wheelchair access.
- Curbside drainage must not be impeded.
- The platform must allow for easy access to the space underneath.
- The platform must be able to bear at least 750 pounds per square foot.
- The platform must be publicly accessible and signed as such.
- Each platform should have some vertical elements (e.g. planters, umbrellas) so that it is visible from vehicles.
- Each platform should be finished with quality materials, preferably using recycled or sustainably harvested products.
- The platform must include plantings.
- The platform must include a continuous physical barrier along the street-facing perimeter while maintaining clear visual sightlines to the street.
- The sidewalk-facing side of the platform should be open to pedestrians.
- The platform must not be wider than 6 feet, in order to be narrower than surrounding parked cars.
- The maximum length of the platform may not be longer than the frontage of the applicant's business.
- DOT will assess each site and will determine necessary traffic safety improvements, including but not limited to, traffic markings, flexible bollards, and wheel stops.
- DOT has provided example drawings to assist applicants with their designs.