

# LONG-TERM OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT STATUS UPDATE

FEBRUARY 20, 2024

CITY COUNCIL



# BACKGROUND

- Aug. 2021: City Council direction to pursue a work plan item for long-term outdoor dining
- Feb. 2023: Temporary outdoor program ends
- May 2023: Task force meetings kick-off
  - Nine meetings conducted to date
  - Agenda and minutes available at [manhattanbeach.gov/outdoordining](https://manhattanbeach.gov/outdoordining)



# BACKGROUND

- Jun. 2023: Contract with consultant (MIG) approved
- Sep. 2023: City Council status update report
  - Program scope (Business Uses and Locations)
  - Local Coastal Program amendment options
  - Walk street resident outreach
  - Outdoor dining definition
  - No revision to MIG's contract
  - Vehicle loading and waste management solutions



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

- Oct. 2023: Community workshop
  - 51<sup>st</sup> Hometown fair
    - Largely in support of outdoor dining, including utilizing walk streets
    - Concerns with trash, noise, traffic, parking, narrow sidewalks, etc



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

- Nov. 2023: Targeted walk street outreach
  - Reached 200+ tenants and property owners
  - 43 responses received to survey with three focus group discussions
  - Utilizing limited number of walk streets for outdoor dining no longer recommended
    - >> Three options available for consideration east of Manhattan Ave. along 10<sup>th</sup> St.



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

## Walk Street Option 1: Maintain status quo

Prohibit commercial use of walk streets; sidewalk dining allowed per existing code



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## Walk Street Option 2:

Maintain status quo + public flex space

Same as Option 1. but with public-serving landscape/hardscape features along the walk street



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Walk Street Option 3: Amend code and policies  
Allow commercial use of walk street; prohibit use of sidewalk for outdoor dining



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

- Dec. 2023 – Ongoing: Stakeholder interviews
  - Business owners
    - Eating and Drinking Establishments:  
Spoke highly of the program’s benefits
    - Non-Eating and Drinking Establishments:  
Win-win effect or negatively affected
  - Residents  
Similar to community outreach input



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

## Outdoor Dining Defined

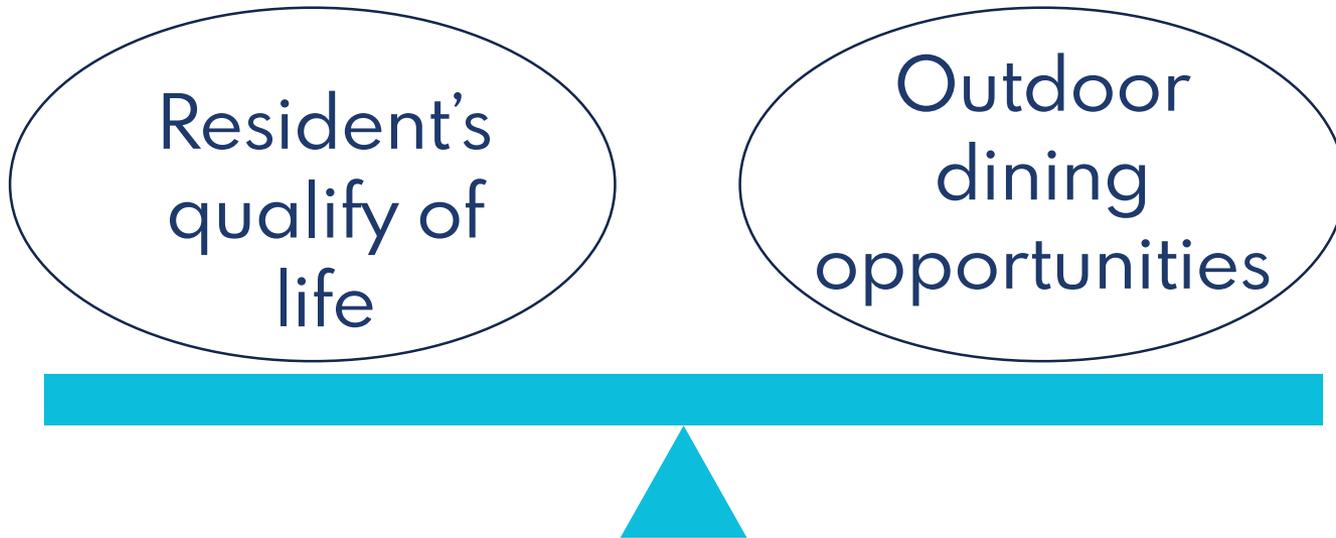
Open air “al fresco” dining on public and private property, in which the experience:

- Allows for opportunities to enjoy the pleasant weather and scenic ocean views
- Promotes a sense of community and interaction with others
- Enhances the ambiance and small town character of Manhattan Beach
- Balances community vibrancy with residential quality of life



# PREFERRED PROGRAM VISION

## Program Goal



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Potential Solution and  
Preferred Program Vision

Permanent  
Sidewalk  
Widening



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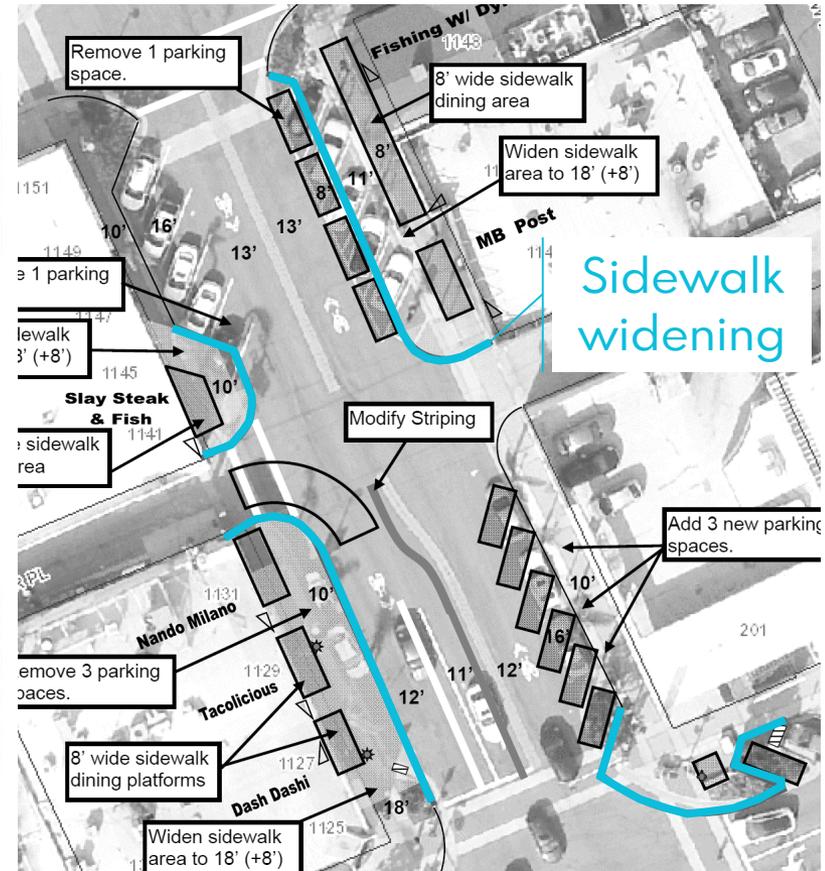
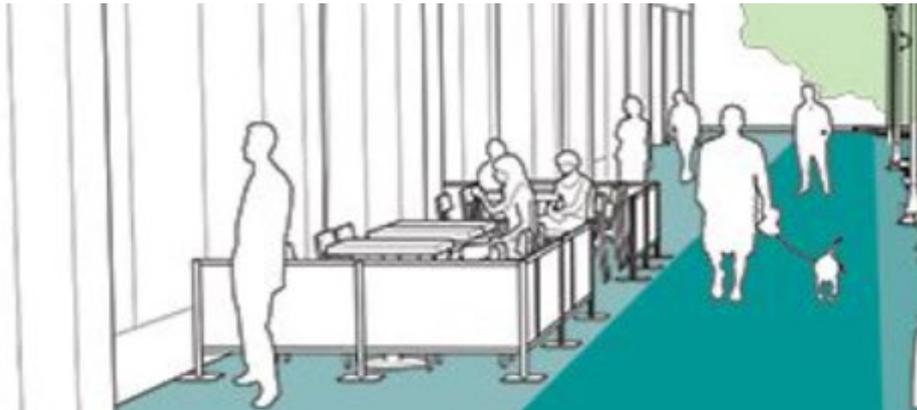
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Before



After



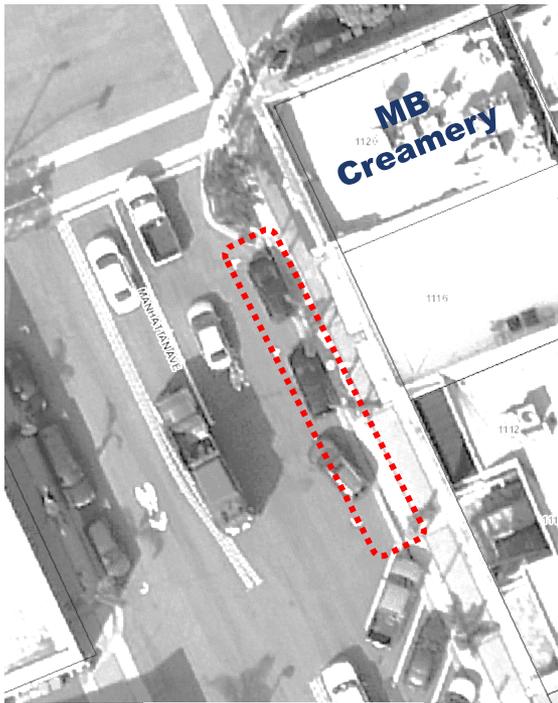
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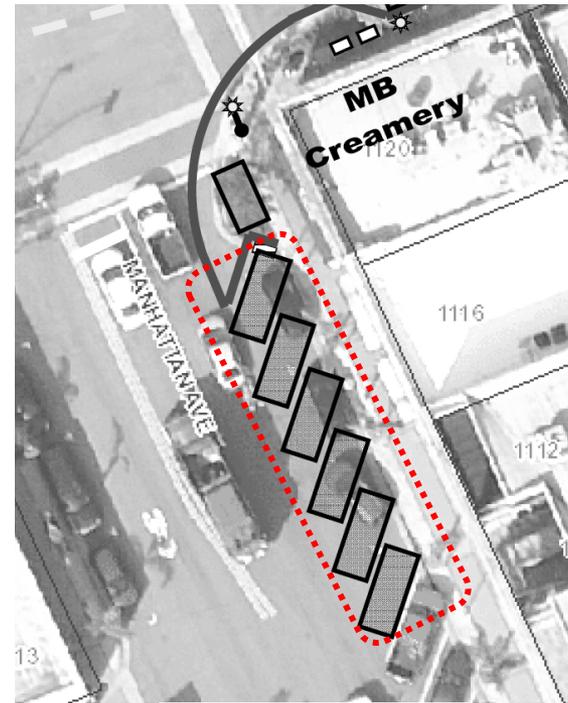
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## 2. On-Street Parking Reconfiguration

Example: Parallel to angled parking



Existing

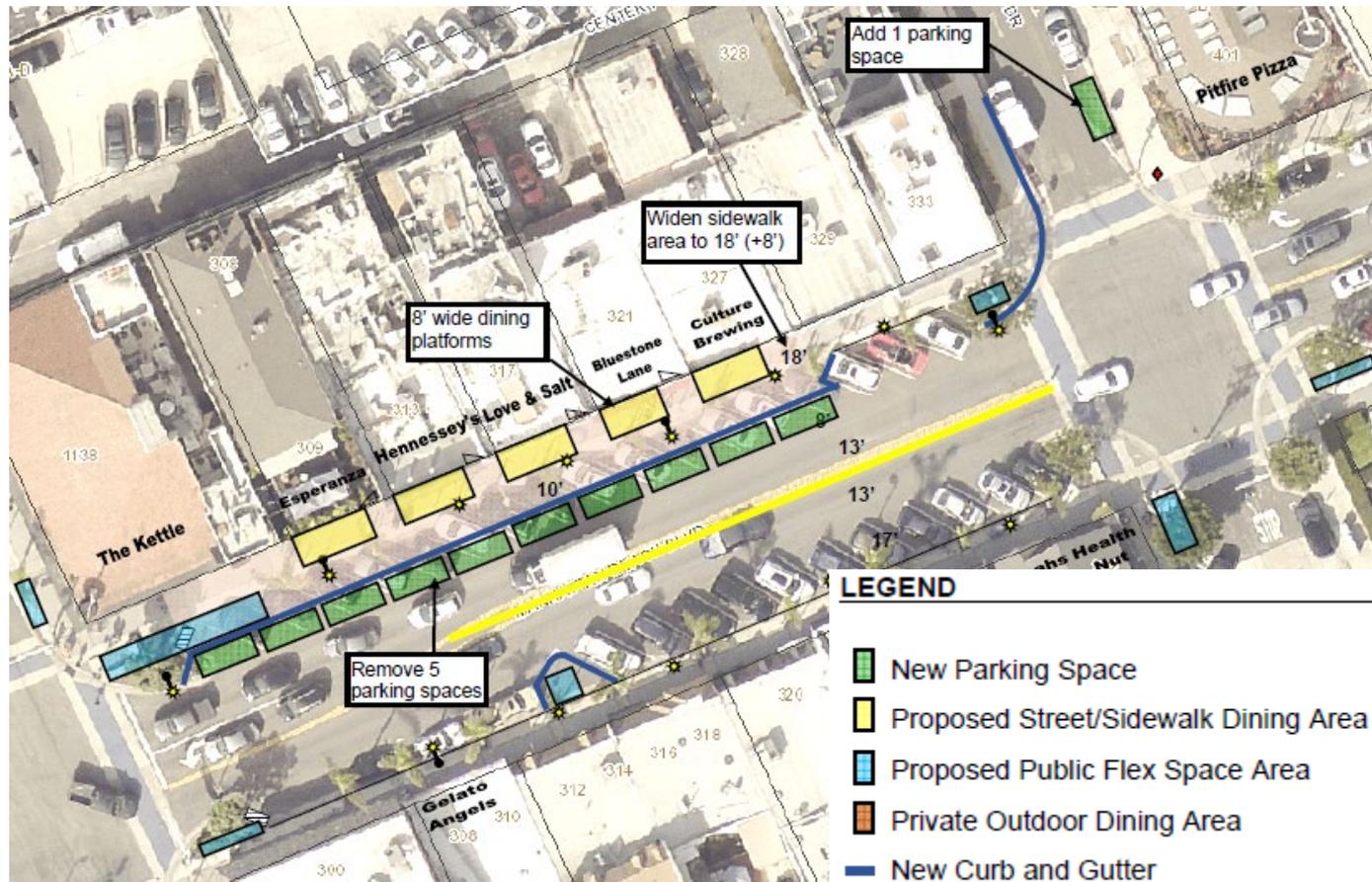


Proposed



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## 3. Potential Outdoor Dining/Seating Areas



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## Benefits

- Addresses community input on narrow sidewalks
- Allow sidewalk dining adjacent to establishments
  - >> No utility connection concerns, less congested sidewalks, clear path of travel, unified layout
- Reduces various issues related to on-street decks
- Creates more opportunities to serve the public
- Provides curbside passenger access for parked cars
- Reduces need for access ramps to/from dining area



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## Manhattan Beach Blvd. Example



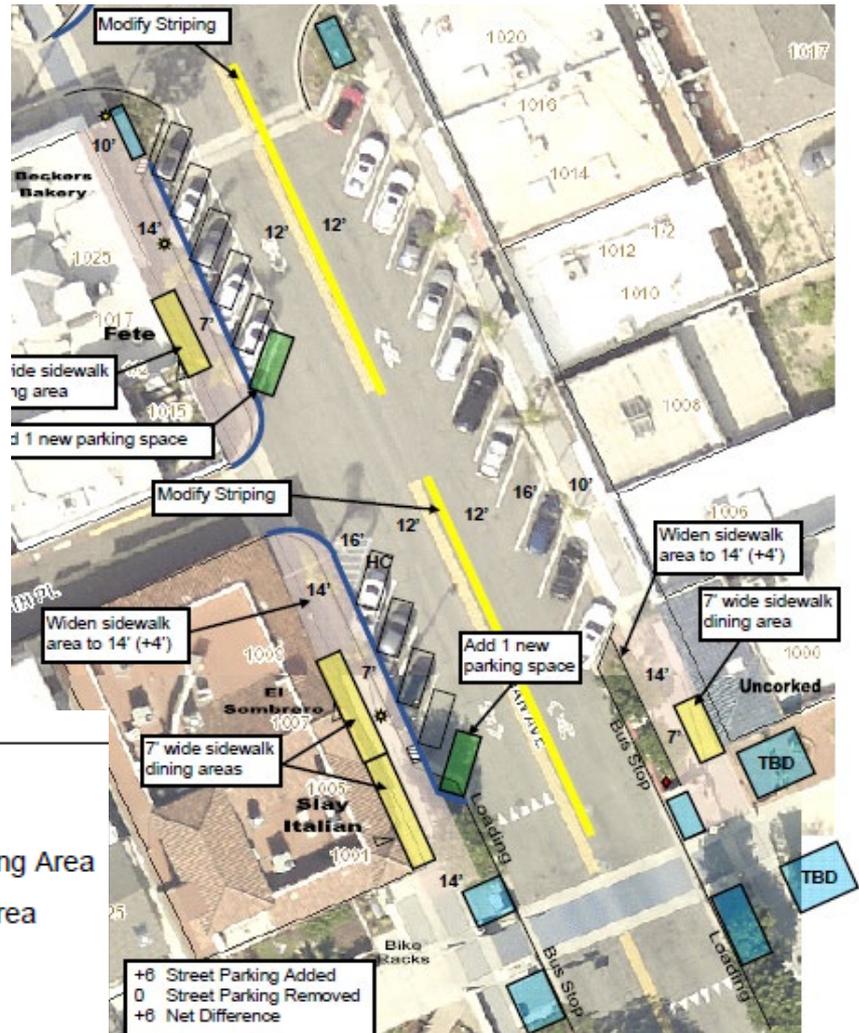
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# CONCEPTUAL PLAN

## Manhattan Avenue - South 2



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## Interim Goal

- No stopgap measures proposed that reintroduces on-street decks or other temporary solutions
  - >> Sidewalk dining and private property outdoor dining (e.g., parking lot, 2fl decks, etc.) available
- Focus on addressing current issues related to refuse, noise, and vehicle loading
  - >> Prevent/minimize exacerbation of these issues once the preferred program vision is implemented



# CONSULTANT WORK SCOPE

- Preliminary Plan Development

- Purpose:

Assess the technical and financial feasibility of the conceptual plan and prepare for construction documentation

- Amendment Amount

Original PSA: \$400,000 → \$491,726.33

With option to expand scope by \$15K/St. Block



# DIRECTION ITEMS

1. Task force-recommended preferred program vision and goals during the interim
2. Walk street commercial corner options for east of Manhattan Ave. along 10<sup>th</sup> St.
3. Potential amendment to MIG's PSA to develop preliminary plans (Additional \$91,726.33)



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