



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 15, 2021  
TO: Distribution  
FROM: James Nagelvoort, City Engineer  
SUBJECT: Temporary Outdoor Dining Platform Standard Drawing

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In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City implemented a Temporary Outdoor Business Operations Permit (TOBOP) program that allows the expansion of businesses within the public right-of-way (ROW) and private parking lots while enabling mandatory social distancing and other public health and safety guidelines set by the County and State of California. The City Council adopted Citywide Interim Urgency Ordinances to accommodate this program. The Ordinance that allows restaurants and retail establishments to utilize the public ROW is in effect until July 13, 2021, while the Ordinance that allows personal and commercial services to utilize the public ROW is in effect until August 3, 2021. The City can end sooner or extend the program if social distancing or other guidelines change.

Attached is the new standard drawing SDM-131 Temporary Pedestrian Plaza/Outdoor Dining Platform that has been created to support the TOBOP program. Business owners will be able to utilize this standard drawing to obtain a TOBOP that allows seating in the public ROW, on a level platform, without providing engineered drawings signed by a licensed professional engineer. Applicants shall meet all other building and safety requirements as outlined in the Land Development Manual including, but not limited to, suitability of location, traffic control, accessibility, emergency vehicle, and utility access prior to submitting a TOBOP. Applicants shall also comply with the requirements as noted on page 2 of the standard drawing that includes maintenance and removal of the platform, deviation from the drawing, and a hold harmless agreement with the City.

Standard drawing SDM-131 will remain in publication while the Ordinance and TOBOP program are in effect, or until it is determined that the standard is no longer suitable in order to maintain the public's health and safety.

Please notify your Project Managers, Resident Engineers, designers, consultants, and maintenance crews of the new standard. If you have any question or need additional information, contact Louis Schultz at 619-533-5138 (LSchultz@sandiego.gov) or Corson Smith at 619-446-5108 (Smithct@sandiego.gov).

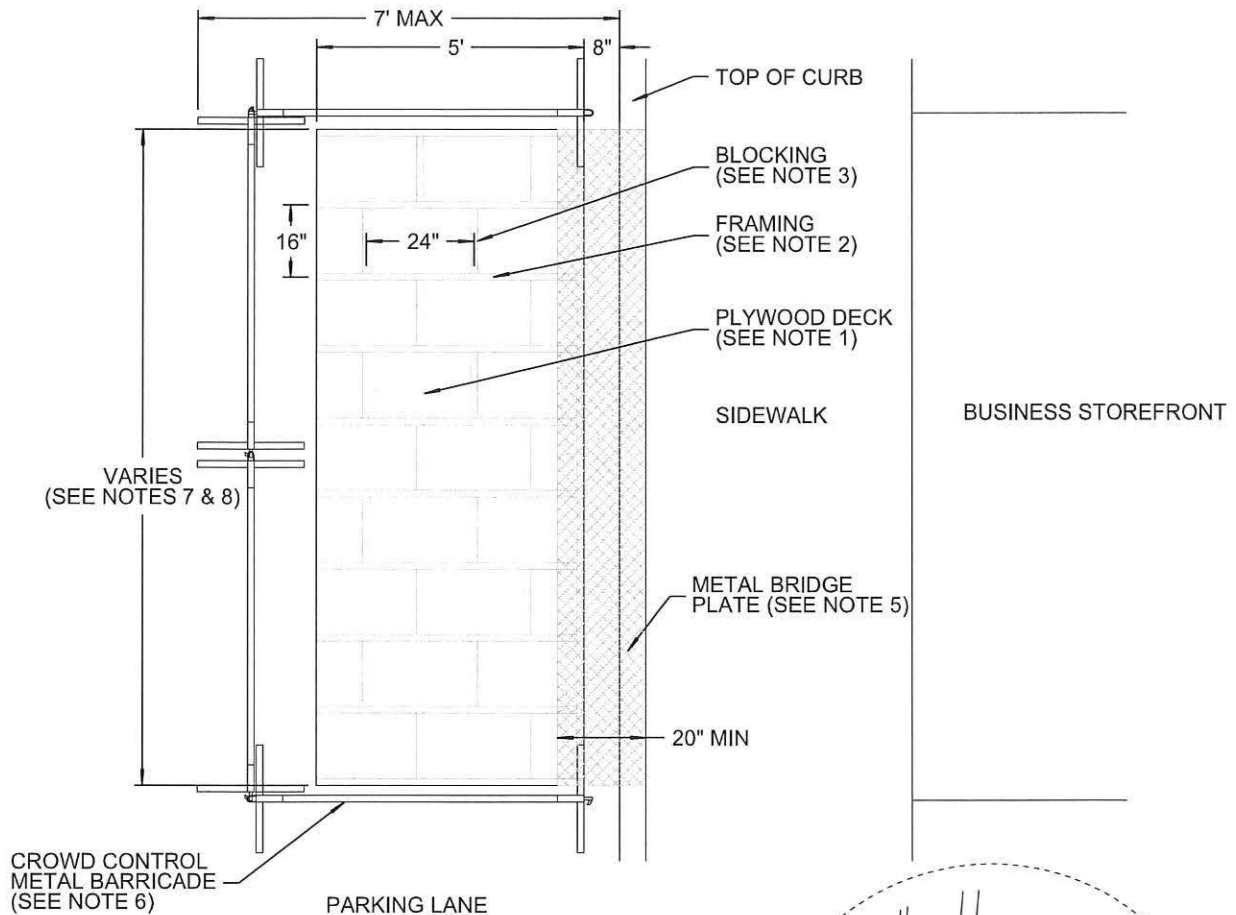
  
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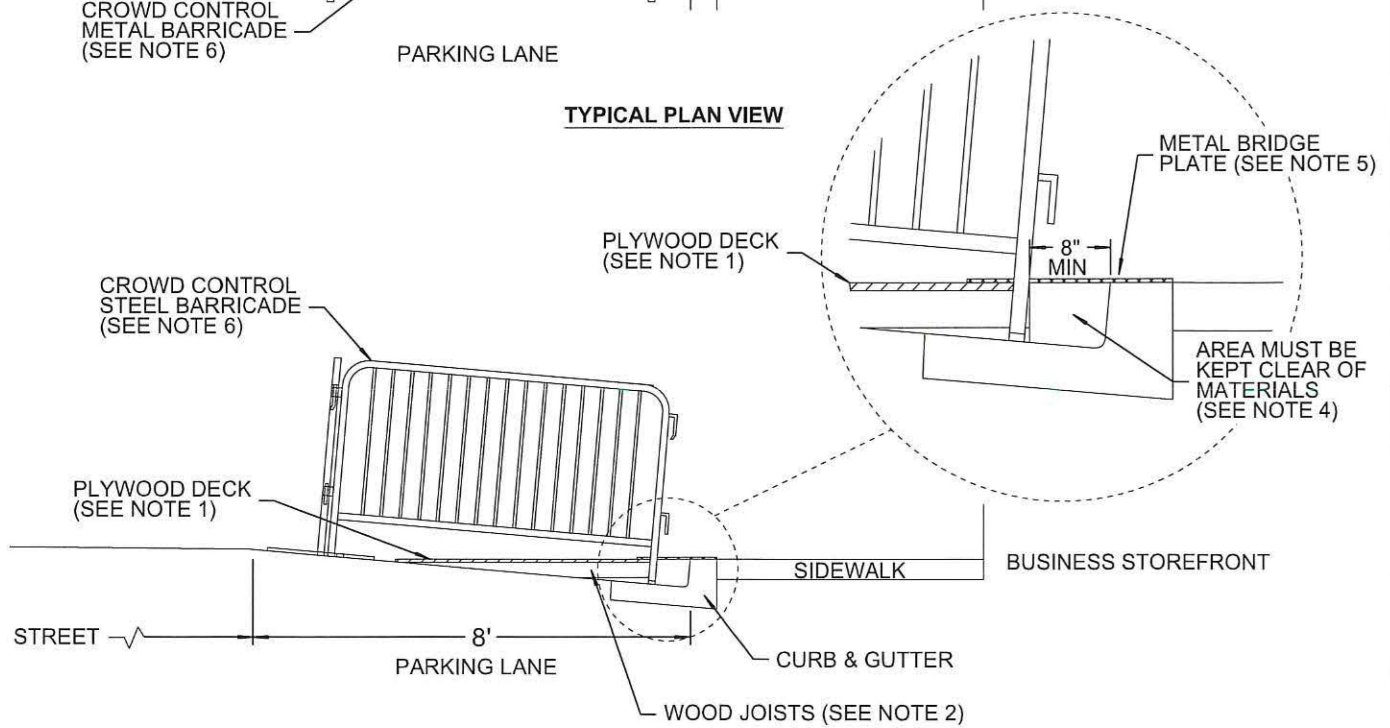
Attachment: Standard Drawing SDM-131 Temporary Pedestrian Plaza/Outdoor Dining Platform

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**TYPICAL PLAN VIEW**



**TYPICAL SIDE ELEVATION**

SEE SHEET 2 FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES

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REVISION	BY	APPROVED	DATE	CITY OF SAN DIEGO - STANDARD DRAWING	RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO STANDARDS COMMITTEE
ORIGINAL	LS	J. NAGELVOORT	01/21		
				<b>TEMPORARY PEDESTRIAN PLAZA / OUTDOOR DINING PLATFORM</b>	 01/15/21 COORDINATOR R.C.E. 56523 DATE
				DRAWING NUMBER	<b>SDM-131</b>

**NOTES:**

1. THE DINING PLATFORM SURFACE SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED WITH A MINIMUM 3/4" THICK PLYWOOD (TYPE CDX, GRADE C, MINIMUM) WITH A TOP FINISH OF A SLIP-RESISTANT COATING. THE DECK SLOPE SHALL BE NO GREATER THAN 2% IN ANY DIRECTION TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT FEASIBLE.
2. PLATFORM FRAMING SHALL BE 2X4 (MINIMUM) AT 16 INCHES ON CENTER CONTOURED TO MATCH THE SLOPE OF THE ROADWAY TO PROPERLY LEVEL THE PLATFORM SURFACE WITH THE TOP OF THE CURB.
3. PROVIDE 2X4 BLOCKING BETWEEN JOISTS AT EVERY 24 INCHES ON CENTER, STAGGERED THE ENTIRE LENGTH AND WIDTH OF THE DINING PLATFORM.
4. A MINIMUM SEPARATION OF 8 INCHES IS REQUIRED BETWEEN THE EDGE OF THE PLATFORM AND THE FACE OF CURB FOR PROPER DRAINAGE AND STORM DRAIN COMPLIANCE.
5. THE METAL BRIDGE PLATE SHALL BE 1/4" THICK, SLIP-RESISTANT AND SECURELY BOLTED TO THE DECK WITH A SLOPE NOT TO EXCEED 5.0%. THE METAL BRIDGE PLATE SHALL OVERLAP WITH THE TOP OF CURB A MINIMUM OF 6". IF THE METAL BRIDGE PLATE IS THICKER THAN 1/4" BUT LESS THAN 1/2", THE LEADING EDGES MUST BE BEVELED WITH A SLOPE NOT STEEPER THAN 2:1.
6. THE SIDES OF THE DINING PLATFORM, ON THE STREET SIDE, SHALL BE PROTECTED WITH 45" HIGH FLAT BASED CROWD CONTROL METAL BARRICADES WITH LINKING HOOKS, OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT. THE BARRICADES SHALL NOT EXCEED A MAXIMUM 7 FEET FROM THE FACE OF THE CURB.
7. THE DINING PLATFORM SHALL NOT OBSTRUCT ANY PUBLIC UTILITIES, UTILITY ACCESS HOLES, ACCESS PANELS AND/OR VALVES.
8. THE DINING PLATFORM SHALL NOT BLOCK ANY DRIVEWAYS OR EXCEED THE PROPERTY LINE OF THE PROPERTY IT SERVES.
9. THE APPLICANT SHALL MAINTAIN AN ACCESSIBLE MINIMUM 5-FOOT WIDE, CLEAR, UNOBSTRUCTED, AND STRAIGHT PEDESTRIAN ACCESS CORRIDOR (WITH 6-FOOT 8-INCH OVERHEAD CLEARANCE) AT THE SIDEWALK NEXT TO THE PLATFORM AT ALL TIMES. SIGNS, DINING TABLES AND CHAIRS, AND OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS ARE RESTRICTED ALONG THIS PEDESTRIAN ACCESS CORRIDOR. A 5-FOOT CLEAR, PAVED, AND UNOBSTRUCTED PORTION OF THE SIDEWALK SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES IN FRONT OF THE MAIN ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE TO THE PLATFORM AND THE BUSINESS STOREFRONT.
10. THE DINING PLATFORM SHALL NOT BE INSTALLED ON A STREET WITH A SPEED LIMIT GREATER THAN 30 MILES PER HOUR.
11. THE DINING PLATFORM SHALL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE USE OF DESIGNATED ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES, CROSSWALKS, PEDESTRIAN PUSHBUTTONS, BIKE LANES, FIRE LANES, CURB RAMPS, METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM (MTS) STOPS OR OTHER ACCESS FEATURES OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.
12. THE APPLICANT SHALL SWEEP OUT DEBRIS FROM UNDER THE DINING PLATFORM TO KEEP IT FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL DEBRIS AT ALL TIMES.
13. IT IS THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE DRAINAGE AREA BETWEEN THE CURB AND THE PLATFORM REMAINS CLEAR OF DEBRIS AND PROPER DRAINAGE OCCURS AT ALL TIMES. DURING RAIN EVENTS, AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE CITY THE PLATFORM MAY NEED TO BE REMOVED AT THE APPLICANT'S EXPENSE TO PREVENT FLOODING.
14. IT IS THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED ACCESSIBLE SEATING AND TABLES AT ALL DINING AREAS OF THE RESTAURANT INCLUDING THE PLATFORM AREA AS REQUIRED IN THE 2010 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE.
15. UPON A 30-DAY NOTICE AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE CITY ENGINEER, THE APPLICANT SHALL REMOVE THE PLATFORM FROM THE STREET FOR ANY PLANNED CITY OVERLAY, SLURRY SEAL OR OTHER MAINTENANCE OR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. REMOVAL SHALL BE AT THE DINING PLATFORM OWNER'S EXPENSE.
16. AT THE CITY'S SOLE DISCRETION THE CITY ENGINEER MAY REQUIRE REMOVAL OF THE PLATFORM, AT THE APPLICANTS EXPENSE, IF IT IS NOT USED OR MAINTAINED AS INTENDED, IF IT IS DETERMINED TO BE A PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD OR PUBLIC NUISANCE, OR IF USE OF THE SPACE IS NEEDED FOR ANOTHER PURPOSE.
17. ANY DEVIATIONS FROM THIS STANDARD (I.E. SLOPES, MATERIALS, FRAMING, ETC.) REQUIRE A REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DEVIATION FROM STANDARDS FORM.
18. ANY DESIGN DEVIATIONS (I.E. PLANTERS, PERIMETER FIXED SEATING, AND OTHER ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES) WILL REQUIRE THE ENTIRE PLATFORM BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE APPROPRIATE REGULATORY REVIEW AND PERMITTING PROCESS SUBJECT TO FEES.
19. THE APPLICANT IS RESPONSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OTHER STATE AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS AND SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CODE REQUIREMENTS ON DINING AND OTHER RELATED FOOD, WINE, LIQUOR, AND BEVERAGE SERVICES.
20. APPLICANTS CHOOSING TO USE THIS STANDARD DRAWING MUST AGREE TO SIGN A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY SUCH THAT THE APPLICANT ASSUMES ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGES OR PERSONAL INJURIES THAT MAY OCCUR, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO FLOOD DAMAGE AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF INSTALLING THE DINING PLATFORM WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.

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