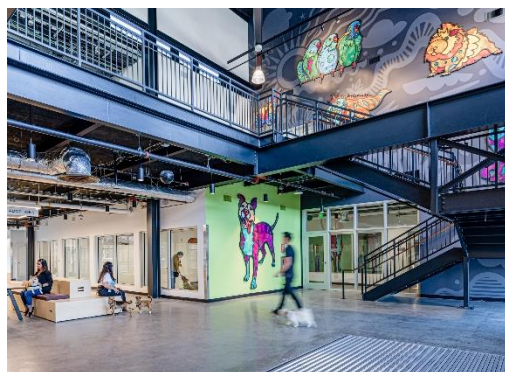


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# Shared Spaces Parklets

## History and Overview

### Program Evolution

- **2009** Parklet Program kicks off
- **2020** COVID State of Emergency, launch Shared Spaces
- **2021** Ordinance passed making program permanent



**Interdepartmental Program**

# Shared Spaces Parklets Statistics

Pre-pandemic program: Approximately 50 public parklets

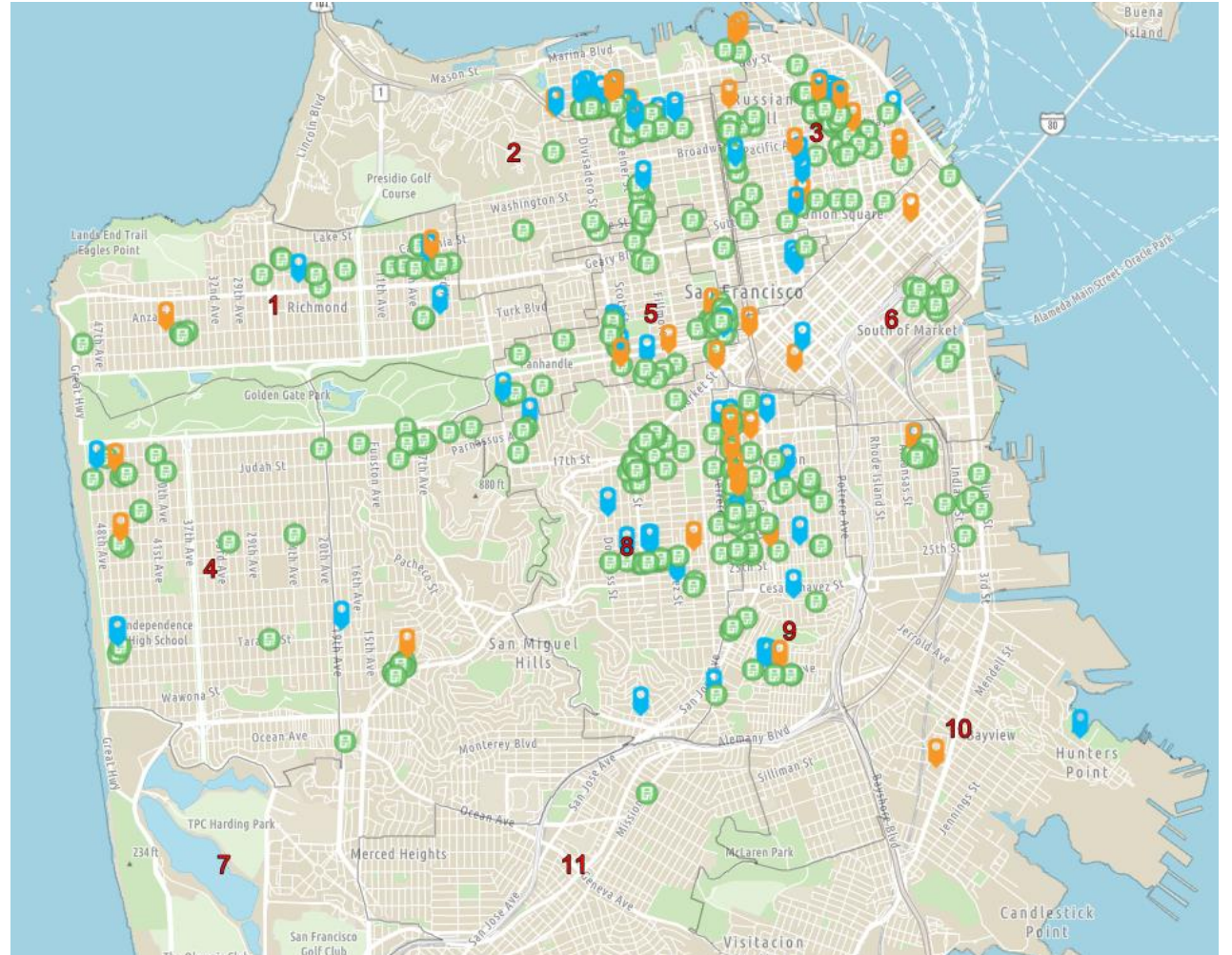
Height of the pandemic: More than 2,000 permit applications approved

Today: 371 parklets are permitted and verified as compliant with current program

- 67 have approved site plans and are in the process of building/modifying their parklets
- 40 applications are under review by the interagency team

More info:

[Active Applications & Permit Statuses](#)



# Shared Spaces Parklets - Requirements and Design Guidelines

- SFMTA footprint
- Visibility at intersections  
(daylighting)
- Utility clearances
- Adequate drainage
- Accessibility
- Fire safety and emergency access  
(gaps, setbacks, sightlines)
- Heating and electrical



# Shared Spaces Parklets - Permitting Process

1. Application is submitted through online portal: <https://www.sf.gov/apply-shared-spaces-permit-sidewalk-or-parking-lane>.
2. Application is first reviewed by the SFMTA.
  1. Determines the designated footprint for the parklet.
3. Application is then passed onto Public Works for final review.
  1. Ensures that site plan addresses accessibility, fire safety, and emergency access requirements.
4. After accepting a site plan, conditional approval to build or modify parklet is granted.
  1. 60-day timeframe for construction.
5. When parklet modifications are complete, a Public Works inspector will visit the site to verify compliance.
6. Final permit approval is issued.
7. Permit renewals are completed on an annual basis and the Treasurer & Tax Collector assists with billing fees.



# QUESTIONS