

Dear TPPB members,

I've appreciated the Streatery program, and the speed with which the city put it together. Overall it's been very positive.

For instance, if you look at how many more people can take advantage of a parking spot that's been repurposed, vs. the storage of a single privately owned vehicle. This is an excellent example of redefining how we use public square footage.

I do think it's important to make sure that streateries are ADA-accessible (ie. ramps down from sidewalks where needed). I also think we should designate ADA parking spaces elsewhere if those have been displaced by streateries.

Related to that, one of the drawbacks of the program is smoking. There are plenty of places I could previously go to eat indoors, and be protected by Wisconsin's smoking ban. At some streatery locations, smoking areas and eating areas get conflated, and as a result, people with asthma--or just people sensitive to the risks of secondhand smoke--are made unwelcome. I would love to support these businesses during a trying time. It would be easier for restaurant owners/managers to enforce non-smoking in their outdoor areas if it was coming from city ordinance.

Thank you!
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