



Rebuilding Takoma Public Space Proposal

Request: Repurpose Laurel Ave and Parking Spaces to provide additional public space for socially-distanced pedestrian passage, outdoor dining and outdoor retail in areas outlined below to aid in the Takoma small business recovery process.

1.) Open Laurel Ave to pedestrians only and allow restaurants and retail to expand into sidewalks (not blocking current passage), parking spaces and partially into street. A clear wide channel will be defined for pedestrian passage from the edge of median into street and the median remains open and accessible.

- Prohibit vehicles on "Business side" of Laurel Avenue for approximately 6 months (warm weather months June - Oct/Nov), 24/7
- Keep "Church side" of Laurel open and fully operational in the same direction to allow vehicle passage, parking, and an area for businesses to offer curbside pick up
- Move handicap parking space from current space in front of Pizza Movers across to the church side
- Install directional signage to reroute traffic around church
- Street layout including walkways, dining areas and retail display areas to be diagrammed and agreed upon

2. Provide parking spaces to restaurants to offer socially-distanced outdoor dining.

- Cielo Rojo, 7056 Carroll Ave, 1 space
- Great Shoals, 7050 Carroll Ave, 1 space
- Roscoe's, 7040 Carroll Ave, 2 spaces
- Trattoria Da Lina, 7000 Carroll Ave, 2 spaces
- Takoma Bev Co 6917 Laurel Ave, (currently rents 2) requests 2 spaces additional or more if street closed
- Kin Da 6923 Laurel Ave, (currently rents 1) requests 1 space additional
- Spring Mill Bread Co, 7300 Carroll Ave requests 2 spaces on Grant Ave
- Shared Curbside Pick Up Spots - evening only. Locations TBD.

Responsibility:

Businesses are responsible for all monitoring and cleaning of spaces and spaces will follow Montgomery County Alcohol service guidelines.

Cost and Communication:

The above is requested at no cost to the businesses for an agreed upon period of time to aid in business recovery. In addition, a proposed monthly check in with businesses and community is proposed to determine that repurposing is functioning as planned and remains useful.