The Department of Transportation and Department of City Planning are co-leading a design process to engage with New Yorkers to help shape the Permanent Open Restaurants program.

We want to hear from you: What are your priorities for the permanent program and what are your ideas for how the program can create dining setups that are safe, accessible, equitable and good neighbors?

Take the NYC Open Restaurants survey by December 31st! And join us on January 11th or 12th for virtual roundtables that are open to the public, where any New Yorker can share their thoughts on the permanent Open Restaurants program!

To take the survey and learn more about the program, please visit us at: www.nyc.gov/openrestaurants

WHAT IS THE PERMANENT OPEN RESTAURANTS PROGRAM?

The Permanent Open Restaurants program will provide restaurants the option of offering outdoor dining on the sidewalk and/or the roadway immediately in front of a restaurant. It will build on the successes and the lessons learned during the emergency Open Restaurants program. The permanent program, which will be run by the Department of Transportation, will balance the needs of everyone using our streets and sidewalks while ensuring they are safe and vibrant.

WHAT ARE THE KEY PRINCIPLES OF THE PERMANENT PROGRAM?

Accessibility: It will require setups that are inclusive to all users.

Appearance: It will ensure clean, attractive and well maintained setups that enhance the local community.

Equity: It will ensure that all restaurants and all neighborhoods have an opportunity to participate.

Neighborhood Context: It will ensure setups work well in varying street contexts and neighborhood characteristics.

Safety: It will put safety first, providing access for emergency vehicles and ensuring that setups are safe spaces that protect pedestrians, diners, and drivers.
THE VISION

a program that continues to safely enliven streets across the five boroughs!

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It will ensure clean, attractive and well maintained setups that enhance the local community.

It will ensure that setups are temporary and removable.

It will ensure that restaurants in all neighborhoods will have the opportunity to participate.

It will ensure that setups add vibrancy and add to neighborhood characteristics.

It will require setups that are inclusive to all users.

It will ensure setups work well in varying street contexts.