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Kenton Business Association &
Businesses participating in Kenton Street Plaza

The Kenton Business Association (KBA) was issued a Healthy Business permit for a Main Street Plaza on N Denver Ave in the Kenton Neighborhood. The Main Street Plaza began starting the week of August 3rd and included a short re-route of TriMet Bus #4. Due to additional input and feedback from area business owners, this permit is currently being revised. Starting Monday, August 17, N Denver Avenue will re-open to vehicle traffic. The existing permit will be revised to include on-street parking spaces for businesses interested in participating in using that space for Parking Plazas. For businesses with their own Healthy Business permit, no changes will be made to those permits.

Healthy Business permits are part of the Safe Streets Initiative. The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) launched the Safe Streets Initiative in response to the Covid-19 public health crisis. Part of this initiative is a Business Toolkit, including Healthy Business permits, that allow temporary changes to streets to give people more space to conduct business safely.

Next Steps

- PBOT will work with the KBA to remove traffic control devices to allow for the re-opening of N Denver travel lanes on Monday, August 17th.
- PBOT will issue a revised permit to the KBA limited to the existing parking spaces. The bureau will provide traffic control devices for businesses interested in using the parking space in front of their business for a Parking Plaza. A Parking Plaza uses parking spaces for outdoor commerce or dining and can include tables, chairs, or other furnishings to support outdoor operations.
- PBOT will deliver traffic control devices to create Parking Plazas on Monday, August 17. Businesses interested in using parking spaces for vehicles and are not interested in a Parking Plaza under the revised KBA permit should email PBOTBusinessToolkit@portlandoregon.gov. PBOT will be on site Monday to facilitate the revised set up. We will make every attempt to contact businesses directly before Monday who have stated they wish to retain parking use along their frontage.
- The TriMet #4 bus may remain re-routed for the duration of the permit period, currently scheduled through September 30.



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- PBOT will facilitate additional conversations among business owners to determine an arrangement for N Denver for the remainder of Summer 2020, including the potential for weekend-only Main Street Plaza, Side Street Plazas, or only Parking Plazas.
- Individual businesses may apply for their own Healthy Business permit (visit the Healthy Business permit website to begin the application process: <https://www.portland.gov/transportation/safestreetspdx/what-healthy-businesses-permit>). New individual Healthy Business permits will take at least two weeks to issue and will require businesses to provide insurance.

The website above includes a feedback form, which can be used to provide feedback about any aspect of the Healthy Businesses program, including the activity on N Denver Ave, as well as impacts to transit service and parking. If you are unable to use the online form, feedback may be shared by email at PBOTBusinessToolkit@portlandoregon.gov.

Sincerely,
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