



Franklin Street Lane Closure and Business Reopening Under Phase 2

Recommendation:

That the Council Authorize the Town Manager to temporarily permit expanded use of outdoor areas, including sidewalks, parking lots and other public and private outdoor spaces for dining and other retail activity, and to allow temporary signage for businesses.

Community Interest & Need

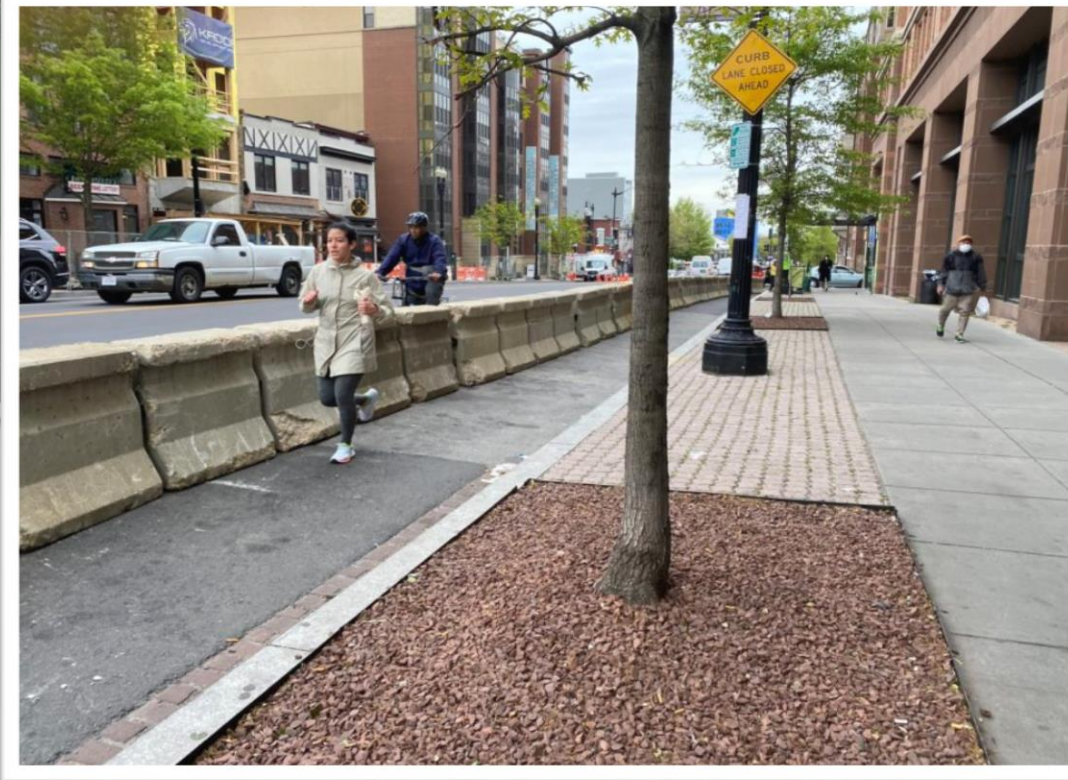
- Feet on Franklin Petition
 - Over 1,000 signatures
- Downtown Partnership
- Executive Order 141
 - Restricting indoor business occupancy
- Create safe and inviting environment for Downtown visitors



National Examples



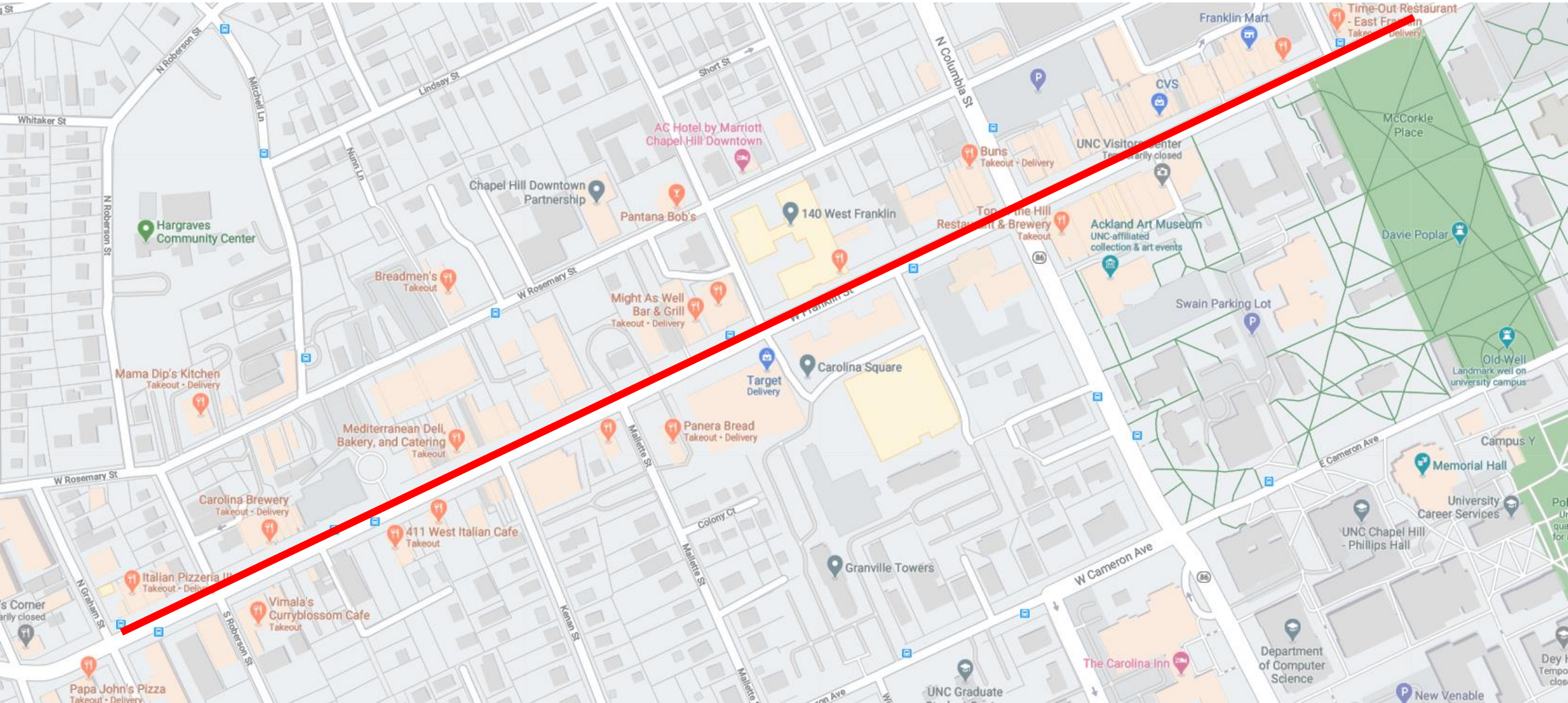
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Right: Chapin, SC



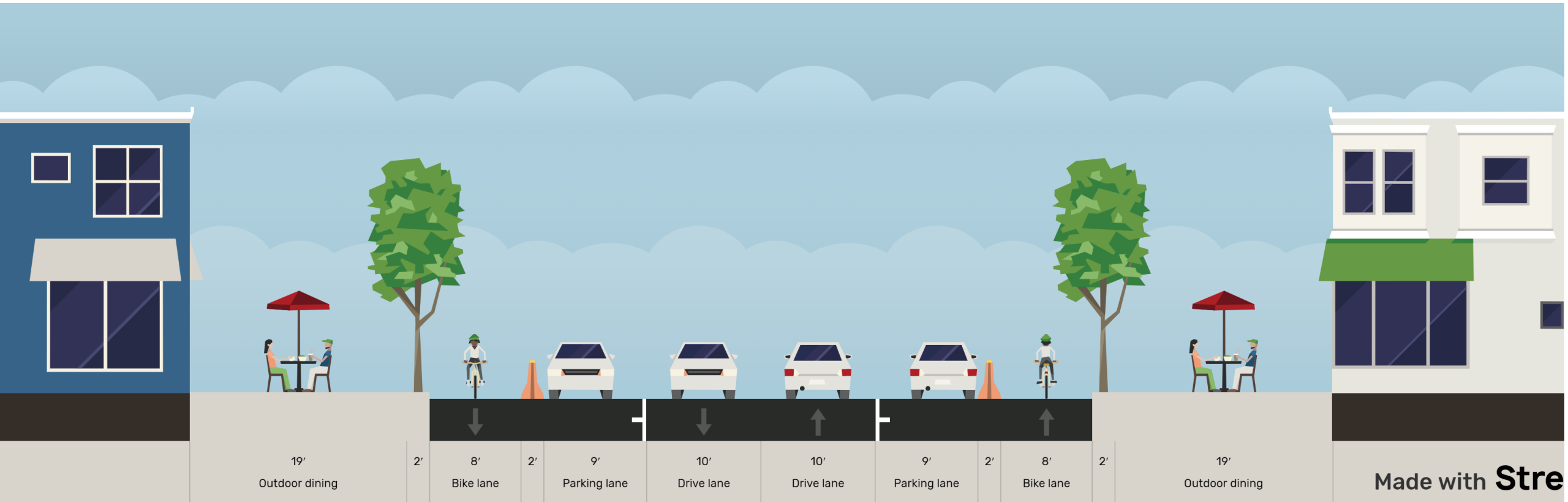
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- Intended to help restaurants and businesses expand capacity – **not to create a gathering or social space**
- Protected pedestrian lanes to create more space for people to bike, walk, run, shop and dine.
- Conceptual approval received from DOT, official approval will be issued upon further review of plans.
- On-street parking will be preserved where possible, as well as loading zones, curbside pick up spots, and access to bus stops.

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In-street multiuse path

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What Does This Ordinance Allow?

- Existing retail businesses (non-food/beverage) can apply through the sidewalk dining permit process for sidewalk sales.
- Requirements of the sidewalk dining permit are not changing.
- Sidewalk permit fees will be waived while ordinance is in effect.
- Additional outdoor use requests should go through the special events process already in place under Community Arts & Culture.
- Temporary signs will be allowed while this ordinance is in effect (for the purpose of indicating a business is open, offering take out, etc.)

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