CityBench Siting

DOT installs benches on standard concrete sidewalks in good condition. If a BID or other organization suggests sites for benches on distinctive paving, it must pour concrete footings per DOT specification to accommodate installation. DOT will not install benches on bluestone or granite in historic districts. DOT will also not install in loading zone or school bus loading zones.

Each bench must be installed so as to leave an **8-ft clear path**. A sidewalk therefore must be at least 12 feet wide for backed benches and at least 14 feet wide to accommodate a backless bench.

Specific clearances are as follows (all clearances are minimums except where otherwise noted):

25' Main entrance to a school, measuring from the center line	2'-3'*	Curb Face on Sidewalk
Sidewalk Café Newsstand Fire Hydrant/Standpipe on Building 10'-15'* Pole at Bus Stop without Shelter (does not apply to SBS sites) 10'	25'	Main entrance to a school, measuring from the center line
Newsstand Fire Hydrant/Standpipe on Building 10'-15'* Pole at Bus Stop without Shelter (does not apply to SBS sites) 10'	15'	Subway Entrance (open side)
Fire Hydrant/Standpipe on Building 10'-15'* Pole at Bus Stop without Shelter (does not apply to SBS sites) 10' The area created by extending building lines to curb Crosswalk Wayfinding sign/ directional signage Driveway/Curb Cut/Ped Ramp 8' Bicycle Rack – Oriented such that bicycles are parallel to the curb (including all bicycles) Standpipe 5' Bike Share Station Street Tree Principal Entrance to a Landmarked Building (Lateral Distance) Canopy/ Marque/ Building projection Subway Entrance (closed end or side, never mouth) Public Telephone/LinkNYC Planters on the sidewalk not adjacent to the building façade Right-of-Way Bioswales and Storm Water Green Streets Leaning Bar (minimum) 3' Mail Box Street Light Parking Meter Pedestrian Ramp Street Sign Utility Hole Cover, Cellar Door, Areaway 1' Bench (maximum two benches) Edge of Tree Bed SBS Clearances 5' Fare machines		Sidewalk Café
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Edge of Tree Bed SBS Clearances 5' Fare machines		Utility Hole Cover, Cellar Door, Areaway
SBS Clearances 5' Fare machines	1'	Bench (maximum two benches)
5' Fare machines		Edge of Tree Bed
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^{*}The upper end of the range is the maximum clearance.