

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):

2'-3'*	Curb Face on Sidewalk
25'	Main entrance to a school, measuring from the center line
15'	Subway Entrance (open side)
	Sidewalk Café
	Newsstand
	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'	Bicycle Rack – Oriented such that bicycles are perpendicular to the curb
	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
<i>SBS Clearances</i>	
5'	Fare machines
	5' from curb (or in line with fare machines)

*The upper end of the range is the maximum clearance.