

January 2018

# EVERYONE IS KING: TEMPORARY PUBLIC SPACE INSTALLATIONS (PSIs)

Design Build Competition Stream 1: Call for Concept Proposals



# **EVERYONE IS KING!**

#### **BACKGROUND**

The King Street Transit Pilot launched in November 2017, exploring bold, transformative ideas on how to redesign the street and test a range of options to improve streetcar transit reliability, capacity and efficiency. In addition to the transit improvements, the Pilot also aims to improve place-making and support economic prosperity.

As part of the Pilot, new curb lane public spaces have been created between Bathurst and Jarvis. Temporary Public Space Installations (PSIs) will occupy some of these spaces.

#### COMPETITION

The 'Everyone is King' Design Build Competition is an opportunity to be part of and contribute to the rethinking of King Street. The intent of the competition is to create a series of attractive curb lane public spaces on King Street for all to enjoy.

The City of Toronto Transportation Services is requesting concept proposals for PSIs for the King Street Transit Pilot project. Winners will then prepare detailed design drawings, build and install the projects under the direction of the City's Public Realm Section.

The King Street Pilot currently has 19 public spaces. Local businesses are being given priority to activate these spaces. The remainder will be occupied by PSIs and Durable Destination Parklets (DPs).

Dimensions of the spaces are: depth 1.95 to 2.45m and length 15 to 138m. Concept proposals must be for a specific site, but should be flexible as they could be installed at a different public space location, pending on local business use.

Winning selections will showcase innovation through the exciting design of temporary PSIs, beginning on April 15, 2018. Installations will be rolled out over the duration of the King Street Pilot, scheduled to end in December 2018.

Competition submissions are due on February 15, 2018.

# WHAT ARE TEMPORARY PUBLIC SPACE INSTALLATIONS?

PSIs are temporary creative designs that encourage people to gather, sit and enjoy King Street. Examples of PSIs include, but are not limited to the following:

creative seating, tables, flowers, shrubs, trees, logs, stones, road murals, map, maze, garlands, banners, shade elements, photo exhibit, light projections, reflexology infinity meditation path, sculptures, hammocks, hopscotch, bleachers, go-karts, zip-line, curling, skating, shuffle board, miniputt, weight training, ping-pong, bowling, yoga spaces, performance stage, fashion show catwalk, propane heaters, free beverage stand, Little Free Library, World Cup 2018 destination, etc.

Some installations may require the team or a community partner to provide animation, such as leading a giant board game.



# TEMPORARY PUBLIC SPACE INSTALLATION

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this competition is to develop attractive PSIs that will make King Street a destination for everyone to use.

#### **INSTALLATION CATEGORIES**

The City will exhibit PSIs on King Street between April 15 and December 2018. The total number of installations and display period will depend on the types of submissions received and their corresponding budgets.

Installations should fall under one or more of these categories:

**Short (1 - 30 Days)** These installations will be displayed for 1 - 30 days. 'Short' display days do not need to be consecutive (i.e. proponents

could suggest each Saturday and Sunday in July).

**Medium (3 Months)** These installations will be displayed for 3 months. Start dates to be determined.

**Long (8 Months)** These installations will be displayed from April 15 until December 23, 2018.

The City reserves the right to alter installation dates during the Pilot. Winning teams will be provided sufficient notice.

#### **BUDGET**

The City will fund the following amounts per category:

**Short (1 - 30 Days)** \$500

**Medium (3 Months)** Up to \$100 per linear metre, minimum of \$2,000

**Long (8 Months)** Up to \$200 per linear metre, minimum of \$4,000

<sup>\*</sup>Lengths of spaces are described in the 'Everyone is King' Public Space General Information document.

### SPONSORSHIP AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Additional funds may be used to enhance the City-provided funds.

No advertising, logos and branding are permitted.

An acknowledgement plaque no larger than 12x12" will include the names of the winning team members and sponsors.



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#### REQUIREMENTS

- Dimensions: Depths of spaces vary between 1.95 to 2.45m. Lengths vary between 15 to 138m.
- Installations should be designed for a specific public space. The City reserves the right to substitute proposed locations.
- Must not contain any trip hazards.
- Total height of public space edge treatment must not exceed 1.0m.
- Total height of internal public space treatment must not exceed 2.4 meters.
- Access along pedestrian sidewalk must remain unobstructed.
  Installation must not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic or encroach upon the roadway or sidewalk.
- Must not contribute or create sight line obstructions impacting vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- Installations should enhance surroundings and not create a "blind" spot for illegal activities. No enclosed spaces in which people are concealed from public view.
- Must not to be fastened in any way to pavement, buildings, utilities or any other element within the right of way.

- Must not prevent access to public utilities for emergency or maintenance purposes for duration of the installation.
- Must be easily moved, if utilities needed to be accessed for example.
- Must withstand high winds and outdoor exposure between April 15 and December 2018.
- Must provide access/use to multiple users at once.
- Must provide interest to a broad range of users.
- Must be a free public amenity, without advertising and commercial activities.
- Must not create conditions that restrict water drainage or cause ponding.
- Must not create an environment that attracts or collects excessive litter or debris or encourages inappropriate graffiti vandalism.
- City-supplied planters defining the public spaces can be incorporated or excluded from future design proposal if replaced with other safety measures.
- Most spaces do not have a power source. Usage agreements are responsibility of proponent.

- Vegetation can be incorporated, but allowances must be made for ongoing maintenance.
- If the installation is on a platform, it should adhere to City's guidelines dated 03/13/17, excluding the reference to the September 31st deadline for removal.
- No installations shall rely on the closure of abutting travel lanes.
- Installations may take up to 5 consecutive days to be installed.
- Installers will only have access to the assigned public space area. No other staging area will be available. Most of the assembly should be done prior to delivery on King Street.
- Must not present any health or safety hazard, including design, construction techniques and materials used.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- All winning teams are responsible for building, installing and removing their installations.
- Proposals that include structural elements may require to be signed and stamped by an Ontario-certified architect, landscape architect or engineer.
- Proponents must demonstrate the team's capacity to build and install the project by the team's proposed installation date.



# **PSI KEY DATES**

January 9 PSI Call for Concept Proposals

All competition documents to be found at toronto.ca/kingstreetpilot.ca

January 22 PSI Pre-submittal Meeting

A non mandatory pre-submittal meeting will be held on January 22, 2018, 6:00pm until 7:00pm. Location: Metro Hall, Room 308,

55 John Street, Toronto, M5V 3C6.

February 6 PSI Deadline for submitting questions

Questions will be accepted until 11:59pm on February 6, 2018. Please email EIK.DBCompetition@toronto.ca.

February 15 PSI Concept Proposals Due

Proposal packages for designing, building, installing and removing a PSI shall be submitted by email to **EIK.DBCompetition**@

toronto.ca by 11:59pm on February 15, 2018. Proposal package submission to consist of two PDFs, maximum of 10MB per PDF.

Late February Winners to be contacted and agreements to be signed\*

Early March PSI Winners to be Announced

March 10 PSI Detailed Drawings Due

March 15 PSI Construction Begins

April 15 'Everyone is King' - Begin PSI Roll Out

December 2018 'Everyone is King' - PSIs Conclude\*\*

<sup>\*</sup> Winners will be advised as to when and where their PSI will be installed. Some installations will roll out after April 15, 2018. Teams will be given sufficient notice to adjust proposal if City needs to make adjustments to spaces or implementation schedules.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The timing of the disassembly of the PSI will depend on whether it is a Short, Medium or Long installation. These details will be established in the agreement.

# **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- Successful teams will agree to design, build, install and remove a PSI for an approved budget.
- Winners are responsible for maintaining the installation in a state of good repair due to regular public use.
- The City of Toronto assumes the responsibility for obtaining and absorbing the cost of all necessary permits required for the installation of the PSI.
- Insurance is covered under the umbrella of the City of Toronto.
- A Terms and Conditions Agreement will be signed by winning teams prior to a public announcement.



# PSI CONCEPT PROPOSAL PACKAGE

Packages are to be submitted as two separate PDFs.

**PDF 1:** This PDF will not be part of the Jury package.

#### **Team Information**

- Form: Team Name, Main Contact, Public Space Information (PSI Category including preferred dates, duration, Public Space #)
- Bios and resumes (8.5'x11", one page maximum per person)

**PDF 2:** This PDF shall exclude team names to remain anonymous.

- 1. Concept Summary (11x17", one page maximum)
  - Public Space #
  - 200 word description of the proposed project, including how the community will engage the space during the installation period.
  - Key drawings and images that best describe the concept proposal.

### 2. Concept Drawings and Views (11x17", one page maximum)

- Public Space #
- Context plan, including both sides of King Street and full extents of public space, with general dimensions.
- Plan of installation, with general dimensions.
- 4 elevations (if applicable i.e., a mural on the roadbed does not require elevations!), with general dimensions.
- Perspective view(s) from the sidewalk.

### 3. Budget

- Provide a detailed cost estimate of the materials, labour, installation and upkeep costs.
- If budget exceeds permissible budget, state that remainder will be covered by the team/sponsors.

### 4. Team Summary (8.5x11", three page maximum)

- 200 word maximum description of the team, including how the team's skills and experience bring value to this project.
- Images and brief descriptions of applicable projects created by the team.
- Proponents must demonstrate capacity to produce PSI by the proposed installation date.
- If installation requires animation by someone outside the team, a community partner must be identified.

# PSI CONCEPT PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Submissions will be reviewed by a Jury composed of local Business Improvement Areas, staff from Transportation Services and City Planning and Dave Meslin, an external advisor. Jury packages will exclude PDF 1 of the package, and therefore remain anonymous.

PSIs will be evaluated based on:

### 1. Concept Summary: 10 points

- Innovative merit
- The ability of the concept to foster a sense of neighbourhood and community pride
- The concept's ability to balance pedestrian amenities
- PSI category priority will be given to Long (8 month) installations and PSIs that are ready to be installed as of April 15, 2018

### 2. Concept Drawings and Views: 10 points

- Ability to be enjoyable, achievable, safe and resilient for the duration of the installation period
- Ability to respect the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Ontario Building Code and Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

### 3. Budget: 5 points

- Inclusion of all costs
- Within permissible budget

### 4. Team Summary (8.5x11", three page maximum): 5 points

• Sufficient experience/support to make project a success

Total available points: 30 points

# PSI SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Please submit an electronic copy of your PSI Concept Proposal in **two PDFs** as described above, maximum 10MB for each PDF, by email to: **EIK.DBCompetition@toronto.ca.** 

**PSI Concept Proposals** must be received by 11:59pm, February 15, 2018. Submissions will not be accepted past the deadline.

For further information or general questions, please email EIK.DBCompetition@toronto.ca. Please note that questions specifically related to the Call for Proposals must be submitted by 11:59pm, February 6, 2018.







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