



Title: Motion approving equipment purchases for Riverfront Park area.

Report From: Phil Kern, City Administrator

Action Requested:	<input type="checkbox"/> Informational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing
Form of Action:	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract/Agreement
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> NA	

Summary Statement

The Park and Recreation Commission is recommending purchasing equipment for the new shaded seating area along Riverfront Park, south of Bridge Avenue.

Recommended Action

1. Motion authorizing the purchase of seating consistent with the Park and Recreation Commission's recommendation for the shaded seating area in Riverfront Park

Core Strategies

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Services to meet needs | <input type="checkbox"/> Engage and Informed Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain financial sustainability | <input type="checkbox"/> High-Performing team of public servants |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conscientious asset/infrastructure mgmt. | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe and healthy community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable and planned growth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintain and protect community strengths |
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Background

Earlier in 2024, the Council approved a Park and Recreation Commission recommendation to order and install a large canopy shade structure in Riverfront Park. The recommendation included the addition of seating options to provide gathering and seating opportunities different from other areas of Riverfront Park. The Commission has continued to review seating options and at its July meeting reach conclusion on the recommendation.

The Commission is recommending "Option C" on the attachment, which shows three different options for seating choices and layout. Option C keeps the purchase within the planned \$20,000 budgeted amount and provides three different seating styles to add to this year. The styles include:

- Two-sided bench – the attachment shows this style, which is a long bench that provides seating that would face both downtown and the river. This style is recommended to make the area inviting to both areas.
- Double Lounger Bench – the concept shows two of the Lounger-style benches, which could be used by two people each and allow a more relaxed, "put your feet up" style of seating. These benches would face the river.
- Bench Swing – lastly, the concept includes two bench swings that would allow 2-3 people to be seated on a bench-style seat and can sway.

Option C also includes some open space on the plan, which the Commission would like to keep for a few future considerations. The idea would be to add a picnic table or two (available on site now), allow for people to bring their own lawn chairs, use a blanket, or add additional seating in the future. By not filling that space now, it would provide the flexibility to get feedback on all possible uses and make a decision later if a particular style is desired.

The equipment specified under Option C would total \$19,650, which is within the \$20,000 amount allocated in the 2024 Parks Capital Plan Budget for downtown pocket parks. The Commission is recommending approval.

Financial Consideration

Is there a financial consideration?

☐ No

☒ Yes

Financing Source:

☒ Budgeted

☐ Budget Modification

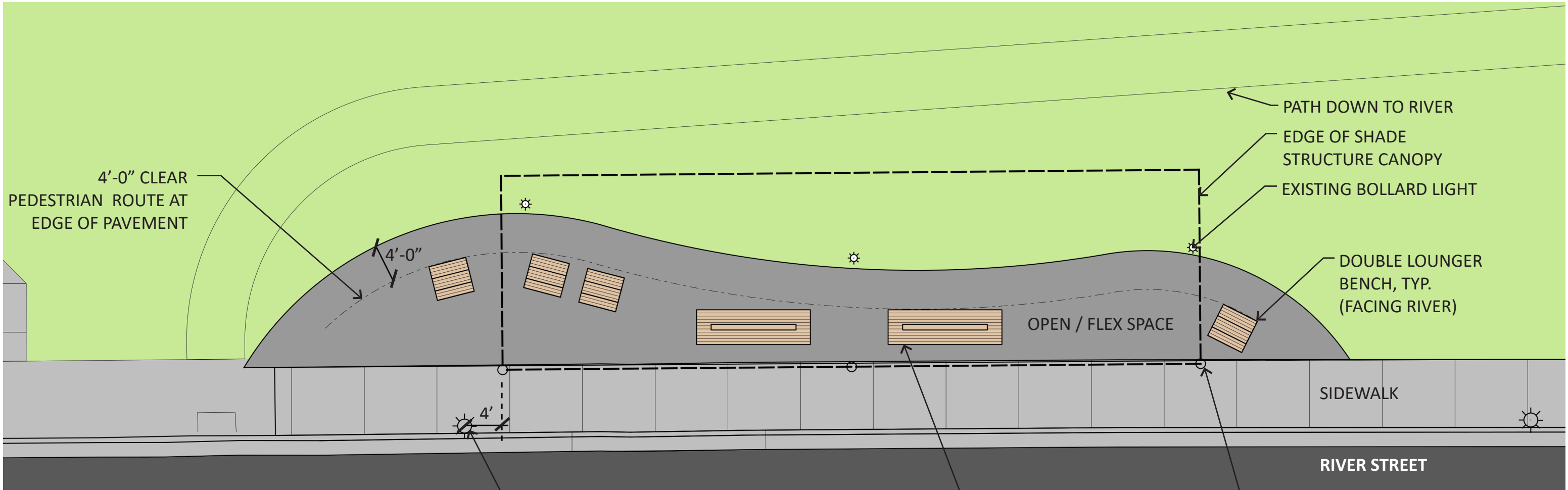
☐ New revenue source

☐ Use of revenues

☐ Other

Attachments:

☒ Riverfront Park South Concept Plans



South River Street Pocket Park Concept - Plan View

EXISTING STREET LIGHT, TYP.

TWO-SIDED WOOD AND STEEL BENCH (ORIENTED PARALLEL TO RIVER STREET)

SHADE CANOPY POST AND FOOTING



Double Lounger Bench (Facing River)
43”L X 47”W

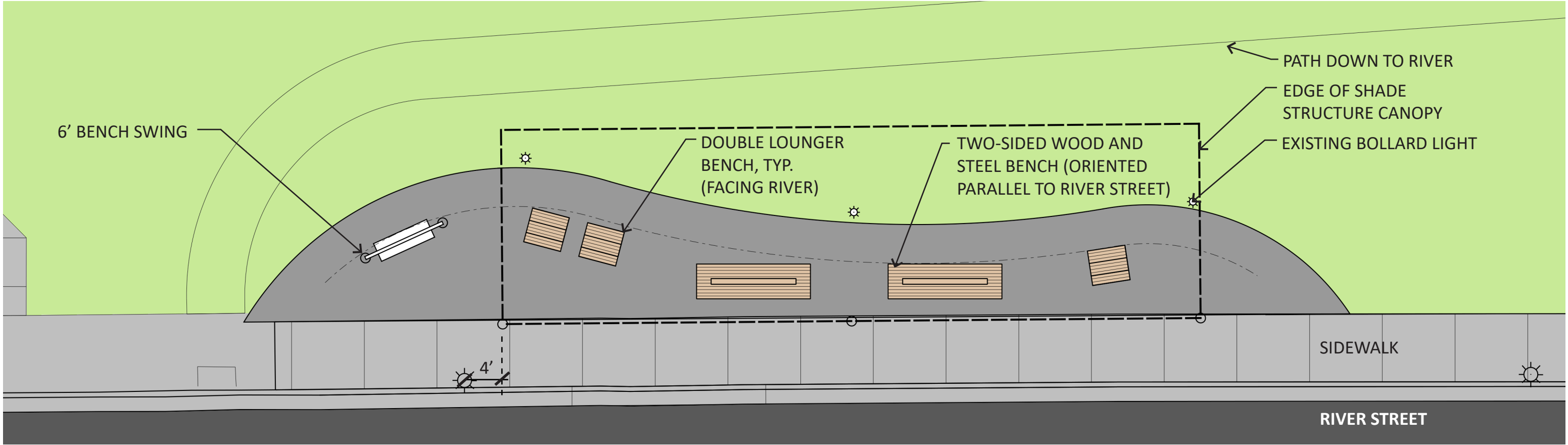


Two-Sided Wood and Steel Bench
11’-9”L X 43”W

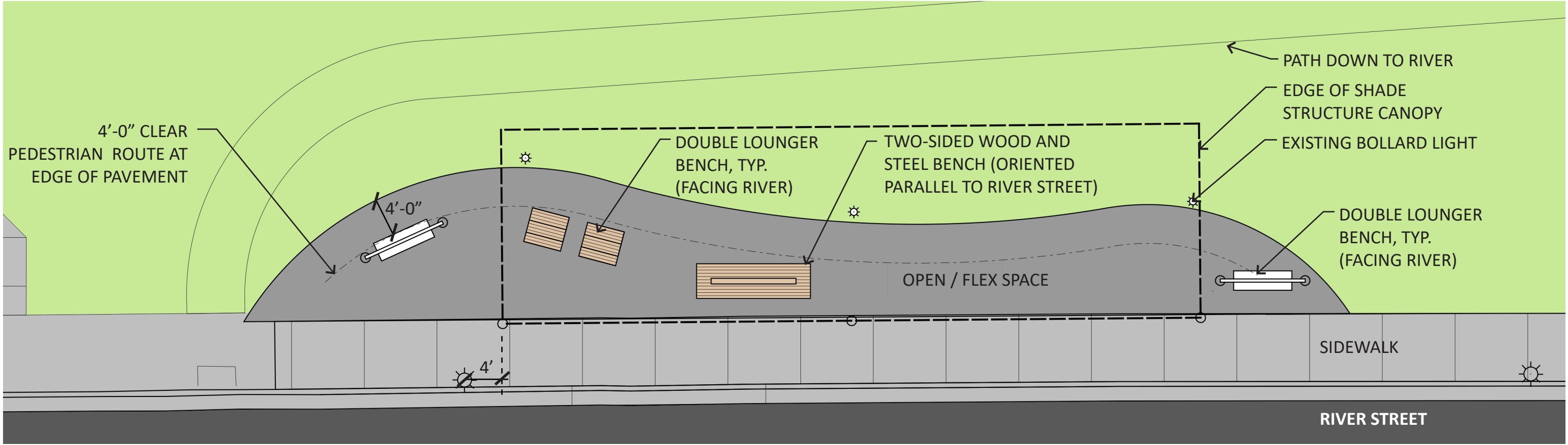
CUMARU (HARDWOOD) WITH NATURAL FINISH (FADES TO GRAY OVER TIME)

STEEL FRAME (POWDER COAT TO MATCH CANOPY POST COLOR)

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Alternate Concept B



Alternate Concept C

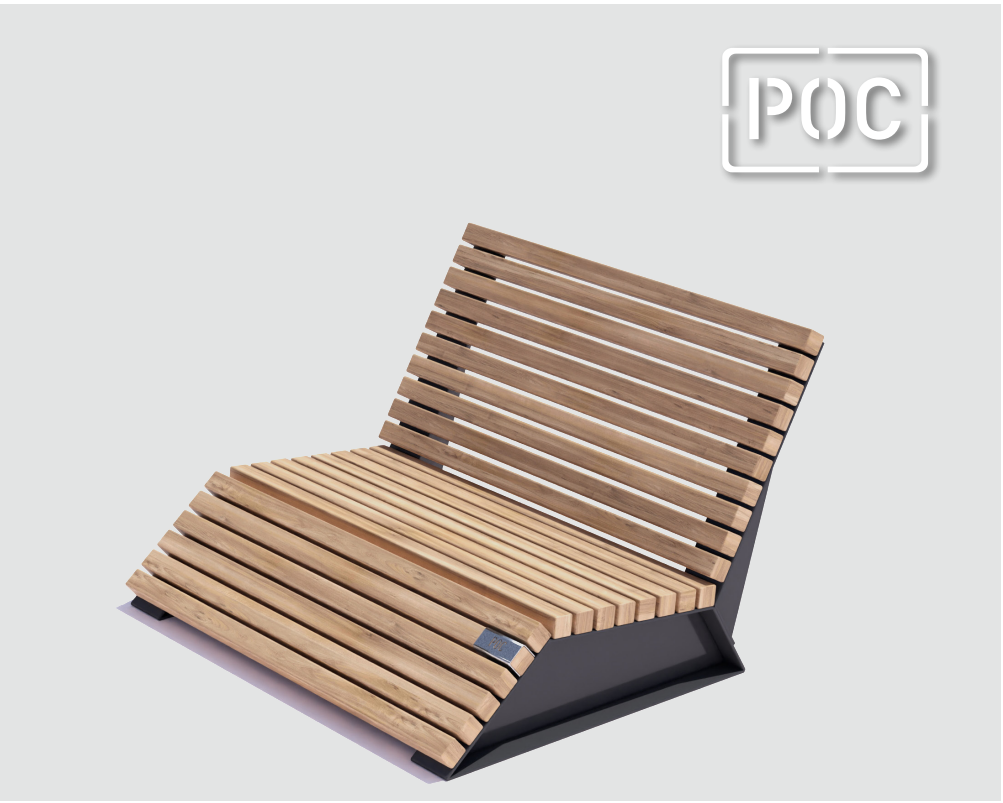
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**Lounger
Double**



110x120x80cm | 43"x47"x31"

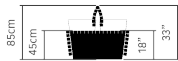


Double Lounger Bench

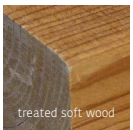
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**Bench L
High**



360x110x85cm | 141"x43"x33"

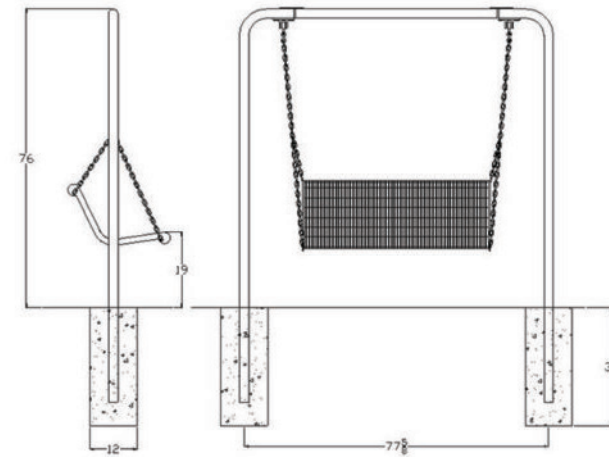


Two-Sided Bench

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Custom Wood Timber Frame Swing Bench
 Requires the most maintenance and upkeep
 Cost depends on design, \$5,000+
 (Example from Fireman's Park in Chaska)



Premier Plastisteel Hanging Swing Bench (Recommended Option)
 Approx \$1,750 ea plus tax and shipping



Landscape Forms Hanging Swing Bench
 (Most Expensive Option, around \$20,000 each)

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