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City To Install 1,000 New Benches, Seeks Input On Locations

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The city's five boroughs will soon be home to 1,000 new benches as part of the CityBench program, which aims to make streets walkable and more inviting.

There's been higher demand for outdoor seating, particularly for seniors.

"The main feature is the width of the seat. The seats are 26 inches wide so that allows you to sit on it, place a personal item right next to you. If you are a mother, you can place your toddler next to you. If you have a pet, you can place the pet on your seat and not block someone else's seat," said Ignazio Ciocchini, CityBench designer.

City officials are deciding where the benches will go.

They likely will be placed in some commercial areas, and near hospitals and senior centers.

To request a bench installation, visit www.nyc.gov/citybench.