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## Sidewalk extension project approved for Bay View business strip

The Common Council today approved a project that will widen the sidewalk by six feet along a portion of the east side of S. Kinnickinnic Ave. near E. Lincoln Ave., allowing for outdoor seating at businesses this summer, according to **Alderman Tony Zielinski**.

Alderman Zielinski led efforts for the project after he was approached by business owners. “The addition of outdoor seating along this portion of South KK will add to our efforts to enhance what has already become a very busy and popular location for Milwaukeeans to enjoy themselves,” he said, noting the area already boasts several popular restaurants, shops, galleries, and other venues.

**Francisco Araiza**, owner of Riviera Maya Mexican Restaurant, 2258 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., said he’s pleased that the project was approved by the Council.

“Having outdoor seating that enables customers to enjoy summer breezes while enjoying our food and drinks is absolutely essential for us,” Mr. Araiza said. “Also, outdoor seating will definitely also help make our stretch of KK more of a destination.”

**Ken Yandell**, co-owner of the Studio Lounge, 2246 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., said he is extremely pleased that the Council has approved the project. “This pedestrian-friendly development will truly enhance the vibrant and exciting nature of this great crossroads in Milwaukee’s Bay View neighborhood,” Mr. Yandell said.

A brief description of the project’s details states that the sidewalk will be widened from 8 to 14 feet, and will include replacement of curb and gutter.

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