

DISORDER AT AN OTR BUS STOP -PIVOT UNIT-

The Team:

CPD's PIVOT Team and Crime Analysts,
District One Neighborhood Liaison Unit Officers,
City Department of Transportation and
Engineering, Cincinnati Metro,
Corporation for Findlay Market

Scan:

During the OTR PIVOT project, a bus stop near the intersection of Race and Green near Findlay Market was identified by the community as contributing to public disorder. Residents routinely saw individuals sitting at and around the bench and shelter drinking alcohol, using drugs, littering, and generally engaged in disorderly behavior. In late July of 2024, a shooting occurred here. An individual at the stop was nonfatally shot.

Analysis:

Based upon officers and citizens' observations, the problem was clear in this case. Observations led the team to conclude that people who were not using the public transportation system had developed the routine of using this space for nuisance behaviors and criminal activity, likely because of the comfort and shelter that was available.

Response:

CPD's PIVOT team liaised with the City's Department of Transportation and Engineering and requested that Metro/SORTA temporarily remove the bench from the shelter. The shelter remained, as did the stop on the transportation network. The goal was to see if a relatively small change (removing seating) could achieve the desired result without removing the shelter or eliminating the stop. On October 22, 2024, seating was removed from this stop. The bench was reinstalled 97 days later, on January 27, 2025.

Assessment:

CPD's CAPS (Crime Analysis and Problem Solving) team conducted an assessment of the effect of this intervention. Reported crime and nuisance calls to police were collected for evaluation. Results are listed below. Maps are included on the back of this document.

	OFFENSE TYPE	PRE-PERIOD	POST-PERIOD	GRAND TOTAL
WITHIN 100 FEET	Shooting/Shots Fired	2	0	2
	Other Violent/Weapon	1	0	1
	Drug-Related	0	0	0
	Other Nuisance	7	5	12
	Total	10	5	15
BETWEEN 101 - 250 FEET	Shooting/Shots Fired	1	3	4
	Other Violent/Weapon	1	4	5
	Drug-Related	1	0	1
	Other Nuisance	9	7	16
	Total	12	14	26
BETWEEN 251 - 500 FEET	Shooting/Shots Fired	6	13*	19
	Other Violent/Weapon	9	9	18
	Drug-Related	10	5	15
	Other Nuisance	65	56	121
	Total	90	83	173
WITHIN 500 FEET	Grand Total	112	102	214

* Note: Historically there is celebratory gunfire on January 1st. This date and effect are seen in the Post-Period

	CALL CATEGORY	PRE-PERIOD	POST-PERIOD	GRAND TOTAL
WITHIN 100 FEET	Part 1 Property	1	1	2
	Part 1 Violent	1	0	1
	Part 2	3	0	3
	Total	5	1	6
BETWEEN 101 - 250 FEET	Part 1 Property	5	3	8
	Part 1 Violent	1	0	1
	Part 2	6	4	10
	Total	12	7	19
BETWEEN 251 - 500 FEET	Part 1 Property	13	9	22
	Part 1 Violent	4	5	9
	Part 2	7	4	11
	Total	24	18	42
WITHIN 500 FEET	Grand Total	41	26	67

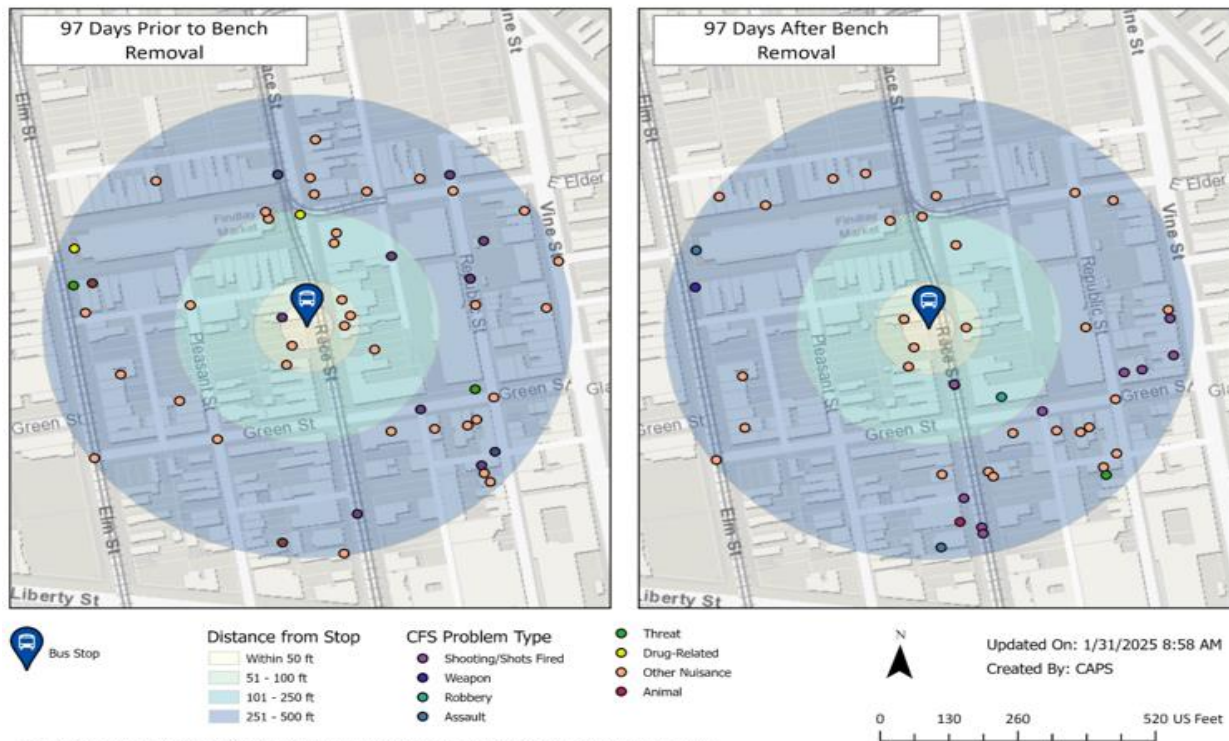
Nuisance calls for service within 100 feet declined after the bus bench was removed, by 50%. No dramatic changes were noted in the larger surrounding area. Reported crime declined dramatically within 100 feet of the stop after the bench was removed (5 vs. 1). Reported crime also declined within 500 feet of the stop. This intervention was part of the larger PIVOT strategy in north OTR, which included many responses. This response was separately studied so that we might learn more about the possible impact of nuanced physical space change.

Outcome: Incidents Reduced

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Change in "Nuisance" Calls for Service, 97 Days before and after Bench Removal

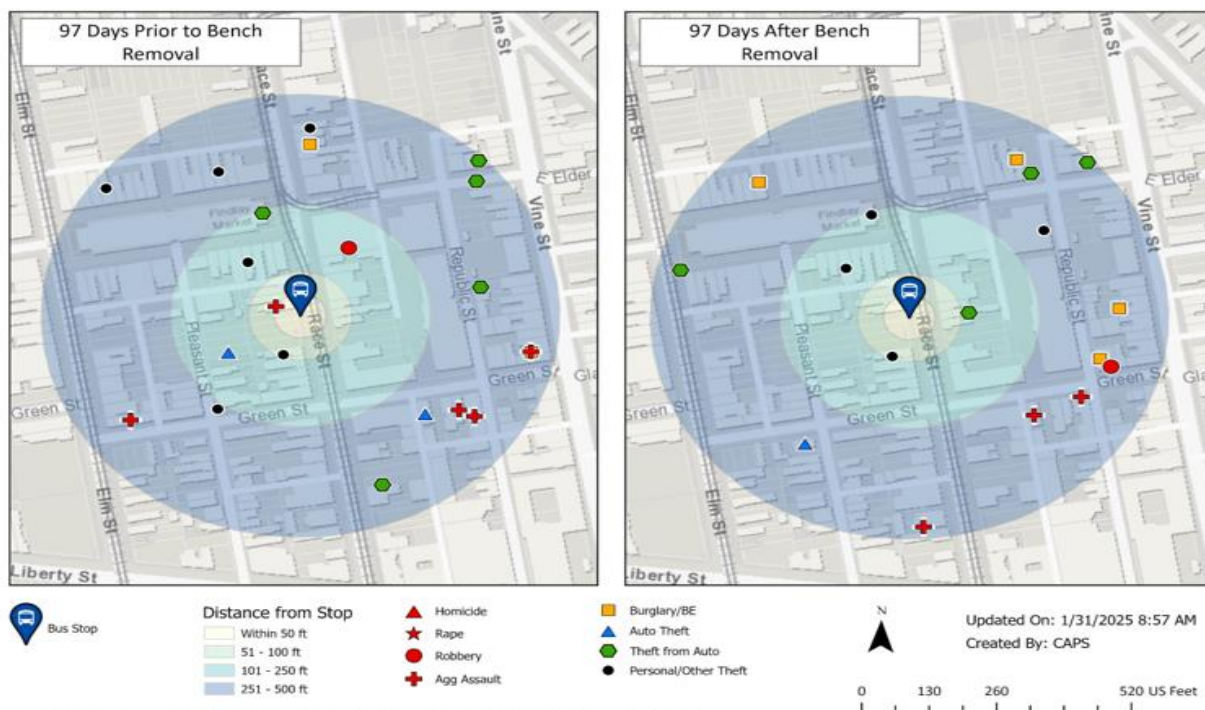
Race St & Green St; Over-The-Rhine -- July 19, 2024 - January 26, 2025



Note: Points are not dispersed. If calls or incidents occurred at the same location they appear as one point

Change in Reported Crime, 97 Days before and after Bench Removal

Race St & Green St; Over-The-Rhine -- July 19, 2024 - January 26, 2025



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