

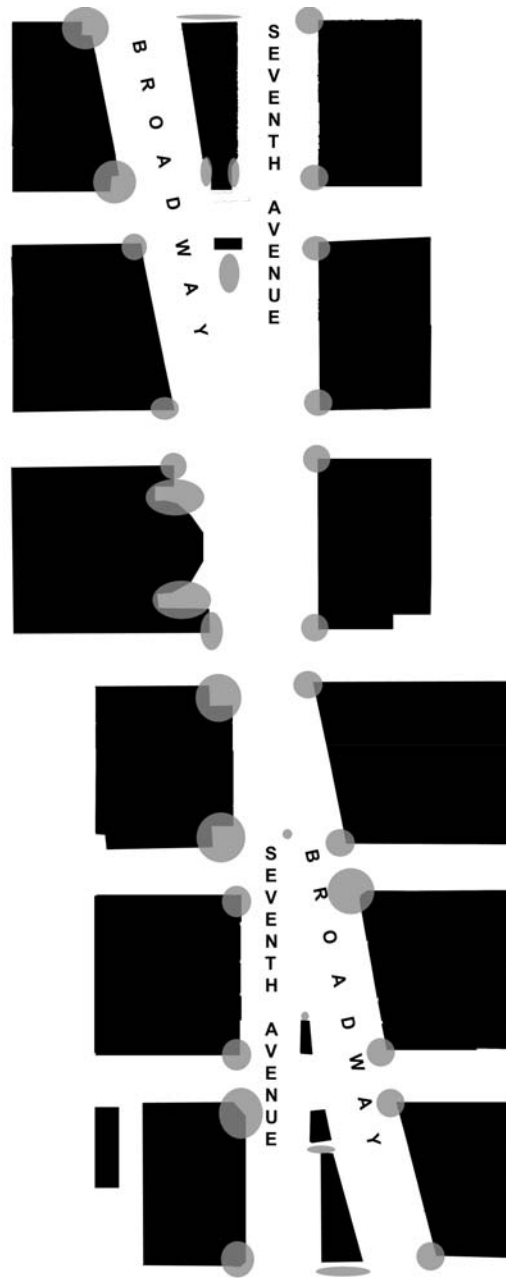
Table 9.2 Street furniture in Times Square

Street furniture/element	Number
Public telephones	53
Mailboxes	12
News huts	5
Bus stops	4
Hotdog vendors	15
Newspaper vending/leaflet distribution boxes	67

Table 9.3 Publications and leaflets in Times Square vending machines and distribution boxes

Publication	Form	Number of outlets
<i>New York Times</i>	Daily newspaper	5
<i>USA Today</i>	Weekly newspaper	7
<i>Village Voice</i>	Weekly local newspaper	4
<i>New York Press</i>	Free local alternative newspaper	9
<i>Gotham Writers' Workshop</i>	Free creative writing school guide	18
<i>The Learning Annexe</i>	Free local course/learning guide	10
<i>The Seminar Centre</i>	Free local course/learning guide	4
<i>Employment guide</i>	Free local employment guide	3
<i>Employment source</i>	Free local employment guide	4
<i>New York visitors guide</i>	Free guide	1
<i>New York Resident</i>	Local news and listings	1
<i>New York Family</i>	Local information	1
Total		67

The sitting and loitering spaces most favoured by the users of Times Square are illustrated in Figure 9.14, the use of which was particularly pronounced at night and at weekends. However, despite the widening of some of the pavements in the square, there was little chance to stop and relax. This is further hampered by shop fronts that contain no steps or walls to sit on or lean against, and by the absence of alcoves to stand in; with all facades flush to the pavement. The exceptions were the two external areas leading through to the drive through/drop off of the Marriott Marquis Hotel in element 4. The spaces in front of the hotel, particularly in the two alcoves, proved very popular with those who wanted to stop and rest. Buskers and hawkers (licensed and unlicensed) recognised this



9.14 Sitting/loitering space in Times Square