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DRAFT Proposals for Additional Downtown Bicycle Parking

Report to PBMVC from Rebecca Cnare, Planning Division

The State Street Design Oversight Committee broached the subject of the need for additional State Street bicycle parking during their approval of the B-cycle system. The Committee asked staff to follow-up with some potential ideas for increasing bicycle parking in the area. The PBMVC has also added this topic to their agenda, and as such, City Planning staff (with help from Warren Hansen, Laura Bauer and Arthur Ross) has put together the following ideas and DRAFT proposals for your discussion. One or more of these ideas may be worth pursuing. ***In all cases, further discussion with affected property owners will need to occur.***

Proposal A:

Extend existing racks

Laura Bauer (Mall Crew Supervisor) had a great idea to see if we could increase some capacity by swapping in some larger/longer bike racks where smaller ones are currently located. There were several locations where this would be possible without causing interference with other uses (vending, café, bus stop utilities etc.) This proposal could add as many as 30-40 bike stalls along the length of State Street.

Two possible illustrative examples for extension of existing racks on State Street:

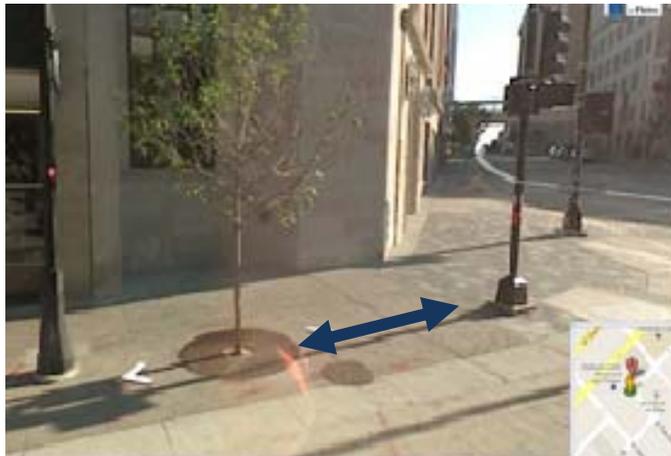


Proposal B:

Potential New State Street bicycle racks

There are also several locations where new bicycle racks could be installed. ***The following tenants/property owners have been contacted about potential new bicycle racks.*** If comments were received from owners/tenants, they have been included in this report. If additional comments are received prior to the PBMVC meeting, they will be presented at the Commission meeting.

- 202 State Street (Associated Bank): *Have not yet heard back from tenant/owner.*
 - Add a 3-stall rack in front of bank alcove wall.



- 437 State (Reprise Hair Studio): *Have not yet heard back from tenant/owner.*
 - Add a 3-stall rack between tree and light.



- 449 State (Dobra Tea House): *Have not yet heard back from tenant/owner.*
 - Add a 3-stall rack on Gilman Street (near man hole, perpendicular to Gilman)



- 417 State (Sacred Feather): *Have not yet heard back from tenant/owner.*
 - Switch one bench so that they face each other and add a small rack at the east end of their property



- 452 State: (City Info Station by Lisa Link Peace Park): *Notes from Owner/tenant: BID Ambassadors are fine with adding bike rack in front of building.*
 - There is a large open space available in front of the info building for a large 6-8 stall bike rack



- 501 State: (Stop n Shop): *Have not yet heard back from tenant or property owner.*
 - Replace existing rack with longer rack
 - Add small perpendicular 3-staff rack to match the one across the street



- 513/515 State (STA travel & MiaZa's Italian Café): *Have not yet heard back from travel agency or property owner, although owner of MiaZa's indicated that they would not be against a new rack.*

- Add a 3-stall bicycle rack between tree and light



- 539 State Street (Mullins – property owner): *Property owners indicated that they would be amenable to the idea of a new bike rack at the site noting that a significant redevelopment may occur on the parking lot at a future time which may warrant the relocation/reconfiguration of street furniture at that time.*

- Either add 3-stall rack or swap out existing rack for longer one.



Proposal C:

Potential New Capitol Square/Concourse Bicycle racks

There are also several locations where new bicycle racks could be installed. Since this survey was only completed on Tuesday 7/19, the following tenants/property owners have not yet been contacted about potential new bicycle racks. ***More discussion with property owners and tenants will be needed before final locations are determined.*** Additionally, Traffic and Planning staff will need to continue to coordinate with Vending Oversight Staff to avoid conflicts with cafes and vending sites.

Potential new Capitol Concourse racks:

- Additional parking meter bicycle rack “rings” could be added on several diagonal streets and triangle block streets where appropriate. (10-20 new stalls)
- Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd: Two racks have been removed on ML King Jr. Blvd for unknown reasons, they could be reinstalled (6-12 new stalls)
- 100 Block South Pinckney Street: An existing rack could be swapped out for a parallel two-sided rack (6-8 new stalls).
- 100 Block North Pinckney Street: A new rack could be added pending discussions with property owners (4-6 new stalls).
- 100 Block East Mifflin Street: A new bicycle rack could be added at the new enlarged curbed area (6-8 new stalls)
- 0 Block East Mifflin Street: Two small 3-stall racks could be added (6 new stalls)
- 0 Block E Main Street: A small 3-stall rack could be added without affecting access to busses. (3 stalls added)

Proposal D:

Added enforcement for abandoned bicycles.

During the bicycle rack inventories and discussions, it was noted that more space could be opened up on the existing racks with additional enforcement and removal of abandoned bicycles. Transportation and Planning Division staff can begin discussions with the Police Department about an enhanced enforcement. Potential enforcement sweeps could occur:

- After Spring semester ends in Late May
- Before Maxwell Street Days (an enforcement sweep was just completed last week.)
- Before August 15th Student Move-in
- Before Halloween