



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

Date: July 22, 2014

To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation and Public Works Committee

Subject: **On-Street Bicycle Corral Program**

Recommendation: Receive and file presentation

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

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Financial Impact

- No financial impact – Action is within the Traffic & Parking Services operating budget

Community Impact

- City Goals – the Strategic Directions that are addressed include:
 - Living well: High-quality and convenient transportation options connect every corner of the city.
 - One Minneapolis: All people have access to quality essentials, such as housing, education, food, child care and transportation.
 - A hub of economic activity and innovation: Infrastructure, public services and community assets support businesses and commerce.
 - Great Places: Iconic, inviting streets, spaces and buildings create a sense of place.

Supporting Information

Background

For several years the City has promoted bicycling through its off-street bicycle rack program for installations in the public right-of-way boulevard or sidewalk areas. Bicycle racks are available for interested businesses, community centers, and organizations with a 50/50 cost share program. Several thousand bicycle racks have been installed to date. Applicants can choose between several standard bicycle rack styles and colors.

Recently, there have been requests for on-street bicycle corrals at locations where the bicycle parking demand exceeds the available space for sidewalk or boulevard racks. Public Works has worked with Birchwood Café on E 25th Street and Northbound Smokehouse Brewpub on E 38th Street as they innovated to install and maintain bicycle parking (corrals) on-street in the parking lane.

In response to further interest in bicycle corrals Public Works has developed a Minneapolis Bicycle On-Street Corral Program based on research about best practices in other cities.

On-Street Bicycle Corral Program

The key elements of this new program are as follows:

- Expands/enhances/encourages more bicycle use and parking. This new program will supplement the off-street bicycle rack program.
- A FAQ (frequently asked questions) info page will be available online to highlight the program with information facts, design criteria, and primary objectives. Interested parties would be able to link to and apply for a bicycle corral from this webpage.
- Similar to the off-street bicycle rack cost share program, there will be a 50/50 cost share by applicant and the City to cover the purchase and installations. Public Works has budget of up to \$50,000 for bicycle corrals based upon anticipated requests and demonstrated bicycle parking need. Public Works estimates this funding should allow for 25 corrals or about 250 bicycle parking spaces.
- Public Works has determined the total corral program pricing, which the applicant would pay one-half of these amounts, as follows:
 - 10 bicycle corral – first year = \$1,800, second and following years = \$225
 - 22 bicycle corral – first year = \$2,900, second and following years = \$325
- The on-street bicycle corrals are to be City owned with the intention that the applicants will select locations that will exist for a minimum of 5 years or end of the equipment's life.
- On-street bike corrals will be open to the public and the applicants are required to sign an Installation/Removal/Maintenance agreement.
- On-street corrals will be seasonally allowed from April 15 to Nov 1. A safe and simple on-street bicycle corral design, installation, removal and storage are all built into the program to address its seasonal parameters.
- To streamline the process, Public Works will solicit vendor bids to provide bicycle corral materials, seasonal installations and removals. Public Works will handle parking signs, meter hooding and storage location.

The On-Street Bicycle Corral Program will have an online application process. There will be a two-step application as follows:

Step A is the applicant's request for proposed location which includes:

- I. Eligibility checklist
- II. Applicant information
- III. Installation/Removal/Maintenance agreement.

Public Works will place the applicant requests on a first-come, first-served waiting list according to their request date which is established upon completion of Step A. Step A is completed after the application submittal and after Public Works has determined it is a feasible location that meets the location criteria.

Step B focuses on the selection and installation:

IV. Site selected and applicant payment received

V. Vendor site plan submitted, Public Works final approval, and vendor installation

The applications will be reviewed and the locations will be selected based on citywide equity, geographic distribution and bicycle parking needs. After the location is selected, the applicant will submit their payment. Finally the site plan submission, final approval and installation will occur.

After installation is complete, the applicant will maintain the corral according to the signed agreement. Then each Fall the vendor will remove and transport the corral to storage. Each Spring, Public Works will notify the applicant to submit their payment for the upcoming season.

The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports passage of the on-street Bicycle Corral Program with a request to present in 2015 about the results of the application and program implementation.

Attachment: FAQ information page