



Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission

Monday, April 5, 2020, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Remote meeting

1. Norms, rules, and expectations for the committee – Chair Jeff Risberg, 10 minutes
2. East Side Bike Parking Project – Jimmy Shoemaker (Public Works) 30 minutes

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- April 19 (Capital City Bikeway- St. Peter/Wabasha leg)
- May 3

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Transportation Committee Staff Report for Projects

Committee date: April 5, 2021

Project Name: East Side Bike Parking Project

Geographic Scope: Generally east of I-35E and east of the River

Project Contact: Jimmy Shoemaker, Dept Public Works

Project Webpage: <http://www.stpaul.gov/bikeparking>

Project Description: Public Works will be installing bike parking (racks) in front of businesses and organizations in east side neighborhoods. Racks will be installed in the public right of way (i.e. in boulevard/furnishing space). There is no cost to businesses/organizations for the bike rack or installation. In the fall and winter of 2020-2021, City staff identified potential locations and publicized the opportunity through District Councils, social media, and Councilmembers. Several requests for bike racks were received from community members.

Project Stage & General Timeline: April 2021: further engagement with identified business/organizations, refine siting of racks; Summer 2021: purchase and installation of racks

Public Hearing Date & Location: No public hearing planned

Cost & Primary Funding Source(s): \$20,000 from CIB Community Created Project

Transportation Committee Role:

☒ Inform project scope & approach
implementation

☐ Inform design

☐ Inform

☐ Make recommendation

Explanation

Attachments include:

☐ Complete Streets Checklist

☐ Scoping document

☒ CIB request

☐ Summary of Engineering Recommendations

Presentation ppt

East Side Bike Parking Project

Transportation Committee

April 5, 2021

Jimmy Shoemaker | Senior City Planner
Department of Public Works



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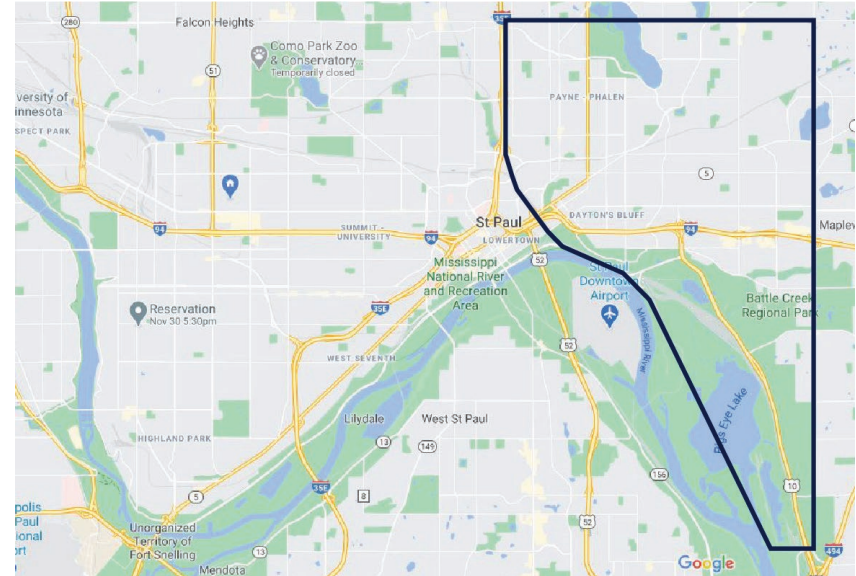
Agenda

- Project scope and history
- Engagement to date
- What's next
- Questions and discussion



Project scope and history

- Installation of bike racks on the East Side in public right of way
- Generally east of I-35E and Mississippi River
- Funding from CIB Community-created project
 - \$20,000 funds purchase of bike racks, installation





Timeline

- Install racks in Summer 2021
- Fall 2020 - Winter 2021
 - Proposed locations
 - Outreach
 - Coordinating installation internally
- Spring 2021
 - Additional outreach
 - Siting
 - Procurement
- Summer 2021
 - Installation



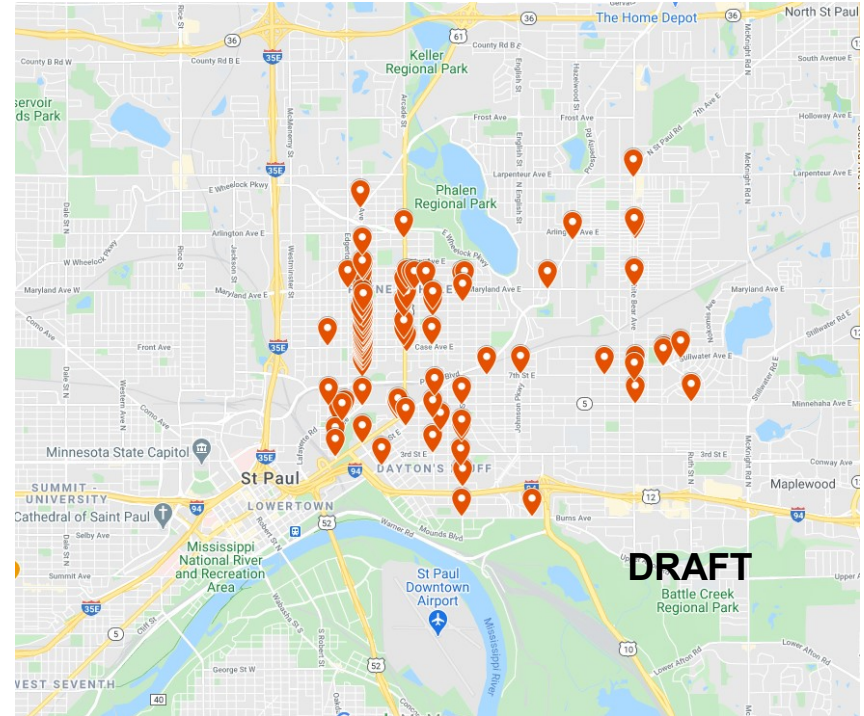
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Draft locations

Fall 2020 – Winter 2021

- Used streetview and field work to find locations
- 2040 Comprehensive Plan
 - Neighborhood Nodes
 - Land Use
- Referenced existing bikeways
- 2024 Arcade & Minnehaha excluded some locations





Outreach

Fall 2020 – Winter 2021

- Councilmembers for promotion
- District Councils
- Business Associations
- Ten requests for bike racks from community members, businesses



High quality and well-located bike parking is an essential amenity for people biking. Bike parking can attract more customers and is just one way the City of Saint Paul and your business or organization can encourage biking in our community.

To qualify for a bike rack, your business or organization must:

- Be located on the east side of Saint Paul (generally east of 35E)
- Be open to the public
- Be committed to keeping the space around the bike rack clear of snow and other obstacles that would limit its use
- Be willing to have the rack near the main entrance/exit
- Have adequate boulevard space outside of the sidewalk for the bike rack, as determined by City staff
- Locate the rack in the public right-of-way (not on private property)

City staff will be happy to work with you to identify the best location for the bike rack.

Good locations include:

- Markets, groceries, and convenience stores
- Bars and restaurants
- Coffee shops
- Shops and retail
- Places of worship and churches
- Community organizations
- Hair and nail salons, barber shops

Contact the City by February 1!

To request a bike rack or for more information, please contact:

Jimmy Shoemaker | Department of Public Works
651.266.6204 | jimmy.shoemaker@ci.stpaul.mn.us

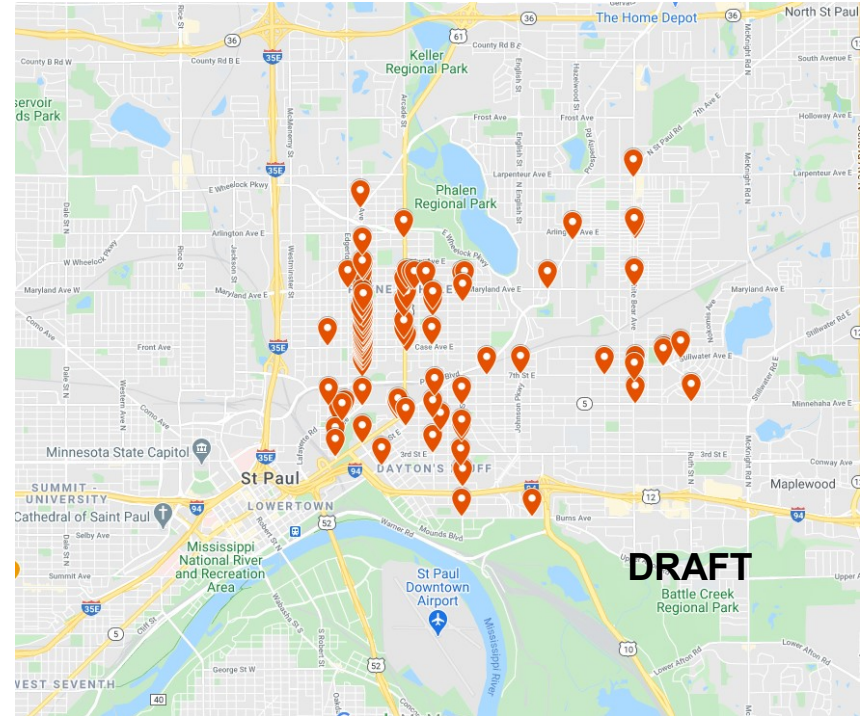




Locations

Fall 2020 – Winter 2021

- Markets, grocery and convenience stores
- Bars and restaurants
- Coffee shops
- Retail stores
- Places of worship
- Community organizations
- Salons and barber shops
- By request!

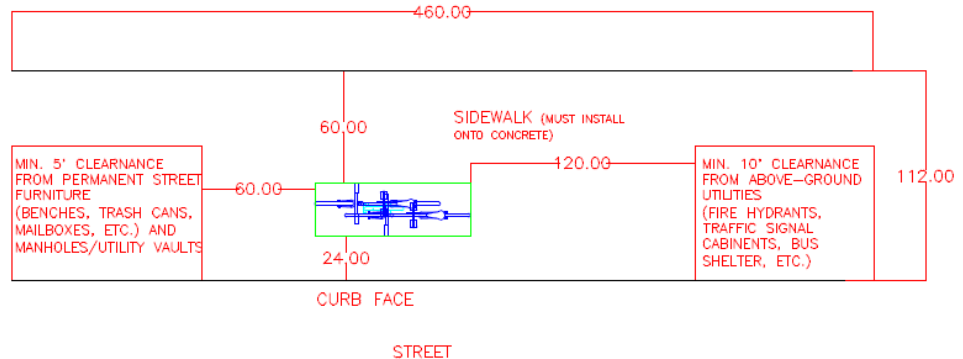




Siting considerations

Spring 2021

- Sidewalk frontage vs setbacks
- Transit stops
- Trees, plantings, signs, etc
- Space in boulevard/furnishing zone
- Distance from front doors/accesses
- Concrete vs no concrete
- Nearby bike parking
- Water and gas access
- Sidewalk condition and slope







Siting, purchase, and install

Spring - Summer 2021

EAST SIDE BIKE PARKING PROJECT

To promote biking in the City of Saint Paul, the Department of Public Works is increasing the number of bike parking spaces citywide. **In 2021, City staff will install a bike rack in the boulevard space along the street near your business/organization.**

- There is no cost for the bike rack or installation.
- The installation of the rack by City staff will take approximately one hour with little disruption to the sidewalk. It will not impact access to your business/organization.
- The City appreciates your help keeping the rack clear of snow and other obstructions.
- More information: <http://www.stpaul.gov/bikeparking>



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Thank you!

Jimmy Shoemaker
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1. Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - Bike Racks on Saint Paul's East Side

Proposing Agency or Group: - Daniel Choma

Proposer's Address: - 1166 Duluth St Saint Paul, MN 55106

Contact Person: - Daniel Choma

Phone Number: - 507-358-1726

Email Address: - dachoma@gmail.com

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - East Saint Paul

2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 2 Community Council, District 4 – Dayton's Bluff, District 5 – Payne-Phalen, and District 7 - Frogtown

3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 6 and Ward 7

4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

5. Please provide a short description of your project.

I propose that the city invest \$20K towards installation of public bike racks on the East Side to best utilize the new bike infrastructure the city has proposed in 2016.

Section B – Narrative/Long Description: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

The city of Saint Paul has admirably chosen to invest in bike infrastructure in the coming years. In 2016, the city will begin to complete the Grand Rounds by installing bicycle paths along Johnson and Wheelock on Saint Paul's East Side. This is an excellent first step in accomplishing the mayor's goals of improving multi-modal travel in the coming years. All that said, Saint Paul's east side has a shortage of places where a cyclist can safely lock their bicycle. Even with this year's \$10,000 investment by Transit for Livable Communities into bicycle rack's in the city of Saint Paul, there are currently zero listed bike racks in city right on way of the East Side of Saint Paul. Considering that 1/3 of the city's population lives on the East Side, I feel this is a discrepancy that needs to be rectified. By installing public bike racks on Saint Paul's East side, the city will best utilize it's investment of bicycle infrastructure. Not only will the residents of the East side be able to safely lock up their bicycles, but bike racks will encourage visits from outside of the neighborhood in order to further bolster the growing economy of this neighborhood. I propose the city budgets \$20,000 in order to install bicycle racks on the East side between 2016-2017. These racks would be in city right of way by businesses, parks,

and schools to encourage commuters of all ages to stop and enjoy Saint Paul's historic East Side.

Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

The city of Saint Paul has already planned to put in bicycle infrastructure on the East Side. Wheelock and Johnson are along the Grand Rounds and are scheduled for bike paths. Margaret in Dayton's Bluff has become a bicycle boulevard. Greenbrier in Payne Phalen is scheduled to become a bicycle boulevard in 2015. To best utilize these new bicycle routes, it is imperative that the city install bicycle racks so cyclists may safely lock their vehicles. As stated previously, there are zero bicycle racks on Saint Paul's east side in city right of way. There are a great deal of bicyclists of all ages and cultures on Saint Paul's East Side. With the installation of new bicycle paths, this already robust group of cyclists is certainly likely to grow. Installing bike racks will improve the functionality of the bike paths to be built, more aptly deal with the demand of new cyclists, and make up for the clear disparity in bike racks between Saint Paul's East side and other neighborhoods.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Saint Paul's East side is home to a large group of multicultural residents. Many of these residents young and old use a bicycle as a primary form of transit. With no places to lock their bikes, many have experienced bicycle theft. Increasing the amount of places where people may lock their bikes on the east side will discourage bicycle theft and make the East side a safer and more convenient place to ride a bicycle.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

This CIB proposal has been approved and supported by Saint Paul Women on Bikes, Saint Paul Bicycle Coalition, and will be reviewed by the Payne Phalen District Five Planning Council. Currently pursuing support from East Side Neighborhood Development Company and District 1 Community Council.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

Bicycle infrastructure has been proven by study after study to improve property values, encourage a healthier quality of life, and bolster community involvement. Installing bike racks will encourage East Side residents and visitors to the East Side to become involved in neighborhood business and social activity, experience a high quality of life, and see the property values on the East Side improve. As these property values improve on the East Side, the city will enjoy a healthier tax base.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

Installing bicycle racks on the East Side will improve multi-modal transportation as is a stated goal of the City. Furthermore, encouraging bicycle use as a means of transit will improve environmental sustainability. Bike racks will allow visitors to tour the East Side on bicycle at a tempo that encourages participation in local business and neighborhood activity.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Long-range Impact Score:	10	

Section D – Additional Information

1. Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

Saint Paul's East Side has long been a neighborhood with diverse demographics. With a high population of people of color, installing bike racks would improve the lives of people not traditionally included in the civic process. By improving a neighborhood whose majority qualifies as people of color, the city would be investing in equality. By enabling people of color, the city can have a wider and more diverse base of residents, taxpayers, and cultural assets. The benefits of this are wide and not to be underestimated.