

## Purpose

To make bicycling Downtown more convenient, bike racks are installed on Downtown sidewalks. The racks provide security from theft, and help to prevent parked bikes from blocking sidewalks and damaging street trees.



## Determining Where Racks are Installed

A business can request a bike rack in front of their storefront, or a citizen can request the installation of a rack. The business owner and building owner will be involved in the decision to install a rack, as well as the location of the rack.

## Funding

Funds for the program come from the *Capital Facilities Plan* Bicycle Program. Bike rack installation totals approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year for materials and labor. About five racks are installed each year.

## Installation

City crews install racks once or twice a year. Typically, the racks are installed in the winter, when there is less need for other types of street maintenance work.

## Style of Rack

The style of rack used is called an "A" rack. The cross bar of the rack allows the bike lock to be contained within the rack so that unbolting the rack at the base will not free the lock and bike. Two bikes can be locked to one "A" rack - one on each side, parallel to the rack.

Stickers on the bike rack explain bikes should be parked parallel to the rack, in order not to obstruct the sidewalk.

The racks are made to order, locally.

The "A" rack was reviewed and accepted by the Design Review Board and Site Plan Review Committee. The racks are installed repeatedly, without additional review as long as site criteria, below, are met.

## Site Criteria

The rack is placed in a manner that when two bikes are parked, they will not obstruct pedestrian travel, or block access to parked cars, parking meters or bus stops. A minimum of four feet of continuous unobstructed sidewalk width for pedestrians must be maintained.

The space needed for each parked bike is approximately 6-feet long and 2-feet wide.

The curb side of the sidewalk is ideal, approximately 2-3 feet from the curb face.

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