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From: Amber Miller <xxxxxx@a2dda.org>
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To: Adam Goodman <xxxxxx@gmail.com>; Thomson, Maura xxxxxx@a2dda.org
Cc: City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission <TransportationCommission@a2gov.org>
Subject: RE: Bike parking on State St

Hi Adam,

Thank you for bringing this to our attention – demand for more bike parking is something that we are happy to fulfill. An on-street bike rack is likely the best solution to add bike parking in this stretch. These are located within parking spaces and include separation from traffic.

Increasingly, on-street bike racks allow us to meet bike parking demands while maintaining access for ADA parking and deliveries, space for trash containers and street trees, and flexibility for special events. To be clear, the bike racks that are located in the State Street sidewalk area are not intended to be sacrificial objects to help drivers – that doesn't align with our value set. If that does become an issue, we can remove those hoops and expand on-street bike parking. It is challenging to meet all of these needs in a limited space, but we are committed to monitoring projects and making adjustments.

This year we are piloting year round on-street bike racks – it would really help if the area businesses heard from customers about this need. We will send you more details in a separate email.

Again, thank you for bringing this to our attention and for supporting the work that we do. Much appreciated,

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Good afternoon Adam,

Thank you for contacting the City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission. Your concerns will be provided as a communication item on the October 18th Commission Agenda.

Your message has also been forwarded too transportation staff, so that they are also aware of your comments and may respond separately.

Christopher Cespedes, Management Assistant

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From: Adam Goodman <xxxxxx@gmail.com>
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Hi Amber and Maura,

I've recently come to realize that the now-completed "curbless" State St. redesign has considerably fewer bike-parking spaces than it used to, particularly in high-demand locations like the Target / State Theatre where bike racks used to be quite plentiful. When I went there today, folks (including me) were resorting to locking bikes to signposts:



... or leaning them up against storefronts:



Furthermore, in the few spots where proper bike racks do exist, they are very close to vehicle parking spots. Given that there are no longer curbs to help guide drivers as they are parking, I would be very concerned about somebody hitting and destroying my bike, were I to use one of these racks:



I could imagine that this may have been a purposeful design, i.e. that the idea was that the bike racks would themselves be a visual guide for drivers so they better understand where the edge of the roadway is supposed to be. However, I do

not think it's appropriate to ask people with bikes to set them up as sacrificial objects to "help" drivers with poor spatial reasoning.

Overall, I will say that I still think the curbless re-design project has been a significant improvement over the previous configuration. However, given the city and the DDA have placed a very strong emphasis on encouraging biking and walking as serious means of transportation, this bike parking situation seems like a significant misstep. I hope y'all can take action to rectify it.

(I'm also copying the city transportation commission, in case they find this topic to be of interest.)

Thanks for your attention to this issue, and for all the good work you do.

Adam Goodman