

# Memorandum

## City of Lawrence

### Public Works

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DATE: December 28, 2015  
RE: Accept a LiveWell Community Wellness Grant to fund Downtown Bicycle Parking

#### **Summary**

The Douglas County Community Foundation awarded a LiveWell Community Wellness Grant in the amount of \$8,900 to the City of Lawrence to install 30 spaces of on street bicycle parking in three bike corrals and 44 spaces of on sidewalk bicycle parking along Massachusetts St. The proposed locations for additional bicycle parking are shown on the map on page 2.

#### **Project Description**

Staff identified twenty two locations where inverted U bike racks could be installed on the existing sidewalk pavement. These locations had 4 ft by 6 ft areas of space for a rack and adequate spacing on each side to allow bicycle access and not impede the flow of the pedestrian way. These twenty two racks would accommodate 44 bikes.

In addition, three locations were identified to implement a pilot bike corral project that could accommodate 10 bikes per corral for a total of 30 bikes:

1. 8<sup>th</sup> & Massachusetts St– Southeast corner, first angled parking space in front of Central National Bank (shown in the sketch on page 2.)
2. 100 East 9<sup>th</sup> St – Next to US Bank Building, parallel parking space closest to the alley
3. 707 Vermont St– In front of Lawrence Public Library, in the space currently unallocated to automobile parking.

Additional public engagement of downtown owners and tenants is planned following acceptance of the grant. Staff will notify Downtown Lawrence Inc., property owners and tenants within 200 ft. of each proposed bike corral location and invite them to provide comment and feedback both in writing and/or in person. The Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC), at a future meeting, will host a public comment session to receive the comment. The BAC will review the feedback and make a recommendation to forward to the City Commission. The City Commission will be asked to make a final bike corral location decision before the bike corrals are installed.

**Funding Breakdown:**

Racks & Bollard Materials Cost: \$8,900 (Grant Awarded)

Installation: \$3,700 Public Works Staff (InKind)



Sketch of Proposed Bike Corral Design for 8<sup>th</sup> & Mass

Staff and the BAC will track the usage of the bike corrals and research options to create a more long term solution and/or program. The pilot project provides a way to assess the success and feedback for bike corrals in Lawrence and provides an opportunity to analyze and develop a process while at the same time providing for the current demand and need for secure bicycle parking.

Additional project information is available in the [grant proposal](#).

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the LiveWell Community Wellness Grant be accepted and the public comment process for final bike corral parking locations begin. Final locations recommendations will be brought back to the City Commission from the Bicycle Advisory Committee for approval before installation.

**Action**

Accept the \$8,900 LiveWell Community Wellness Grant funding to purchase and install 74 additional bicycle parking spaces downtown: 30 spaces of on street bicycle parking spaces in bike corrals replacing two on street parking spaces and 44 spaces at inverted U racks on existing pavement on the sidewalk. Proceed with a public comment process for final bike corral parking locations before a final City Commission decision. Commit staff time to install the bicycle parking.

**Proposed Bike Parking Locations**



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