

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Planning & Development Services

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DATE: March 21, 2017
RE: Downtown Bicycle Corral Pilot Project

Background

In 2015, the Douglas County Community Foundation awarded a LiveWell Community Wellness Grant to the City of Lawrence for bike corrals and inverted U racks. Due to economies of scale when purchasing the three bike corrals and twenty-two inverted U racks in early 2015, there is \$1,987.32 grant funding still available for additional bike parking facilities. The Douglas County Community Foundation (DCCF) provided an extension to the grant so additional downtown bike parking facilities could be purchased and installed.

The new bike facilities were installed in June 2016 with the exception of a bike corral in front of the Lawrence Public Library (707 Vermont Street), which was installed on March 10, 2017, after considering other infrastructure requests in the corridor.

8th & Massachusetts St. – Southeast corner, first angled parking space



In November 2016, the Granada and Red Lyon made requests to the Lawrence-Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) to have bike corrals installed near their locations.

BAC Recommendation

At their November 21, 2016 meeting, the BAC discussed possible ways to install bike parking near the requests and unanimously voted to recommend the LiveWell grant funding be spent in the following way:

1. Install two additional bike corrals downtown
 - a. One on the west side of 10th and Massachusetts street in the first angled parking space in front of Ingredient (947 Massachusetts St)
 - b. One in front of the Granada (1020 Massachusetts St) on either side of the planter island

- Any remaining funding should be used to purchase inverted U racks to be installed in desirable locations as determined by staff

Remaining grant money purchased fifteen inverted U racks and bollards at the end of 2016.

Transportation Commission Recommendation

The Transportation Commission held a public hearing at their March 6, 2017 meeting to consider bike corral installation and the associated parking removal based on the BAC recommendation. Two members of the public spoke. John Thornburg asked the Commission to not move forward with on-street bike corrals in front of the library. Michael Almon, with the Sustainability Action Network, said he was supportive of the pilot project because it was grant funded, but he thinks the City needs to develop a policy for businesses to request and pay for bike corrals near their business.

The Transportation Commission recommended approval of installation of the two additional bike corrals and the associated parking removal as part of the bike corral pilot project to the City Commission for a final decision.

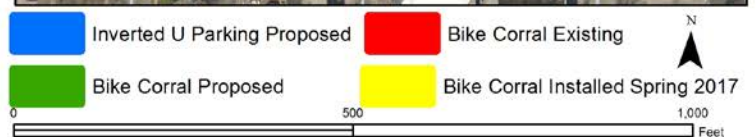
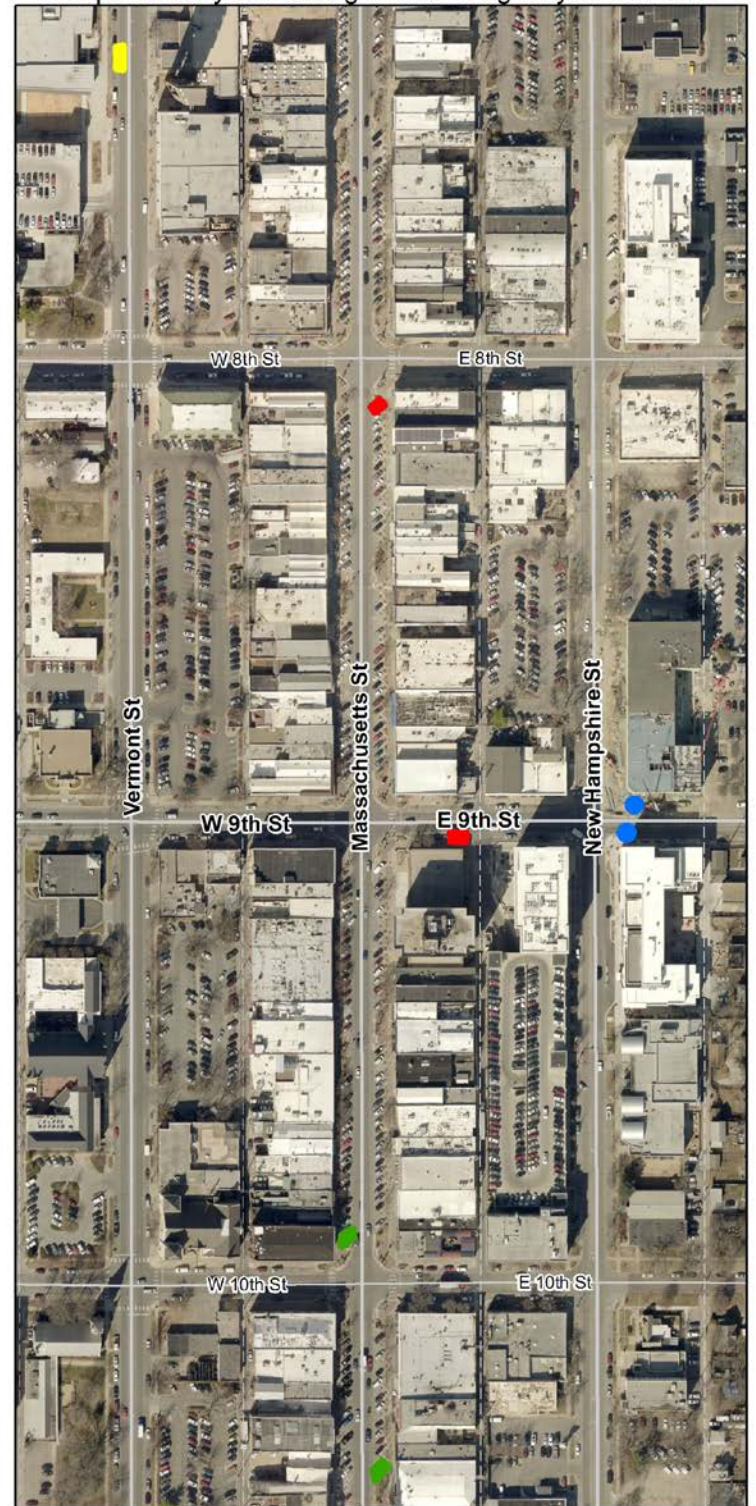
Action

Approve the installation of two bike corrals and associated parking removal as recommended by the Transportation Commission on March 6, 2017.

Install two additional bike corrals downtown

- One on the west side of 10th and Massachusetts street in the first angled parking space in front of Ingredient (947 Massachusetts St)

Proposed Bicycle Parking and Existing Bicycle Corrals



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2. One in front of the Granada (1020 Massachusetts St) on the north side of the planter island, where a 15 minute meter will need to be relocated.

Install 5 inverted U racks (10 bike parking spaces) in no parking zones (on both sides of 9th Street) on the east side of the 9th St and New Hampshire St intersection.

Next Steps

Public Works Staff will install the remaining bike parking locations. Planning Staff will continue to evaluate downtown bike parking usage by conducting peak day and night counts in May and September in 2017 and annually thereafter. Planning Staff will present the bike parking usage and recommendations for the bike parking project to the Transportation Commission.