

2013 Council Study Issue

CDD 13-01 Appropriate Locations for Bicycle Parking

Lead Department Community Development

History **1 year ago** None **2 years ago** None

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated it?

Bicycle racks and lockers are required on certain types of new development, but there may be areas in the city where no formal bicycle parking is available and people use street poles and street furniture to lock up their bicycles. The municipal code allows the city traffic engineer to determine if the establishment of a bicycle parking zone is reasonably necessary or desirable for the regulation of traffic, and new planning projects typically include requirements to add bicycle parking on the site.

This study would look into whether the locking of bicycles to poles and other street furniture should be clearly regulated. Typically, people use street poles and furniture to lock up their bicycles because of a lack of other parking in the immediate area. If they are locked to street poles, it may be due to a lack of bike racks near a transit location, in which case VTA or the City could add racks.

Regulations to enforce bicycle parking on city light poles and street furniture would raise several issues, including: how to know who owns the bike, knowing at what point to cut a lock, where to store the confiscated bike, etc.

2. How does this relate to the General Plan or existing City Policy?

GOAL LT-4 QUALITY NEIGHBORHOODS AND DISTRICTS

Preserve and enhance the quality character of Sunnyvale’s industrial, commercial and residential neighborhoods by promoting land use patterns and related transportation opportunities that are supportive of the neighborhood concept.

Municipal Code 13.08.360.(g) Permit or maintain any encroachment of any nature which impedes, obstructs or denies pedestrian or other lawful travel within the limits of a public street, or which impairs adequate sight distance for safe pedestrian or vehicular traffic

3. Origin of issue

Board or Commission Planning Commission

4. Staff effort required to conduct study Minor

Briefly explain the level of staff effort required

Close coordination with DPW Traffic and Transportation would be required.

5. Multiple Year Project? No **Planned Completion Year** 2013

6. Expected participation involved in the study issue process?

Does Council need to approve a work plan?	No
Does this issue require review by a Board/Commission?	Yes
If so, which?	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, Planning Commission
Is a Council Study Session anticipated?	No

7. Briefly explain if a budget modification will be required to study this issue

Amount of budget modification required

Explanation

8. Briefly explain potential costs of implementing study results, note estimated capital and operating costs, as well as estimated revenue/savings, include dollar amounts

Are there costs of implementation? No

Explanation

9. Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation Drop

If 'Support', 'Drop' or 'Defer', explain

Staff recommends not pursuing this study issue for the following reasons:

- There is existing code that allows the City to provide more bike parking at public locations.
- The pending parking code amendments will address on-site bicycle parking requirements for a wider variety of uses; new developments are required to add bike parking on site.

Reviewed by



Department Director

10/2/12
Date

Approved by



City Manager

10-4-12
Date