

FAQ | Bicycle Parking

Why does the City provide bicycle parking?

Bicycle parking provides a safe and convenient way for people to secure their bicycle at their destination. Bicycle parking is good for businesses and encourages people to take their shorter trips by bicycle and can also decrease the demand for automobile parking.

Where does the City provide bicycle parking?

Bicycle parking can be installed within right-of-way in Austin near employment, retail, and other destinations. Ideally the bicycle parking is placed within 50 feet and/or visible distance to a main entrance to the destination.

The City cannot install bicycle parking on private property, but can provide consultation on bicycle parking best practices and planning for privately installed bicycle parking.

Bicycle corrals are installed on-street in curbside parking spaces, and bicycle U racks can be installed on top of existing concrete within right-of-way.

What kinds of bike parking is available?

Bicycle racks and bicycle corrals. Bicycle corrals repurpose an on-street vehicle parking spot to create bike parking – allowing the street space to provide parking for up to 14 people who arrive by bike instead of one car.

A standard U-type bicycle rack provides parking for up to two bikes. They are installed in visible locations convenient to access and close to building entrances. Safe and convenient pedestrian access along sidewalk areas is maintained, as well as access to other street features such as benches and bus stops.

How do I apply?

Please submit the application for Bicycle Parking Facilities. Requested locations are reviewed by staff in the Active Transportation and Street Design Division at the Austin Transportation Department.

How are requests evaluated?

Requests are evaluated based on location, need, available street space, bicycle parking demand, and availability of nearby bike parking.

What is the cost?

If your application is approved, the bicycle rack or corral will be installed at no cost to the applicant or nearby business owner. Ongoing maintenance is provided by the City.



Bike Corral – provides parking for up to 14 bikes



U-type rack – parking for two bikes

How can bike parking be provided on private property?

The City encourages bike racks wherever possible. Designated bike parking is encouraged in all parking lots and garages in Austin. We can provide consultations and advice, but not the racks. Please provide signage to let people know it is available.

Numerous companies sell commercial-grade bike racks and facilities. City staff can provide recommendations for rack specifications and installation. The cost is typically covered by the property owner or tenant. (Consider crowd-sourced funding models, especially for shared facilities.)

Businesses are encouraged to provide biking “end-of-trip” facilities that help and encourage employees to commute to work by bicycle. Consider providing a tire pump, a kit of basic fix-a-flat and repair tools, a secure bike room or cage, and shower and changing room facilities. Providing these facilities is a step to becoming recognized nationally as a [Bicycle Friendly Business](#).