

SFMTA ON-STREET BICYCLE PARKING CORRALS

Purpose, Selection Criteria, Process and Application

On-street bicycle parking corrals are bicycle racks placed in the parking lane on the roadway where short-term (less than two hours) demand for bike parking is higher than can be accommodated on the sidewalk. Approximately 8-12 bikes can be parked in one car space, making bike corrals a comparatively efficient use of roadway space.

Installation of bicycle racks in the parking lane, however, removes these areas from reach by street sweeping vehicles, requiring that the area between the racks and twenty feet to either side be swept by hand. City crews are not able to sweep by hand, thus corrals are only installed by the SFMTA in locations where someone agrees to keep the area clean and free of debris.

Bicycle corrals and sidewalk bicycle racks are not intended for long-term bicycle parking (more than two hours).

OVERVIEW

Upon receipt of a signed bicycle corral application and documentation of bicycle parking demand, SFMTA will bring the proposed project through the following process:

- **SURVEY**: SFMTA staff will determine if sidewalk bicycle racks or a bicycle corral is appropriate.
- **DESIGN & LEGISLATION**: If recommended, the proposed bicycle corral will be designed by SFMTA staff and scheduled for public hearing following internal and interagency review. Notices will be posted in the project area prior to the public hearing. If a bicycle corral is not recommended, then SFMTA staff will survey the location for sidewalk bicycle racks upon request, or applicants may request another bicycle parking count if demand was the primary grounds for recommending against a corral.
- **INSTALLATION**: If approved, a work order will be sent following the public hearing and the bicycle corral will be installed within approximately five weeks pending current workload and weather.

CRITERIA FOR RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING BICYCLE CORRALS

Bicycle corrals will be recommended where short-term bicycle parking demand cannot be accommodated on the sidewalk, and will be prioritized where:

- Demand is for five or more bicycle parking spaces (three or more bicycle racks).
- Location is at an intersection versus midblock (improving sight lines to the benefit of pedestrians and other roadway users).

Bicycle corrals shall **not** be located within, or shall not replace an existing:

- Blue zone
- Bus zone
- Fire hydrant zone (within 5' of hydrant).
- Tow-Away zones where the parking lane is periodically used as a travel lane.
- Roadway segment scheduled to be repaved within 12-15 months (in which case the proposed corral will be placed on hold until after the repaving project).

Bicycle corrals are generally **not recommended** within, or may not replace an existing:

- White zone (five minute passenger loading/unloading)
- Green zone (short-term car parking)
- Yellow zone (commercial loading zone)
- Motorcycle parking (designated spaces)

Note: these types of zones and spaces can potentially be relocated nearby or removed permanently pending a more thorough investigation, which may significantly extend the amount of time needed for the bicycle corral review process.

REVIEW AND INSTALLATION SCHEDULE

1. A signed application along with documented bicycle parking demand must be submitted prior to SFMTA review.
 - a. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
 - b. SFMTA will institute quarterly cut-off dates to receive completed applications (see table below).
 - c. Applications received by SFMTA by each cut-off date will be reviewed within the following quarter.
 - d. Applications received after a cut-off date will be included for review in the next quarter.
 - e. Approved projects should be installed within six months of the application cut-off date (see chart below).

Typical Application Due Date	SFMTA survey / design / review / public hearing period	Installation Period
January 1st	January through March	April through June
April 1st	April through June	July through September
July 1st	July through September	October through December
October 1st	October through December	January through March

2. All applications received will be reviewed according to the schedule above.
3. Up to five bicycle corrals each quarter will be brought to a public hearing for final approval (up to 20 bicycle corrals a year).
4. Up to five bicycle corrals each quarter will be installed (up to 20 bicycle corrals a year).

NOT RECOMMENDED BICYCLE CORRAL PROJECTS

1. Sidewalk bicycle racks will be installed where feasible.
2. Locations may request to be reconsidered for a bike corral in the future if and when:
 - a. Bicycle parking demand increases (if denied due to a lack of demonstrated demand).
 - b. The scheduled roadway repaving project has been completed (if the location otherwise was recommended).
 - c. The primary reason that the location was not recommended is no longer applicable or has changed to the extent that a bicycle corral is now feasible (such as the removal of a bus zone).

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City and County of San Francisco

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ON-STREET BICYCLE PARKING CORRAL APPLICATION



PLEASE INCLUDE PICTURES OF EXISTING BIKE PARKING DEMAND WITH THIS APPLICATION

Address of Sponsor(s)*	
Name of Sponsor(s)	
Contact Person	
Phone & Email	
Property/Building Owner	
Phone & Email	
Description of bike parking demand (# of bikes) and peak time periods	

*Sponsor is the agency, building, business, or organization requesting the bicycle corral.

IMPORTANT: By signing this application, the sponsor(s) of the proposed corral agree(s) to regular sweeping/debris removal of the facility as well as the adjacent 20 feet of curb on both sides.

Application is hereby made to the SFMTA Livable Streets Subdivision to install an on-street bicycle parking corral at the address(es) listed above.

Sponsor Signature 1	
Print Name & Date	
Sponsor Signature 2	
Print Name & Date	

Return completed application via Email, Mail, or Fax (email or mail preferred):

Email:	sustainable.streets@sfmta.com
Mail:	SFMTA Livable Streets, Bicycle Parking One South Van Ness Ave, Floor Seven San Francisco, CA 94103
Fax:	415.701.4343

For more information and updates please visit our website at www.sfmta.com/bikeparking or call 311.