



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

February 4, 2015

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager GT

SUBJECT: Accept report on temporary bike racks downtown at Broadway and Bolinas

RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

In November 2014, the Council approved the installation of temporary metal bike racks at the corner of Broadway and Bolinas Road. The intent was to provide a safe location for bike storage so that bicycles would not be stored on the sidewalk, creating an impasse for pedestrians. As part of the installation, the parking space adjacent to the bike racks was converted into a yellow loading zone.

At its January 2015 meeting, the Council requested a status report on the bike racks. Staff has received both positive and negative feedback on the racks, including pictures showing the racks full as well as empty, complaints regarding trucks double-parking in the street or extending out of the temporary yellow zone, and complaints that bikes are extending outside of the designated area.

Staff would recommend that it is still too early to evaluate the use and that the Council wait until June to decide whether the racks should be permanent or not. This would allow the racks to be in place for a 6-month period covering both the winter and spring seasons. In response to complaints that the yellow zone adjacent to the bike rack is not well-marked, staff will post a commercial loading sign (8:00am to 6:00pm weekdays).

FISCAL IMPACT

None