



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

December 2, 2015

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager 

SUBJECT: Approve replacement of the temporary bicycle racks in downtown at Broadway and Bolinas with permanent bicycle racks

RECOMMENDATION

Approve replacement of the temporary bicycle racks in downtown at Broadway and Bolinas with permanent bicycle racks and direct staff to report back with design options

DISCUSSION

In November 2014, the Council approved the installation of a temporary metal bike rack 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 obstacle 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 received a status report on the bike rack. Staff reported that it had received both positive and negative feedback on the rack, including pictures showing the rack 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 were extending outside of the designated area. The Council decided to wait until June to evaluate the use and decide whether the rack should be permanent or not.

In June 2015, the Council received a status report that the rack was well-used on weekends, but not so much on weekdays. The Council accepted staff's recommendation to leave the racks in place for another 6 months, throughout the summer and fall, to be able to evaluate the use in all seasons, after which time, the Council could decide to make the racks permanent or re-open the loading zone.

Over the past several months, it appears that the racks have been well-used and that the businesses and residents have grown accustomed to the racks. Staff have not received not any new complaints about the racks for quite some time. With the Council's approval, staff will work with the traffic engineer, Parisi Transportation Consulting, to develop some options for Council consideration regarding permanent bike rack designs.

FISCAL IMPACT

Unknown at this time, but staff can submit an application to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for grant funding for bike racks once a design has been selected.