

Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee

Working to Make Bicycling a Part of Daily Life in Portland

1001 SW 5th Avenue, Room 500
Portland OR 97204



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Portland City Council
1221 SW 4th Ave.
Portland, OR 97204

Re: Bicycle Parking Code Update

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

The Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) is pleased to support the Recommended Draft and proposed updates to the Bicycle Parking Chapter (33.266.200) of the Zoning Code. As Portland continues to grow and bicycle ridership continues to decline, it is imperative that new development and major redevelopment provide adequate, secure, and convenient short-term and long-term bicycle parking. To reach the goal of 25% bicycle mode split in the Transportation System Plan, reduce the 40% of greenhouse gas emissions created by transportation, and create vibrant neighborhoods where 80% of residents can walk or bike to meet their basic daily needs as outlined in the Climate Action Plan, the City must do all that it can to increase access to end-of-trip facilities that support bicycling as a mode of transportation.

Written over 20 years ago, the Bicycle Parking code is outdated and no longer serves Portlanders in shifting their travel modes away from traveling by car. Research shows that the lack of a secure place to park a bicycle is a barrier to traveling by bike for transportation or recreation. To keep pace with cities around the country and across the globe, we urge Council to adopt the Recommended Draft and move forward with the proposed updates to the Bicycle Parking Code, including the amendments adopted by the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC).

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Portland's Bicycle Advisory Committee,

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Alexandra Zimmermann, Chair
Bicycle Advisory Committee

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David Stein, Vice-Chair
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cc: Sarah Figliozi, PBOT
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