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Dear Bicycle-Pedestrian Commissioners and Transportation Manager David Stillman,

I am pleased that staff has brought forward the issue of bike racks around our city. This will encourage more biking within the city and make biking easier for everyday travel to shops and destinations for resident riders of all ages.

As someone that bikes nearly every day to run errands, meet friends, and work at my church, I'm very familiar with where the bike racks are located in Cupertino. Everyday I see where they are useful and well-located, in a poor location, or needed yet absent.

I have carefully reviewed all the proposed locations for the new bike racks, and I ask that you consider this feedback when choosing new locations from someone that uses the current ones and would be a regular user of any new ones that are installed.

One general note is that **it is important that any new bike racks are NOT located on major streets, especially by the curbs or sidewalks of major streets due to the high probability of bike theft.** This is true even with good locks. There may be an assumption is that riders of VTA transit would park their bike along a street and then use bus transit from there. With the high likelihood of theft with leaving a bike unattended near a street for hours, it's unlikely many (or any) would choose to do this.

On a related note, **bike racks should be located near the front of businesses and destinations.** The owners of bikes should not have to worry that their bikes are out of sight and can be stolen because there is no pedestrian traffic dissuading the theft. **The best location is away from car traffic, but near the front door.**

One further recommendation is to make sure that new bike racks are part of every construction project in useful locations (near front doors but away from car traffic). When there is a significant addition to an existing site, staff should also review the plans for whether bike racks are included in the the project. One example of where this was missed was the 2014 expansion of Biltmore Apartments, including a new clubhouse and pool area. Though community events are held in the large and inviting clubhouse, there are (still) no bike racks located nearby.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues and your encouragement of biking within the City of Cupertino.

Sincerely,

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Cupertino Resident and Walk-Bike Cupertino Advisory Board member

The following is the proposed city staff list of bike rack locations, and notes on their locations.

1	Northwest corner of Stevens Creek Blvd (SCB) and Tantau Ave.	Should be inside the plaza, such as by Wangpo Tea shop.
2	East of Stevens Creek Blvd and Lazy Dog driveway.	Not as useful as other locations. Consider one by TD Ameritrade at door. Rack located on SCB will have high theft potential.
3	West corner of Stevens Creek Blvd and Lazy Dog driveway.	Unnecessary. High theft potential on SCB and no business frontage. Good racks already located interior to Main Street between Lazy Dog and Eureka and 200 ft from this corner in front of Apple Building VP3, kitty corner from Lazy Dog.
4	Northeast corners of Stevens Creek Blvd and Main St.	Unnecessary. There is already a good bike rack located about 100 feet from the corner on the NW side, and one in front of 85 degree bakery, which services businesses on the west side. Rack located on SCB will have high theft potential.
5	300 feet East of Wolfe Rd/Vallco Parkway (eastbound).	Bike racks here are desperately needed near these businesses, though having racks near Holder's Country Inn and then separate rack (even very short 2-bike style loops) near Capt. Loui and Kura Sushi would be even better. Racks should not be located next to Wolfe Road, unless against the 19800 building, or at the entrances/exits to parking, to avoid thefts.
6	Southeast corner of Stevens Creek Blvd and Torre Ave.	Not a useful location. These are only office buildings and parking should be interior (on the other side) of the buildings, where workers enter. Rack located on SCB will have high theft potential.
7	Northwest corner of Stevens Creek Blvd and De Anza Blvd.	Very high theft potential location and not useful as this is an Apple Office building with workers entering on other side. A much better plan would be individual bike racks (two loop type) at each bank and office space near the front door.
8	West of Stevens Creek Blvd and Whole foods driveway.	Unnecessary. There are already good bike racks at Whole Foods, near the front door. Rack located on SCB will have high theft potential.
9	Southwest corner of De Anza Blvd and Rodrigues Ave.	A very useful location for a new rack, as long as it is next to the store fronts (one in front of Trinetha would be the best). Rack located on De Anza will have high theft potential.
10	In front of Target at Stevens Creek Blvd/Main St.	No longer a Target, but useful if placed 100 ft from Stevens Creek against building. Rack located on SCB will have high theft potential.
11	East of Stevens Creek Blvd and Whole foods driveway.	Unnecessary. There are already good bike racks at Whole Foods, near the front door. Rack located on SCB will have high theft potential.

12	Cupertino Library Park. (Requires concrete pad)	A very useful location for a new rack, as closest current racks are at the library. suggest racks be located off library parking lot, at the NE corner, to discourage thefts and allow for easy access (will require ramp to parking lot).
13	Town Center Ln.	A useful location for a new rack, if located near SE corner of medical buildings, or near restaurant. It should not be located in the center in Sandra James Park, away from destinations.
14	Northwest corner of Wolfe Rd and Apple Parkway.	Useful location, if rack is located interior to buildings and not on Wolfe Rd. On Wolfe Road, there is a high potential for theft.
15	Northeast corner of De Anza Blvd and Bollinger Rd, near the bus stop.	Very high potential for bike thefts here, and is not recommended. Bike racks would only be useful as individual racks at businesses, not one rack.
16	Northeast corner of De Anza Blvd and Civic Park Ln.	Not necessary to have both recommended #16 and #17. One bike rack to serve all the businesses, located in the in 'step down' portion and away from De Anza, would be helpful. Rack located on De Anza will have high theft potential.
17	Southeast corner of De Anza Blvd and Town Center Ln.	See notes on location #16.
18	Southwest corner of De Anza Blvd and McClellan Rd. (north of Bus Stop).	Useful location, if rack is located in plaza. Rack located on De Anza or McClellan will have high theft potential.
19	McClellan Ranch Parking Lot.	Useful and very needed. Should be located near trail paths or nature center.
20	Jollyman Park.	Useful and very needed. A location near the children's playground would be helpful.
21	Wilson Park.	Useful and very needed. Should be located near concrete pad next to ages 5-12 play structure or by the younger children play structure and picnic tables, not on neighboring streets.
22	Portal Park.	Useful and very needed. near swings and picnic tables, not on adjacent street, especially due to heavy tree cover (high potential for thefts).

The following are recommended additions to the list.

Add	SE corner of Blaney/Homestead, in Oakmont Plaza.	Useful and very needed. Locate rack not on street but in plaza (best place is on corner of small plaza by 212 Pizza but facing Oakmont Market).
Add	Bank of the West/7 Leaves at SW corner of Homestead and Wolfe.	Useful and very needed. Locate rack against building, not on Wolfe or Homestead.

Add	300 feet west of Blaney Ave on Bollinger in Pacific Rim Plaza next to Joy Dumpling/ QQ Noodle.	Useful and very needed. Locate rack interior to plaza, not on Bollinger.
Add	Von's Chicken plaza at corner of NE corner of De Anza and Silverado.	Useful and very needed. Locate rack at businesses along Silverado, not at edge of De Anza or facing De Anza.
Add	In front of Chamber of Commerce, on Silverado 200 feet from DeAnza Boulevard.	Useful and very needed. Locate rack at building, not at edge of street.