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**Subject:** Re: PB MVC Agenda July 28, 2015  
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Hi all,

Just wanted to let everyone know that I'm out of town next week with my family, so will unfortunately miss my first meeting. Looking forward to serving with you all.

I did want to offer up my interest and willingness to serve as the PB MVC representative on LRTPC. I have a lot of interest in the work that happens there and would love to work to help ensure that bicycle and pedestrian planning is a strong component of our overall transportation planning.

I'm also including a few thoughts on the Bike Parking Study memo since I won't be in attendance at the meeting. See you all in person next month!

Grant

### **Downtown Bike Parking Study**

**Downtown Study Area:** How was this area defined? Any opportunity to expand it slightly to include the area around Monona Terrace (between Wilson and the John Nolen bike path) and also to consider including Machinery Row and the Gateway Mall? Machinery Row and Gateway, specifically, have very pronounced bike parking issues and I think it's reasonable to consider them as "downtown" for the purpose of this study.

**Rack Type:** I don't think this was highlighted, but 716/2,510 spaces (28.5%) do not meet city guidance on appropriate rack style. Fence racks in particular are almost completely avoided by many cyclists as they don't allow for appropriate security. The other unapproved styles often conflict with transportation bicycles (especially those with a front basket/bag) and offer limited usability. Would be good to continue to consider the challenge of these racks in the final analysis.

**Bike Rack Conflicts:** I would hope that we continue to consider conversion of on-street motor vehicle parking stalls to bike parking. One MV parking stall can accommodate 10 bicycles and helps relieve conflict for precious sidewalk area, especially as it relates to cafe space. Outdoor seating provides a tremendous value for people and business and converting MV surface parking is a much smarter approach in my mind.

**Event Parking:** Would be interesting to suggest/require that large event organizers provide temporary bike parking and especially bike valet parking as part of the permitting process. Most of the isthmus neighborhood events have done this for years and it's very successful. I know some events downtown have also done so (concerts on the square), but would be good to consider creating a standard

expectation for organizers.

**Snow Piles:** While only 17% of all respondents noted snow piles in front of bike racks to be a regular concern, this doesn't adjust for the fact that only 52% of the respondents say that they regularly ride their bike in the winter. Anecdotally, this is a major issue for winter cyclists and hope that it does get additional consideration in the final report as well.

On Fri, Jul 24, 2015 at 12:23 PM, Tolley, Sabrina <[STolley@cityofmadison.com](mailto:STolley@cityofmadison.com)> wrote:

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