



City of Milwaukee Bicycle & Pedestrian Task Force

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Mayor Tom Barrett
City of Milwaukee
City Hall, Room 201
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Commissioner Ghassan Korban
City of Milwaukee DPW
Zeidler Municipal Building, Room 501
841 North Broadway
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Mayor Barrett and Commissioner Korban:

Two of the key charges of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Task Force are to discuss bicycle safety issues and to inspire more bicycle ridership. What's more, research shows that the two are intricately connected: more bike riders helps improve the visibility, awareness and safety of all cyclists and drivers.

That's why we at the Bicycle & Pedestrian Task Force would like to formally support the proposed changes to the Bicycle Space Parking Ordinance, Code 295-201, 295-404 and 295-907. This ordinance specifically addresses the availability of bicycle parking in new construction and redevelopment projects in the city. We believe that this proposed ordinance not only guarantees that developers and builders will be implementing bicycle parking in their development plans—giving employees, residents and patrons of their buildings this important transit option—but by its adoption, the city will also be making a strong statement about the value of cycling.

Quality of life, improved health and wellness, improved creativity, enhanced sustainability and improved safety are just a few of categories improved by the thoughtful attention to transit options like cycling. As we continue to watch Milwaukee grow and thrive, this ordinance helps explain who we are as a culture and helps inspire participation in this transit option.

Please let me know if you have any further questions about our support, our mission or if we can help in any way with the promotion and adoption of this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Andy Tillman, Chair
Bicycle/Pedestrian Task Force

cc: All Members of the Common Council (via e-mail)