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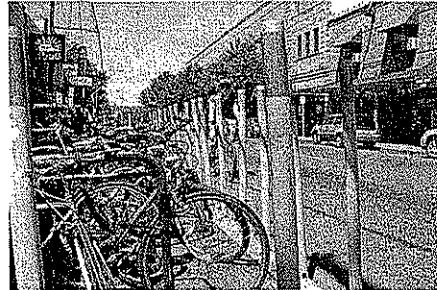
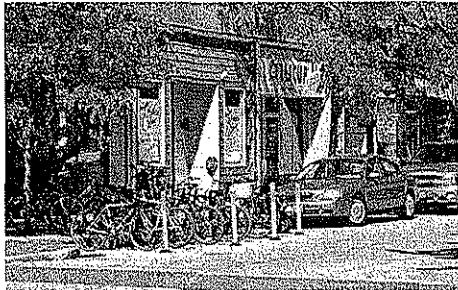
MOTION

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The current gridlock, commuter stress and a desire to help the environment has convinced an ever growing number people to rediscover the delights of biking. Bikes improve fitness and health, often replace short car trips and are an inexpensive form of transportation. Unfortunately, without some accommodation, cyclists are often forced to compete with trees, pedestrians, outdoor diners and newspaper racks for sidewalk space.

Bike corrals are one solution that they give bikes a designated place, acknowledge their importance and keep the sidewalks clear for safe walking. The City of Portland has replaced twenty of its one-car parking spaces with bike corrals. Local businesses, business associations and neighborhoods paid for the first ones, but the recent additions are funded by the City's Bike Parking Fund.

Corrals can be installed in a parking space, where they allow 12 to 14 non-motorized vehicles to park instead of 1 motorized vehicle. Safety is a concern with people and bikes in the street, so bike corral boundaries are often lined with black and yellow reflective flexible poles, encouraging sidewalk access and fending off cars. Corrals can also be installed in corner parking spaces, adding the safety benefit of more visibility around the corner for pedestrians and drivers.



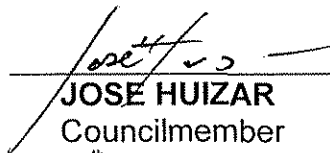
Furthermore, the City can leave the parking meter in place at the corral, which can help fund the City's biking infrastructure. No fines would be handed out if the meter expired, but any revenue generated could be used influence future decisions on providing additional bicycle parking around the City. Many cyclists would likely gladly contribute to such a purpose.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Department of City Planning, be requested to work with Council District 14 on implementing a Bike Corral pilot program along York Blvd between Avenue 50 and Avenue 56.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Department of City Planning, be requested to identify local, state and federal funds to implement non-motorized transportation projects like bike corrals.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Department of City Planning and the Department of Public Works, also be requested to report back on an expeditious permit process for private property owners wishing to install bike racks and/or bike corrals on public property at their own expense -- pending department authorization.

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