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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

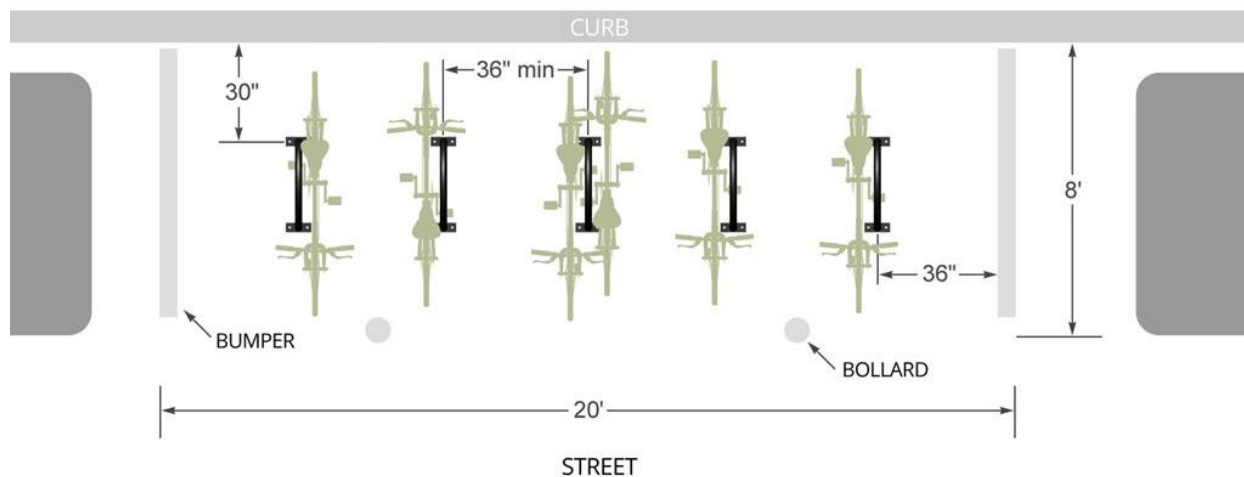
I found this Parking District report quite interesting. Of course, it refers only to motor vehicle parking as it concludes that existing private and public parking is underutilized. Bicycle and scooter parking downtown, however, is grossly insufficient (especially since the implementation of rental scooters). A lack of secure bike parking is the second most common barrier cited by residents who would like to commute or do more errands by bike.

Another aspect of this report that interests me is the fact that despite vehicle parking being underutilized, the removal of even a single vehicle parking space is vehemently opposed when active transportation projects are presented to the citizenry.

It seems as though you are looking for ways to repurpose some of this underutilized space...might I suggest turning some of this motor vehicle parking into bicycle parking? One motor vehicle space can park ten bicycles. There are attractive, functional, and inexpensive designs for bike parking corrals (I've linked information below). Re-purposing just one car parking spot per block into bike parking would be transformative!

Thank you for considering.

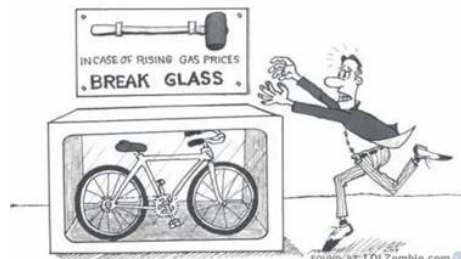
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