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10 more bike racks to be installed

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Downtown proper is due 10 U-shaped bike racks soon. (They're actually more like lowercase Ns, but it doesn't have the same ring.) Their locations will be reviewed by the Historic and Design Review Commission on Wednesday. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the agenda item.

The locations are:

- 102 W. Crockett St.
- 211 Losoya St.
- 214 Losoya St.
- 228 Losoya St.
- 235 Losoya St.
- Northeast corner of Losoya and Houston streets
- 116 Broadway
- 200 Navarro St.
- 302 E. Commerce St.
- 409 E. Commerce St.

Oddly, most of these racks are going in front of bars. Julia Murphy, the city's bike coordinator, said it's more about filling the gaps than promoting particular establishments.

"We do have bike parking already in other places like at the Alamo, at San Fernando Cathedral, at Central Library," Murphy said. "So most of our destinations are being serviced. We tried to think, 'where do people want to ride?' And then worked backward from there."

The city's office of sustainability purchased 110 of the U-shaped bike racks for \$101.90 a piece.



Ten are going downtown. District 1 is due 20 overall, so downtown could see even more. The remaining 90 will be distributed throughout the city.

“We don’t have a hard number in an increase of bike ridership, but if you just look around downtown you see bikes chained up to light posts and benches,” Murphy said. “So that speaks to the need for proper bike racks that keep everything in order and keep sidewalks clear for pedestrians.

“We’ll just chip away at the need.”

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