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DOT INSTALLS BICYCLE RACKS AT BUSY WILLIAMSBURG INTERSECTION

Sidewalk Space Added for New Bicycle Parking at Busy Bedford Avenue Subway Station

New York City Transportation Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan today joined City Councilmember David Yassky and Community Board 1 Transportation Chair Teresa Toro to announce the completion of a new bicycle parking facility at the Bedford L subway stop in Williamsburg. The facility marks the first time car parking spaces have been removed to accommodate bicycle parking in New York City.

DOT extended a 76-foot section of the sidewalk by 5 feet and installed 9 new bicycle racks at the heavily trafficked subway station at the southeast corner of the intersection of North 7th Street and Bedford Avenue. The new *CityRacks* will provide parking for more than 30 bicycles.

“Cycling is booming in Williamsburg. By removing just a few parking spaces, we’ve made it easier to bicycle to the neighborhood’s hub and increased the convenience of using mass transit,” said Commissioner Sadik-Khan. “To improve mobility and quality of life as the city grows, Mayor Bloomberg’s sustainability plan requires that we use street space as wisely as possible.”

"The Bedford-North, 7th build-out is a wonderful addition to the Williamsburg neighborhood," said Councilmember Yassky. "By making the intersection more friendly for mass transit users and more bike accessible, the DOT has taken another positive step towards a sustainable New York."

"I want to wholeheartedly thank Commissioner Sadik-Khan and the Brooklyn office of NYC DOT for a project that helps bicyclists, pedestrians and subway riders," said Community Board 1 Transportation Committee Chair Teresa Toro. "Given the popularity of cycling in Williamsburg and Greenpoint, I hope we see more bicycle parking projects like this one."

CityRacks is a DOT program that provides free sidewalk bicycle racks throughout New York City to encourage cycling for commuting, short trips and errands. DOT has installed more than 3,900 *CityRacks* since 1996, including 690 in Brooklyn.

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Cycling is an important component of Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg’s PlaNYC 2030, sustainability initiative and DOT continues to promote bicycles as an environmentally friendly alternative to cars. Over the last year the department has added more than 46 miles to the City’s bicycle network, which now includes more than 270 miles of on-street lanes, routes and paths. Last month DOT also introduced the City’s first official bicycle helmet and has since distributed thousands of them, free of charge, at helmet giveaway events.



Bicycle Racks at the Intersection of North 7th Street and Bedford Avenue

PlaNYC also seeks to provide commuters with access to mass transit and DOT has installed *CityRacks* at a number of transit hubs to encourage people to “bike and ride.” DOT recently installed *CityRacks* at the DeKalb Avenue subway station in Brooklyn and is planning to add a large grouping of racks at the Corona Plaza station in Queens.

Requests for *CityRacks* can be made by calling 311 or visiting DOT’s website at www.nyc.gov/dot.