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Your idea has been given wings!

From: White, Richard
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 3:01 PM
To: Fong, Brewster; Simon, Sean A.; Loy, Mark R.; Cooke, Michelle; CPUC Bikes
Subject: RE: bike storage update

All,

A couple of comments.

First, I am sure that any OSHA concerns about emergency egress in cubicles would also apply to an over-crowded bike room. No one would want to be in the back of the bike room filled with bikes if the fire alarm goes off.

Secondly, the alternative solutions do not seem to be adequate to me. I think the storage capacity of 20-25 bikes for the bike rack in the garage is an over estimate. I would be surprised if 10 bikes could be locked there with U-bolt locks; cable locks are simply not a secure method to lock a bike. Has anyone checked or tested this out? Also the rack in the courtyard is simply not a viable option for daily commuters. Even with security cameras, bikes parked outside will be subject to a much higher and unreasonable risk of being stolen or vandalized. Bikes stored outside will also be exposed to the elements. Particularly in the rainy months, bikes will get wet as wind blows through the breezeway. There is a reason regular commuters don't use those bike racks outside.

I think because the alternatives are much less than ideal, I would suspect that the bike room is going to become very crowded.

Solution:

Currently the garage is not regularly filled to capacity with at least 20 to 30 vacant spaces each day. If DGS charges market rate for parking, there will likely be even more empty spaces each day. These spaces should be converted to dedicated bike parking. It is relatively simple to install a fenced in area, accessed with a key code, in the garage that would be safe and protected from the elements.

From: Fong, Brewster
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 12:09 PM
To: Simon, Sean A.; Loy, Mark R.; CPUC Bikes
Subject: bike storage update

All,

I had a brief talk with Amanda Hult, the Management Services Branch person who I believe handles safety in the building. She says that DGS wants bicycles out of the building because they got “nailed” by OSHA for having bicycles in it. According to her, OSHA claims that bicycles block the egress/ingress of walkways and are a very high safety concern. Storing bikes in an empty cubicle isn’t a solution as those cubes will eventually be filled. The new cubicles are smaller and won’t have enough space to store a bike. DGS doesn’t want bikes parked in any of the hallways or against a wall.

So, DGS is suppose to provide “reasonable accommodation” for storing bicycles. They’ve provided three options:

1. Bike room – currently allows the storage of 24 hanging bicycles. Should be able to store an additional 5-10 bicycles by leaning against the wall. Further, there is a camera outside of the bike room that is (surprise!) working.
2. Bike rack garage – Should be able to store another 20-25 bikes depending on how you mount them in the rack. DGS will be installing security measures, e.g., cameras, that will monitor the racks. They believe that should be enough to prevent thefts.
3. Bike rack courtyard/breezeway/walkway – Should be able to store 20-25 bikes on this rack. There is a camera out there that they claim is now working and will monitor the rack. I believe it also monitors the ATM. Again, they believe this is enough to prevent thefts.
4. Reporting theft – there will be a memo coming out that any theft must be reported to the CHP immediate. I don't know if we will be able to file a claim against the state if our bikes get stolen or ripped off, but that is the first step.

Finally, I asked if she could get us an answer on my request for an extension of two weeks from Monday, July 21, 2014 to August 4, 2014 to allow us to continuing bringing our bikes into the building. She says that will be decided by either the building manager or DGS management, the head whom I understand is off until Monday, July 21, 2014.

That's the latest.

Brewster