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DOT and DCAS Team Up to Expand Bicycle Parking at Municipal Buildings in Lower Manhattan

*Five government office buildings will see a total 300% increase in available bike parking
for City workers*

NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan and Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) Commissioner Martha Hirst today announced the planned expansion of secure bicycle parking for municipal employees at five municipal buildings in lower Manhattan. The agencies collaborated to identify and expand three existing locations and add two new parking facilities, turning 44 bike parking spaces into 132 total spaces. The DOT's strategic plan calls for doubling bike commuting by 2015, and Mayor Bloomberg's PlaNYC sustainability agenda calls for increasing on-street and commercial bike parking.

"Bike commuting in New York has grown more than 75% since 2000, but one of the most frequent complaints we hear is that there's nowhere to put your bike once you get to work," said DOT Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan. "As our bike network expands and more New Yorkers make their commutes in this sustainable way, we need to do more to provide City employees a safe, secure place to lock their bikes."

"I am pleased that DCAS and DOT are able to offer City employees even more options for parking the bicycles they want to ride to work," said DCAS Commissioner Martha K. Hirst. "We will be enhancing the indoor bike rooms we opened last year, and, just as before, the new spaces will be open to any City employee working anywhere in Lower Manhattan."

The expanded bike parking, which will be installed in the fall, includes indoor facilities at 280 Broadway, home of the Department of Buildings, which will grow from a capacity of 12 bikes to 36 bikes; and at 100 Gold Street, where the Department of Housing Preservation & Development is located, parking capacity will increase from 10 bikes to 22 bikes. Existing outdoor parking is also being increased at the southern archway of the Municipal Building at 1 Centre Street, home of the Public Advocate, Comptroller, DCAS, City Clerk, Office of Payroll Administration, Department of Finance, the media division of the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications, and the Manhattan

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Borough President, which will increase from 24 to 52 bike parking spaces. This secure location is monitored by DCAS security officers at the building. The City is adding new bike parking rooms to its buildings at 125 Worth Street, which houses the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Health and Hospitals Corporation, and the Department of Sanitation, and at 22 Reade Street, home of the Department of City Planning, each of which will have a capacity for 12 bikes. At DOT's headquarters at 40 Worth, bike parking already was increased from 15 to 27 spots earlier this year.

The City continues to promote bike commuting as part of the Mayor's PlaNYC and DOT's strategic plan. New, safer bike lanes, free helmet distributions, and a new generation of creative yet functional bike rack designs are part of the City's efforts to make biking safer, easier and more appealing. DOT recently recognized Credit Suisse and Birdbath Neighborhood Bakery with Bike Friendly Businesses for promoting bike commuting and for integrating bikes into daily business activity.

DOT also teamed this year with Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum, holding a Bike Parking Design Competition to identify attractive, functional and well-designed bike racks to become the next generation of racks for New York City's sidewalks. Finalists in the competition are currently being evaluated and will be announced in the fall. One of the competition jurists, the musician and artist David Byrne, was so inspired by the competition that he designed his own racks, which DOT recently installed at nine locations throughout Manhattan and Brooklyn. There are currently more than 5,500 bike racks on City sidewalks, and the first four of 37 sheltered bike parking structures have been installed in four boroughs.

An example of a sign that will designate parking areas or parking rooms is attached.