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***Item 6-3: Sugar Sweetened
Beverage Tax Commission
Recommendation***

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION
MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2020

From: [Isabelle Leduc](#)
To: [Eileen Harrington](#)
Subject: FW: bike racks at AUSD sites
Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020 11:26:14 AM

Eileen,
This one is for the SSB item.

Thanks,
Isabelle

From: mattison ly <mattisonly@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 11:19 AM
To: PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE <PROSC@albanyca.org>
Cc: albany@lists.ebbc.org
Subject: bike racks at AUSD sites

[EXTERNAL EMAIL.]

Hi Parks and Recreation Commission members,

I am writing to see if the City of Albany can look at using the Albany Soda Tax money to help fund new bike racks at the Albany Middle School Annex. Currently, there are not any public bike racks along Brighton or San Gabriel where the Middle school is located. There are some bike racks just inside the middle school gates but I was told by the Site Supervisor for the school that those are for employee use only. I bike my kids to the Middle school almost everyday. Bicycling is my family's main mode of transportation around town.

If we are encouraging our kids and being positive roll models for our kids to live a more environmentally friendly lifestyle, than bike racks are critical to supporting that effort. Attached are a couple pictures that I recently took of the new Annex. As you will see, people who bike there end up locking their bikes on stairway guardrails and making it unsafe for those using the stairway. To avoid this, adding some bike racks in front of the Annex main entry area would be desired. Additionally, adding some to the Middle school main entry would also be beneficial since there currently aren't any for public use.

Both the middle school and annex do have some 'private' bike racks on the school site for kids to park, however after a certain school hour, the campus is closed and locked and therefore for evening events and/or evening pick ups, the bike racks are not accessible for use. Worse, if a child locks the bike up in these 'private' areas in the morning for drop off and a parent picks them up at night during after school care, they are not able to get the child's bike out of these locked 'private' bike racks until the next day.

I hope you can understand my reason for wanting to see if the City can provide some public bike racks at the middle school and annex. I hope you take this into consideration and appreciate your help in supporting a carbon neutral Albany.

Thank you,
Mattison Ly

From: [Isabelle Leduc](#)
To: [Eileen Harrington](#)
Subject: FW: Soda Tax Funding for Bike Racks outside of Albany Middle School Annex
Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020 12:28:34 PM

From: Benjamin Hensler <benhensler@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 12:07 PM
To: PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE <PROSC@albanyca.org>
Subject: Soda Tax Funding for Bike Racks outside of Albany Middle School Annex

[EXTERNAL EMAIL.]

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the Ocean View School PTA to urge you to devote funds from the current soda tax to install bicycle racks outside of the new Albany Middle School Annex, which, as you know is currently housing our school's 2nd and 3rd grades. This matter was discussed last night at our PTA membership meeting, which unanimously supported this request.

As a parent seeking to model and promote healthy and environmentally responsible living for my children, and as a school volunteer, parent and resident who uses a bicycle to travel around Albany, I feel it is important to have bicycle racks outside all of our school buildings.

I have already experienced and can attest to the inconvenience of riding a bike to the AMS Annex and not having bike racks in front of the building. I think this is important to rectify this omission and a very appropriate use of the Soda Tax funds. Thanks very much for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely

Ben Hensler
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From: [Isabelle Leduc](#)
To: [Eileen Harrington](#)
Subject: FW: bike racks at AUSD sites
Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020 2:13:19 PM

From: buddycalifornia <buddycalifornia@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 2:10 PM
To: PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE <PROSC@albanyca.org>
Subject: Fwd: bike racks at AUSD sites

[EXTERNAL EMAIL.]

Dear Parks and Recreation Commission members,

We need bike racks at the Albany Middle School Annex, that could be paid for with the soda tax funds. We bike our kids to the Middle school almost everyday and there isn't a decent supply at the Annex. People currently end up locking their bikes on stairway guardrails and making it unsafe for those using the stairway. To avoid this, adding some bike racks in front of the Annex main entry area would be a good idea.

We appreciate your help in supporting a carbon neutral Albany.

Buddy Williams

Albany homeowner with 2 kids in Albany public schools



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For kids we counting on all hands for your support

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