

ECCO NRP

3010 Hennepin Avenue #13 – Minneapolis – 55408

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A request by the ECCO Environment Committee to the ECCO Board of Directors to approve capital improvements in the form of bicycle parking in the Uptown Business District.

Overview- At the request of the ECCO Board of Directors the ECCO Environment Committee in cooperation with the City of Minneapolis Public Works, the Uptown Business Association, Lowry Hill East and CARAG neighborhoods proposes an allocation not to exceed \$13, 500.00 for bicycle parking at the Uptown Business node. These fifty (50) bicycle “hitches” will be placed on the public right-of-way on West Lake Street between South Irving Avenue and South Emerson Avenue and on Hennepin Avenue between the 29th Street Bridge and West 31st Street. They will be placed between the existing parking meters in an even distribution in the designated area. Each hitch will accommodate two bicycles.

Rational- The concept gives bicycles year-round parking options. The decentralized parking options give bicyclist the ability to park next to the business they wish to shop. This plan will not remove parking or obstruct traffic with barrier like existing temporary parking area. The hitch may be unlocked and removed from the mounting “collar” embedded in the concrete sidewalk, so to minimize the interference with the Uptown Art Fair. Also, the artistic design of the hitch will add to the area’s character.

Budget-

50 Bicycle Hitches at \$125.00/unit	\$6,250.00
50 Hitch Collars with locking mechanism at \$145.00/unit	\$7,250.00
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Total (Including labor and installation)	\$13,500.00

Timeline- Public works must conduct an internal study of the area before permission is granted this will be complete at the end of the summer. These will be purchased in the fall 2001 and installed in spring 2002.

