




**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development**  
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE, MAYOR

**Office of the Executive Director**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor

**FROM:** Monica R. Lamboy, Executive Director 

**DATE:** March 10, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of a \$14,473.50 grant from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council Regional Bike Parking Program

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The Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) respectfully requests that you forward this staff report to the Board of Aldermen requesting their acceptance of a \$14,473.50 grant from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council's (MAPC) Regional Bike Parking Program. The grant will fund the purchase of additional bicycle racks and corrals for installation across the city. The bike parking program is an important part of Somerville's continued efforts to increase bicycle infrastructure and support healthy transportation choices.

**BACKGROUND**

The City of Somerville first participated in MAPC's Regional Bike Parking Program in 2007 and purchased 50 custom-made bike racks featuring the iconic Powder House, designed in-house by Fred Lund. In 2010, the City installed another 80 racks. Despite these accomplishments, demand for additional racks remains high as evidenced by the continued parking on posts and other non-designated bike parking spaces, as well as by public acclaim for the racks when they have been installed. By purchasing and installing new racks, the City will continue to endorse active, healthy transportation options.

The will provide funding to acquire the racks. Shipping and handling costs will be covered by OSPCD's current budget allocation and DPW will install the racks at locations recommended by the Board of Aldermen, the Bicycle Committee, DPW and OSPCD. All racks will be cast in concrete to increase safety and security.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Aldermen accept MAPC's Regional Bike Parking Program grant in the amount of \$14,473.50.