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**Project in Brief**

**Project:**

*City of Phoenix provides Cycle-Safe to Enhances Bike Friendly Status*

**Location:**

Street level of city parking garage

**Installation:**

22 Cycle-Safe® bicycle lockers

**Reaction to previous brand:**

"They were made of particle board and were falling apart."

**Reaction to Cycle-Safe:**

"They are the best I've used."

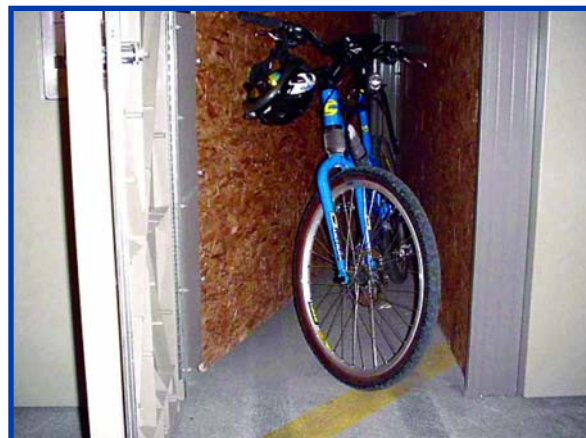
The City of Phoenix is the epitome of a bike friendly community. 470 miles of on street bike lanes and off road trails embellish the city's landscape, bike racks have been added to busses, tunnel systems and freeway overpasses specifically designed to keep cyclists from conflicting with motorized traffic have been put in, and a program to recycle bikes and redistribute them to low income families for basic transportation has even been implemented. Moreover, in order to keep improving upon their bike friendly reputation they have installed 22 bike lockers at the local City Hall for employees to use.



**Cycle-Safe and the City of Phoenix, working together to provide secure storage for bike commuters**

Kristina Fields, a Traffic Engineer, at the City of Phoenix, said they elected to work with Cycle-Safe on the project because of, "their good track record," and their ability to deliver a product that would provide, "security, and durability," and "would not require a lot of maintenance."

According to Fields, a key person involved in the selection of the lockers, Cycle-Safe lockers are a big improvement over the old lockers. Prior to purchasing the Cycle-Safe lockers, the city had four or five lockers that were composed of aluminum rails with plastic veneer over particleboard panels, and as Fields noted, were "falling apart," and, "were not as durable or secure as the Cycle-Safe lockers." While the city also has four or five wire cages available for bike parking, many cyclists are not comfortable with the



option because, as Fields said, "you can see what's inside."

"David Kimes, a Chief Engineering Technician at the City of Phoenix, who was also involved in the selection and installation of the lockers, reiterated the fact that the Cycle-Safe lockers are extremely safe. "In the cages your bike is visible and all (a thief) needs is a good pair of wire cutters to get in and steal parts off your bike, and," he added, "the Medeco locking system on the Cycle-Safe units is impossible to pick."

The location that the city decided to install the lockers in, also enhances their security. The row of 22 lockers is located in the ground level of a parking garage, directly in view of the parking attendants.

For Kimes, who owns a \$4000.00 bike, the unparalleled security the lockers offer is a significant perk. Prior to having access to the lockers, he wasn't always guaranteed a secure parking spot, even in the cages, and often had to chain his bike to

a pipe on the second floor of the parking garage. Now that the lockers are available, Kimes plans on increasing the number of days he makes the twenty-two mile bike trip to and from work. A commuter for the past five years, Kimes has discovered the many health benefits that go along with using your bike to get around. "I feel much, much better. When you start to get around middle age

you put on weight a little easier, (so commuting by bike can really help). I also feel much more alert and drink much less coffee, too.”

While only four employees currently commute on a regular basis, Fields estimates that over half of the lockers are being rented. Employees were informed about the lockers availability from the employee newsletter, and at a special booth set up on Bike to Work Day.

According to Kimes other employees also seem to be very pleased with the lockers, he said, “A judge in the municipal building rides everyday to work.

And another friend of mine in the Water Department also likes using the lockers much better, since he doesn’t have to carry his chain with him.”

Since their installation in June of 2000 the City has been very happy with the locker’s performance. “We have found them to be very secure, durable, and attractive,” stated Fields, ‘I think they will provide us with a long-lasting bike storage (solution),” she added.

When asked if she thought the City would purchase Cycle-Safe lockers again, Fields stated, “Yes, they are a great product.”



The City of Phoenix uses Cycle-Safe lockers in unused areas of the parking garage, maximizing parking potential.

### Project Team:

- Kristina Fields, Traffic Engineer, City of Phoenix
- David Kimes, Chief Engineering Technician, City of Phoenix
- Cycle-Safe, Inc.

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