

Request for Proposals: Washington Avenue Parking Benefit District Bike Rack

Project Scope

The Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department (ARA) is requesting proposals to design bike racks to enhance the Washington Avenue Corridor. The project is sponsored by the Washington Avenue Parking Benefit District Advisory Committee and the project budget is funded out of the parking meter revenues from the Corridor.

The Committee is seeking creative design proposals for at least seven (7) bike racks to be located in highly visible areas in Washington Avenue Corridor (2000 – 5200 Washington Avenue). A single bike rack should have the capacity to engage at least 4 bicycles.

The bike racks should be a cohesive design and include a branding element for the Washington Avenue Parking Benefit District.

The goals of the project include:

1. Functional bike racks with an artistic element;
2. Increasing visibility of the Parking Benefit District;
3. Design must have the language “Washington Avenue Parking Benefit District” integrated into the design.; and
4. Racks should be complementary to the nature of the Washington Avenue Corridor.

Awarded proposals will be responsible for the fabrication of the final product. The ARA Parking Management Division will install the final product in consultation with the artist and fabricator. Respondents will be required to complete the design and fabrication of the bike racks within 120 days of contract award.

Project Details

ARA is seeking high quality, functional bike racks that will have a strong visual and spatial impact for patrons, residents and visitors moving thru the Washington Avenue Corridor. The creative artwork is intended to be a functional, interactive piece for bicyclists/bicycle traffic and encourage an alternative mode of transportation. The design of the finished piece should reflect the neighborhood and enhance the infrastructure. The design will be used as branding element for the Parking Benefit District.

Location

The artistic-bike racks will be installed in high bicycle use and high visibility areas along the Corridor. Placement will be determined and finalized once the proposal is selected.

Functionality and Design

The bike racks must provide space for parking/locking up at least, but not limited to, four (4) bikes (see below for more details on project design specifications).

All rack designs must:

- Accommodate a minimum of four bikes. The ability to accommodate a wider range of bike shape and sizes, the better.
- Accommodate standard bike lock styles, including a U-shaped lock.
- Can be bolted to the cement ground by a surface flange mount in a way that will prevent the racks from being removed from the location. The sturdier the mount, the better.
- Be built of durable materials to last in outdoor conditions for a minimum of (10 years). The more durable the materials and less need for long-term maintenance, the better.
- Provide a minimum of two points of contact for each bike, e.g. touch each bike on two wheels or one wheel and the frame (for stability).

Artists

Artists are permitted to work individually or as part of a team. The team could include an outside contractor to fabricate the actual rack. The outside contractor would be listed as a part of the artist design team.

Budget

The project has an anticipated total budget of up to \$10,000. The contract will be inclusive of all work including, but not limited to, design proposals, artists fees, design, engineering, permitting, insurance costs for each year of the project, lighting software, studio and project administration, travel, fabrication, materials, and required documentation.

Examples of bike racks:



Submission Requirements

All applications and submitted designs must include three digital copies and one hard copy of the proposal.

Final design must have the language “Washington Avenue Parking Benefit District” integrated into the design.

Scoring Criteria

Applicants may receive up to 55 points, plus bonus points. The awarded applicant(s) will be those that score the most points. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The scoring criteria follow:

Functionality (Up to 20 points)

- Ability to stabilize bikes (2 points of contact per bike);
- Durability (ability to age well and remain structurally sound over 10+ years)
- Structural stability
- Ease of bike access (e.g. easy to park and retrieve bike without tangling with neighboring bikes);
- Minimal maintenance required post-installation

Creativity (Up to 20 points)

Unique or unusual design

Relevance to the neighborhood culture

Portfolio and proven experience of artist and/or development team (up to 10 points)

Hire Houston First (Up to 5 points)

Professional Artist /Team are City of Houston residents

Bonus Points: Number of bike parking spaces (+1 point per each functional bike rack over 7)

Application Requirements Resumes or company information of artist/s and team members (3 pages maximum each)
Design specifics and drawings of the bike racks including details on materials, etc. Letter of intent that includes contact information and describes how the artist or artist team meets the criteria (1,000 words max)

4. Biography/ artist statement (500 words max).
5. Work Examples: 20 maximum. Digital images of works that demonstrate the above criteria. Only JPEGs up to 5 MB
6. Image list including artist, title, year completed, dimensions, material, and budget or price (as applicable) for each image selected in your portfolio
7. Contact information for three professional references, no more than one page.

Project Schedule (All dates subject to change)

August 17, 2015 - RFP published

September 21, 2015 - Submission Deadline

September 28, 2015 - Design Selection Review, including artist in person presentations

October 4, 2015 – Public input on top three selection

October 12, 2015 – Finalist notified and contract awarded

Bike racks must be designed and fabricated within 120 days of contract award

Submissions should be sent to parking@houstontx.gov or mailed/delivered to Parking Management, 2020 McKinney, Houston, TX 77003 by Monday, September 21, 2015, 5 pm. Late submissions will not be considered.

Creative Bike Rack Proposal Application

Design Submission Deadline: September 21, 2015, 5 pm

For more information contact:

Washington Avenue Parking Benefit District Advisory Committee

Email: parking@houstontx.gov

Submit application to:

City of Houston Parking Management Division

2020 McKinney, Houston, TX 77003

RFP & Application can be found online at: <http://www.HoustonPBD.org>

Date of Application _____

Primary Applicant Name / Contact Information

Applicant Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Team Member (1)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Team Member (2)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____