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## More Than 200 Additional Bike Parking Spaces to Make RNC Events in Saint Paul Easier to Access

Partnership doubles number of bike parking spaces  
during Republican National Convention

SAINT PAUL – Widely known for its network of extensive bike trails, lanes, bike-friendly streets and strong bike-commuting culture, the metropolitan area will put bike accessibility center stage during the Republican National Convention, with Saint Paul featuring more than 430 bike parking spaces in and around downtown.

The additional bike racks will be in place starting Friday evening, August 29, and stay up through Friday, Sept. 5. The temporary racks are thanks to a partnership between St. Paul Smart Trips, the City of Saint Paul, and Twin Cities-based Dero Bike Rack Company.

“Saint Paul will be open for business during the Republican National Convention with public parties and concerts, civic events like the showing of the Declaration of Independence, and a host of new shops and restaurants entertaining workers, residents, and visitors alike,” said Mayor Chris Coleman. “One of the best ways to access these events will be by bike, and providing the extra parking spaces will make cycling to downtown an easier, traffic-free option.”

The temporary racks will add 238 spaces to the existing 200 spaces downtown that are not inside of the vehicle restriction area. The public spaces will be free to use and spread out over six sites in downtown:

- Walnut St. between W. 7th St. and Smith Ave.
- 7A Ramp
- Robert St. Ramp (7th Street entrance)
- Block 19 Ramp (7th Street entrance)
- Lowertown Ramp (Sibley Street entrance)
- St. Paul Farmer's Market (Broadway Street, Wall Street, and E 5th Street sides)

St. Paul Smart Trips has produced a map available for pick up at their downtown office in the skyway and for download on its Web site at [www.smart-trips.org](http://www.smart-trips.org) and Saint Paul's Web site at [www.stpaul.gov](http://www.stpaul.gov) by clicking on the convention link and "Bike Program."

With 45,000 convention goers and members of the media expected during the convention, bicycle commuting will play a large role in reducing increased traffic during the 4-day event.

St. Paul Smart Trips is dedicated to helping those who live, work or play in St. Paul add options to their trips like biking, walking, taking transit and ridesharing.

St. Paul Smart Trips will be holding an open house 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesday, August 27, to provide information on getting around during the Republican National Convention. More information on options for getting around can be found at [www.smart-trips.org](http://www.smart-trips.org). Please visit [www.stpaul.gov](http://www.stpaul.gov) for more information regarding the RNC.

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