



As a community advocacy organization, Bike Walk Knoxville works to improve walking and biking in Knoxville in lots of ways. Sometimes, this looks like hosting fun public events like Tour de Lights or Open Streets Knoxville, or programming like Kids Love Bikes or our Bicycle/Pedestrian Friendly Driver education. Other times, it's advocating for infrastructure that helps make active transportation safer, more comfortable, and more convenient through changes to the built environment. Other times, it's working alongside partners to develop resources to serve active transportation users in our community.

Bike parking is one great example of these efforts. As popular downtown events like Big Ears have demonstrated, there is high demand for bike parking at events in Knoxville. Bike Walk Knoxville brought this to the attention of important partners at the City, including Special Events, Vision Zero, and the Downtown Coordinator, and emphasized that offering bike parking at events is imperative to encourage cycling. Based on that conversation, our team met with Visit Knoxville, who generously offered to purchase event bike racks to be utilized by community events as a part of the [Equipment and Services available through City of Knoxville Special Events](#). We were proud to pilot bike parking at Open Streets Knoxville in May of 2026, where folks loved having a convenient and secure place to park their bikes while they enjoyed the fun on Gay Street!

We can't wait to see more events offering bike parking and encouraging cycling to events. Not only can this help ease traffic congestion and parking concerns by encouraging folks to bike to events rather than drive, but it also promotes public health, sustainability, and community engagement through active transportation.

However, events aren't the only time folks are looking to park their bikes downtown! Conversations with community partners emphasized a lack of awareness around where bike parking existed downtown, creating a barrier for many would-be cyclists. With this in mind, we partnered with the City of Knoxville Communications Department and their Summer in the City Intern to collect data on downtown bike parking locations, especially hitch racks and u-racks that are easily accessible. Bike Walk Knoxville shared this data with Visit Knoxville, who graciously agreed to include it in the [Downtown Parking Map](#)! Now, anyone looking to ride their bike to enjoy downtown Knoxville can easily find where the most convenient place to park their bike would be. If you know of bike parking facilities around downtown Knoxville that aren't currently listed on the map, please send the latitude and longitude to Bike Walk Knoxville at [bikewalkknox@gmail.com](mailto:bikewalkknox@gmail.com) and we



will get them added to the map! Help us keep this map accurate by reporting any incorrect bike parking locations.

Our advocacy doesn't stop there, though! We wanted to hear from community members about what downtown destinations they wish were served by bike parking, so we put out a [Downtown Bike Parking Survey](#). We hope to use these crowd-sourced recommendations to continue to advocate for more and better bike parking at businesses, public spaces, and other choice destinations. By increasing the availability of bike parking, Bike Walk Knoxville is working to make Knoxville a better place to bike, and encourage riders of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds to engage with our downtown on two wheels.

We also invite you to be a part of our work! Our organization is always looking for input from community members on where they have concerns for active transportation safety, where they see opportunities for improvement, and how we can all work together to make Knoxville a great place to walk and bike. You can also support our efforts by [making a donation](#) - your tax-deductible gift empowers us to keep pushing for a more walkable, bikeable, liveable Knoxville!