

Bike-Share Station Siting Guidelines

General Siting Requirements

- Stations should be sited to ensure maximum visibility and access; well lit areas with unrestricted public access.
- Except in specific circumstances (e.g., destination at mid-block), Stations should be located as close to the corner/crosswalk as possible.
- Where possible, use low-volume pedestrianized spaces (e.g., Broadway north of Times Sq., Herald Sq., Madison Sq., Union Sq. and buffers on existing parking protected bike paths).
- Stations are discouraged on 5th Avenue between approx. 80th and 40th St due to the high volume of parades.

Sidewalk Sites:

- Unless there is a compelling reason and low pedestrian level of service, avoid sidewalk locations if the sidewalk is narrower than 16'. Medians may be considered.
- Sites should not interfere with existing pedestrian travel patterns and should be in line with other street furniture, trees, etc. unless existing pedestrian travel patterns suggest alternate locations.
- As per general NYCDOT siting rules, sidewalk sites may not be proposed in the following locations:
 - Within 5' of the crosswalk
 - Within 10' of driveways
 - Within 15' of fire hydrants
 - Within 15' of the mouths of subway stairs, elevators, or bus stops
 - Within 5' of cellar doors, building entrances
 - Sidewalk sites may not be proposed directly in front of the main entrance to major buildings.

On Street Sites:

- On-street sites should be located in the parking lane of side streets, or avenues with low traffic volumes. The parking lane must be at least 8' wide.
- Station locations should not conflict with driving lanes or lanes that become driving lanes at certain times (e.g., Rush Hour Lanes). No Parking and No Standing zones are allowed as long as a Station would not interfere with driving lanes.
- Stations may be placed at locations that have been "daylighted" for visibility purposes.
- Locations may not be proposed in the following locations:
 - No Stopping zones
 - Bus Stops
 - Parking lanes that become driving lanes at specific times of day
 - Within 15' of a fire hydrant or bus stop
 - Within 10' of loading zones, driveways or curb cuts
 - Within 3' of the crosswalk
- Stations are strongly discouraged on the "inside" of turns, unless the street geometry is such that the location is deemed appropriate by DOT engineers.

Parks, NYCHA, and other City Property:

- Stations are allowed in Parks and on other City properties at the discretion of the City.
- In general, sidewalk siting guidelines apply.

Private Property:

- Stations are allowed on private property at the property owner's discretion.
- Stations on private property should have 24-hour, unrestricted public access.