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DGS Launches Bike Repair Station Program To Support & Encourage Multimodal Transit

(Washington D.C.) — The Department of General Service’s Sustainability and Energy division is making sure that District bikers have access to all the tools needed to make their rides trouble-free. “We have purchased and assembled eight bike repair stations,” and anticipate they will serve as a great tool for quick bike fixes for the city’s many bike riders and commuters,” said Sustainability + Energy Associate Director Mark Chambers. “These stations play an important role in highlighting DGS’ support for and commitment to the creation of a highly sustainable district, especially as it relates to multimodal transit, “ he added.

The bike stations are equipped with an air pump and eight retractable tools. The Sustainability + Energy team did thorough research about the locations where the stations would be best used and are most needed, consulting with many experts on this topic. As a result, the team has coordinated the installation of the first eight stations at: Banneker Recreation Center, Takoma Aquatic Center, Rosedale Recreation Center, Francis Gregory Library, Reeves Center, Tenley Friendship Neighborhood Library, Penn Center and the Department of Employment Services, with the installation of many more in the near future. The stations are not intended to replace the function of bike shops, but rather work in conjunction to provide easily accessible tools for quick fixes in areas that may not be close to many bike shops or areas that have yet to develop a strong biking support structure.

In the past week since being installed, DGS has already received positive feedback on the stations, observing that they are already getting good use and having received requests to install more.

“If people feel like their environment supports their desire to bike, they are more likely to do so; and that’s a win for our residents and for the District,” commented DGS Director Christopher Weaver.

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