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I. Preface

All bicycle facilities should be reviewed by the 2010 Bicycle Master Plan Committee, City of Rochester; Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Genesee Transportation Council; the Rochester Cycling Alliance; Rochester Bicycling Club members; Genesee Valley Cycling Club members; Huggers Pedal Power Club members; Flour City Hardcourt Bike Polo Club members; Canadigua Cyclists & Walkers members; and other bicycle clubs in Monroe County and the RGRTA's service area. This simply means the RGRTA's architects & planners submit, well in advance the design for such facilities to these organizations. The idea is to make certain the designs for such bicycle facilities are valid, cost effective, and meet the needs of bicyclists using the Transit Center & other RGRTA facilities (including their buses). The idea is to help RGRTA make this transit facility a model transit facility.

II. Bicycle Facilities on the buses

- A. Large wall/free standing poster displays about how to use bike racks & bike baggage holds
- B. Video displays about how to use bike racks & bike baggage holds
- C. A public relations and advertising campaign to encourage bikes on bus use both in the City of Rochester Monroe County towns and RGRTA regional service areas; including but not
- D. Large wall/free standing poster displays about bicycle/bicycling safety (not just helmets but proper riding technique) and pedestrian safety (e. g., cross at cross walks with the light).

III. Bicycle Facilities on loading & moving buses with the proposed Transit Center

- A. There must be sufficient room when the buses are parked in the Transportation Center for bicyclists to load their bikes on to the front bike racks and into the side baggage holds on the suburban buses.
- B. Yes, suburban buses may not have front bike racks but they do have baggage holds like those on intercity (Greyhound, Trailways, Coach, Megabus, & Shortline) buses.
- C. Similarly, there must be sufficient room in the Center for buses to go in reverse and then turn without damaging the front bike racks and the bikes on these racks.

IV. Bicycle & RTS/RGRTA Route Route Information

- A. Large wall mounted & free standing RTS and RGRTS Regional Service Maps (both sides of each map)
- B. Large wall mounted & free standing Rochester Bike Map showing bike routes, trails, bike shops, Visit Rochester offices, and other points of interest; intermodal facilities such as the intercity bus station; Amtrak station; Airport; Riverside Trail (N&S); Erie Canal Trail, etc.
- D. Schedules for RTS AND RGRTA Regional Services available in the Transit Center as well as on line and on video terminals in the Transit Center

V. Bicycle Parking Facilities

- A. At the very least,
- B. General Information about bicycle parking facilities
 1. Sheltered, secure bike parking, is the minimum requirements, with the area roof, visible and continually monitored by security personnel,
 2. In all bicycle parking, like motor vehicle parking facilities, the bicycle owner is responsible for locking the vehicle (by NYS law a bicycle is a vehicle).
- C. Long term Bicycle Parking (i. e., full day or a longer term bicycle parking facility)
 1. An enclosed room, with the lockers, and visible to security via windows or CCTV.
 - a. Two changing rooms to allow bicyclists to change to or from work clothing
 - b. A shower in each changing room
 2. Bicycle Lockers,
 - a. Significant number (initially a minimum of 50 with room for 50 additional lockers) in a secure location that is monitored, on a continual basis, by RGRTA personnel, Rochester City Police or camera
 - b. Lockers may be rented to bicyclists for a very moderate charge.
 - c. These lockers cannot be used for storage of personal goods except for clothing changes and bicycle related items.
 - d. The placement of these lockers should be approved by U. S. Homeland Security Administration, ref.: Utica's Amtrak station's lockers
 - e. Bike lockers should be available at RGRTA Park & Ride facilities, most likely initially 5 lockers.
- D. Short Term bicycle Parking
 1. Bicycle racks for short term use, perhaps for use while waiting for a bus or while the bicycle owner is in the downtown area for a few hours of business.
 2. Bicycle rack use is free of charge.
 3. Purchase of a valid style of bicycle rack must be reviewed by the organizations mentioned in the Preface of this submission to the RGRTA
 4. Racks must be permanently affixed to the floor or wall of the Transit Center to deter bicycle theft

VI. Other necessary bicycling/bicycle facilities to be in the Transit Center

- A. Water fountain or spigot for refilling water bottles
- B. Compressor and air pump
- C. Bike stand(s) for repairs, preferably attached to the floor or wall so that it can't be stolen
- D. Space for a local bike shop or an individual to possibly rent the bike stand, etc., as a satellite location for a quick repairs during business hours.