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## TTC gets first bike shelter at St. Clair West

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The day before the TTC's first official bike shelter was installed at St. Clair West station there were three ring-and-post parking spots. The day after, 20 bikes were parked in the new shelter.

Where those other bikes were parked before the new shelter was installed is anybody's guess, says Councillor Joe Mihevc (St. Paul's West).



The new TTC bike shelter at St. Clair West, similar to facilities at GO stations, could be the first of many, Councillor Joe Mihevc hopes.

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It's a symptom of the pent-up demand for amenities that make it easy to integrate cycling into transit trips.

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"One only has to go to any subway station and see where bicyclists lock up their bikes. They're all over the place, and more would come if they had the convenience of having safe parking," he said.

The shelter is similar to those at GO Transit stations. Placed near the Wells Hill entrance, it was funded by the city's Clean and Beautiful initiative at a cost of about \$35,000 and took a year to procure. Although there are bike racks on TTC buses and secure bike parking is being incorporated into station renovations, bike shelters aren't part of the city's street furniture project, said Mihevc, vice-chair of the Toronto Transit Commission.

But he thinks such facilities should be installed across the TTC.

"My hope," he said, "is that this becomes the model in that we develop some kind of working group between the city and the TTC to have some kind of multi-year strategy and bike lockers and the Bixi system integrated into public transit."

