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***Public Bike Maintenance Stand Installed in McGraw Square***

*New public amenity will help cyclists with flat tires and minor repairs*

**SEATTLE**– The Downtown Seattle Association (DSA), Metropolitan Improvement District (MID), and Commute Seattle are pleased to announce the installation of a permanent public bike maintenance stand in Downtown Seattle’s McGraw Square. The ‘Fixtation’ stand made by Sportworks will provide people bicycling with a free public space to inflate tires, fix flats, and make other minor repairs and adjustments.

The bike stand has been installed underneath the covered bicycle parking adjacent to the South Lake Union streetcar terminus. Eight common bicycle tools such as tire levers, wrenches, and hex keys are permanently secured to the stand via aircraft-grade cables. The rugged design is built to withstand the elements, misuse, and vandalism. The design will prohibit bicycles from locking to the stand, ensuring availability for all users.

Bicycle commuting in Downtown Seattle is up 18 percent since 2010, with 6,500 Downtown commuters now choosing to bicycle each weekday. Installing this bike stand will remove the uncertainty associated with unplanned repairs or flat tires, enabling more people to feel comfortable bicycling Downtown, whether for commuting, shopping, or recreation.

“Bicycling is an efficient and healthy way to access our growing Downtown,” said Downtown Seattle Association President and CEO Kate Joncas. “Installing this stand in McGraw Square is another way we can show that Downtown strongly supports bicycling.”

“We are really excited that bicycle commuters will no longer have to endure an underinflated tire or a loose seat post,” said Commute Seattle Executive Director Jessica Szlag. “Thanks to the support of DSA, MID, and Sportworks, these minor repairs can now be made for free, 24 hours a day, 7 days per week in McGraw Square.”

### **About the Downtown Seattle Association**

Established in 1958, the Downtown Seattle Association (DSA) is a member-based non-profit organization that champions a healthy, vibrant urban core. By advocating on behalf of business, non-profit, arts and residential interests throughout Downtown Seattle, DSA ensures that Downtown is a world-class place to live, work, shop and visit.

For more information on the Downtown Seattle Association, visit [www.DowntownSeattle.com](http://www.DowntownSeattle.com).

### **About the Metropolitan Improvement District**

The Metropolitan Improvement District (MID) is a non-profit service organization that provides maintenance, safety and hospitality services, as well as destination marketing, research and market analysis for Downtown Seattle. Founded by the Downtown Seattle Association in 1999, the MID is financed through tax assessments on Downtown properties and covers a 285 square block area in Downtown Seattle's core. Each day, over 70 MID ambassadors patrol the streets of the Belltown, Denny Triangle, Pioneer Square, Retail Core, Waterfront and West Edge neighborhoods in order to maintain Seattle's healthy, vibrant urban core.

For more information on the Metropolitan Improvement District, visit [www.DowntownSeattle.com/MID](http://www.DowntownSeattle.com/MID)

### **About Commute Seattle**

Commute Seattle is a not-for-profit commuter service organization working to provide alternatives to drive-alone commuting in Downtown Seattle, with a goal to reduce the drive-alone rate to 30% by 2016. Commute Seattle is an alliance of the Downtown Seattle Association/Metropolitan Improvement District, King County Metro, and Seattle Department of Transportation.

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