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Dear REBNY members,

Mayor Bloomberg's PlaNYC has a focus on making New York City more bicycle-friendly. I encourage REBNY members to assist in that effort by voluntarily providing a means for bicycle storage in their buildings. Bicycle parking has been identified as a major obstacle for many commuters to make the switch to biking to work. By providing safe bicycle parking and storage, you will make it easier for your tenants to bike to work and contribute to the goals of a cleaner, greener city.

We have strongly urged the City not to consider legislation requiring office buildings to provide bicycle parking and will continue to do so. But we do need to meet the needs of our tenants and to contribute to the City's efforts to make it easier for bike riders to ride to work. So I hope you will survey your buildings and find a means to accommodate bicycles within them where possible. As the attached letter from Department of Transportation Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan explains, there are many different options for where you might choose to place these racks, and the ultimate location you choose will depend on the particulars of your office building. There is much more information both on the Department of Transportation website (<http://nyc.gov/html/dot/html/bicyclists/bikeparking.shtml>) and on our website (www.rebny.com).

Please keep us informed about your efforts toward this worthy goal by letting Shannon Fales (sfales@rebny.com) know which buildings are providing access. If you have set aside bicycle storage, please tell us about that as well. If these efforts are successful we will encourage Mayor Bloomberg to do a Blue Room event to recognize the businesses that have made their buildings more bike-friendly.

Sincerely,

Steven Spinola