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## **New Bike Loops Help Improve Bicycle Accessibility Around Town**

MORGANTOWN – There are now more convenient and secure short-term parking options for bicyclists in Morgantown. The [Morgantown Parking Authority](#) has installed six additional bike loops around town.

Bike loops, a metal ring installed onto a parking meter or pole, are a great type of bike rack that take up very little space and using them is easy. Line up your bike parallel and roughly centered with the ring and use your lock of choice to lock the bike to the post or ring. The design provides a stabilizing two points of contact for your bike. It also works with U-locks and cable locks and is wide enough for cyclists to lock their frame with both the front and back wheels. In fact, two bikes can be parked at each one – just make sure that the handlebars face in opposite directions.

“We are all responsible for improving bike infrastructure and accommodations as part of our recently adopted Complete Streets policies,” said Drew Gatlin, chair of the [Morgantown Bike Board](#).

“These bike loops are a great way to improve bike accessibility around town. Everyone benefits when cyclists feel safe and welcome while having a convenient system that allows them to follow all laws and regulations.”

The new bike loops have been installed on the bottom floor of the Pleasant Street parking garage, Brockway Avenue near Phoenix Bakery, on both sides of South High Street in front of the Monongalia County Justice Center, the Public Safety Building on Spruce Street, and on Carson Street near Bombay Indian Grill.

Please visit [bikemorgantown.com](http://bikemorgantown.com) for additional resources like commuter maps and upcoming bike activities. If you would like to suggest more locations for bike facilities such as parking rings or bike lanes, please reach out to the Morgantown Bike Board via email at [bikemorgantown@gmail.com](mailto:bikemorgantown@gmail.com) or attend one of their meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Safety Building. The Bike Board especially encourages businesses to reach out that would like to be more bike-friendly. We would be happy to provide advice and options for all price ranges!

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*A bike is placed on one of the newly installed bike loops on South High Street near the Monongalia County Justice Center.*