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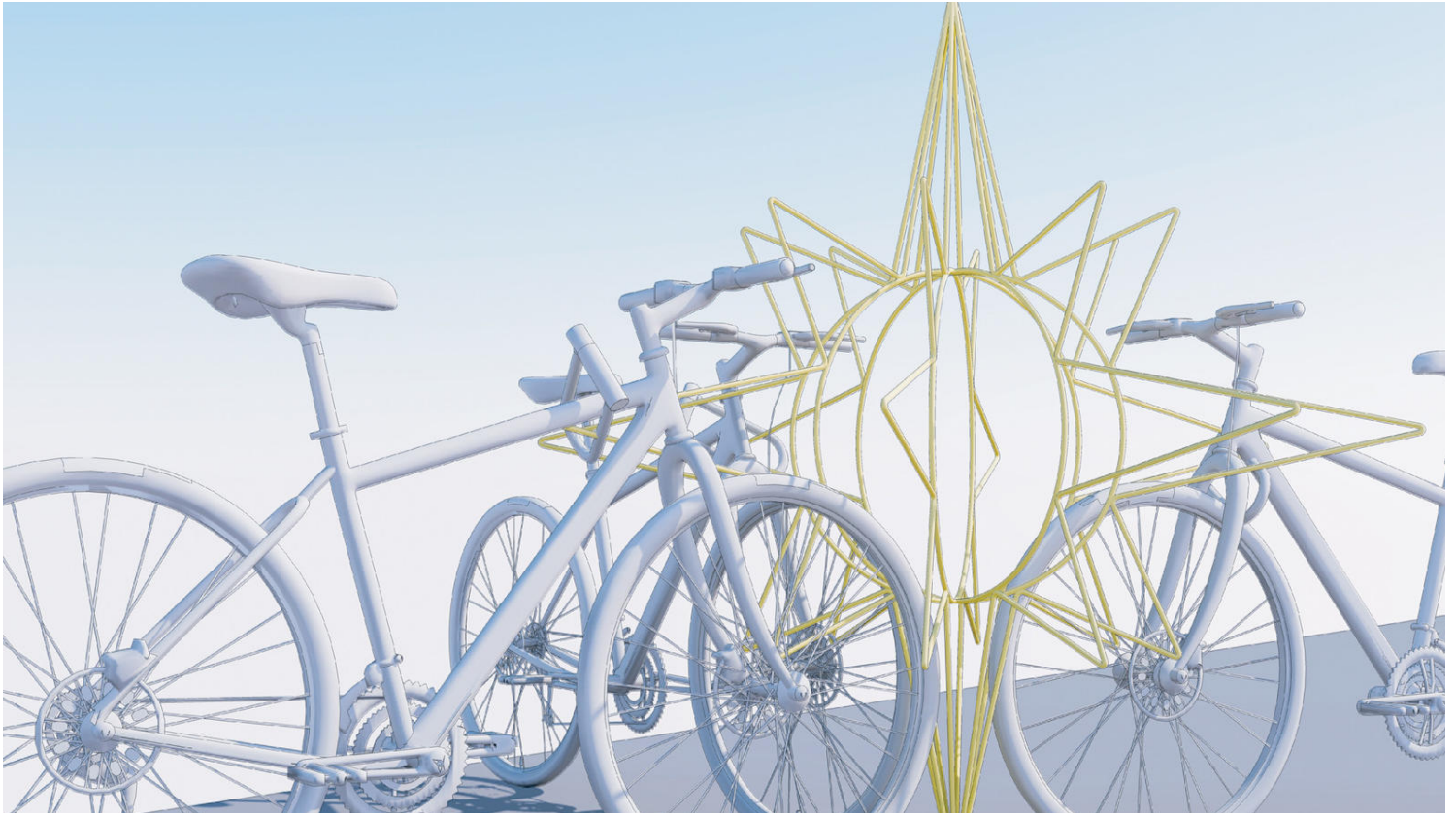


PHOTO GALLERY: Sketches of seven artistically-designed bicycle racks that have been selected to be installed throughout South Bethlehem. (PHOTO COURTESY OF / The City of Bethlehem & ArtsQuest)



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Seven new bicycle racks, some designed to play off the theme of Bethlehem's industrial past, will be installed throughout the South Side next month.

One rack mimics the design of the blast furnaces, one molten metal and another an I-beam. There's another that allows people to secure bicycles around a Bethlehem star. One includes a rack of bent parking meters and the last is a rack that doubles as a coffee bar.

The artist rack designs were selected from entries the city and ArtsQuest received earlier this year as part of the Artist Designed Bike Rack Project, which encourages public art on the South Side.

The racks will be located to encourage pedestrians and bicyclists to shop and dine on the South Side.

"This bike rack project is integral to the downtown experience on the SouthSide," Mayor Robert Donchez said. "In addition to enhancing public safety, this project will help to support small business owners and those who use alternative transportation to get around."

The racks are to be installed June 19. Here's where the racks will be located:

- Fourth and Vine streets: Lehigh Bike Rack bar comes by the Lehigh University [Design Collective](#).
- Third and Pierce streets: Molten Metal rack by Ethan Hahn, whose father worked at Bethlehem Steel.
- 300 block of Fourth Street: I-beam rack designed by Hahn.
- Greenway and Taylor Street: STACKS by Julian Pelekanakis of Catasauqua and Austin McInnis of Bethlehem, representing Spillman Farmer Architects
- Third and New streets: Solar by Spillman-Farmer Architects
- Fourth Street and Broadway: Ribbon Rack by Lehigh University Design Collective
- Fourth and New Streets: Sustainable Meter Rack by Lehigh University Design Collective
- An eighth rack will could be installed once a location is identified.

The works selected for the Artist Designed Bike Rack Project were chosen by a committee comprising representatives from Bethlehem, ArtsQuest, South Side Arts District, Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission and the Coalition for Appropriate Transportation.

A \$2,000 stipend will be awarded to the artist toward completing the projects. The project was paid for by Northampton County Investment Partnership Program.

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