

## Fietsvlonders (“Bike-platforms”)

The City of Rotterdam has come up with the Fietsvlonders (“Bike-platforms”). These temporary parklets replace car parking with bicycle parking. They are placed for several months in a neighborhood. If the residents, shop owners, and visitors are satisfied with them after the trial period, the Fietsvlonders are turned into permanent bicycle parking.

### Objectives

The objective is to create more parking spaces for bicycles and be a more bike-friendly city.

### Description

In general, the bicycles should be parked as many as can on own property of a dwelling, company or institution. But the municipality does facilitate bike parking space for visitors and residents who can't park their bike indoor. Therefore, we look first for space on the sidewalk to create more bike parking facilities. When there is no space we use a car parking space for the temporary Fietsvlonder. Removing a car parking space can be expensive and very sensitive. The Fietsvlonder is a slow way of creating a transition in public space. When there is too much tension it is easy to remove one.

### Impact & outcomes

The Fietsvlonders are very successful. In just a couple of years, already 28 car parking places were transformed into 280 shiny parking places for cyclists in the city centre. At this moment, 22 more locations are being tested and might soon be permanent bicycle parking spaces as well.

### Barriers / constraints and how they have been overcome

The biggest constraint is that people are still too spoiled of parking their car(s) in front of their doors. Because Rotterdam wants to be a bike-friendly city we have decided that we can always place a Fietsvlonder on a car park space without holding to the parking pressure for cars.

### Rough costs and resources

Building costs: 2500 Euro

Moving costs: 150 Euro

27 Fietsvlonders – 8 hours a week

### Further information available at / from

<https://www.rotterdam.nl/wonen-leven/places-for-people/>

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