# THE CITI BIKE

- Offers great flexibility to leave or take a bike depending on change of plans or weather
- Main use in city centres, and downtown for short distances to school/work

No rear rack for pannier attachment

Partial basket at front, does not secure bags or items well

#### PROBLEM







HANGING OFF HANDLEBARS UNBALANCED BIKE

TIED TO BASKET NOT SECURE OR RELIABLE

Example: Getting groceries or running errands with a bike share



# EXISTING SOLUTIONS



https://www.arkel-od.com/en/arkel-randonneur-rack.html

Under seat mounted back rack



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https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/pocampo/ultimate-bike-share-bag

PoCampo Bike share bag uses elastic bands to clip onto the front basket

#### DESIGN IDEAS



FOLDS COMPACT





CREATES EXTRA SPACE



FRONT BASKET



CARRY OFF BIKE



Additional rack on the rear wheel allows for 3X the available storage

bike system/

share bag

BASKET

POCKET ON FRONT LEANES SPACE FOR BASKET WALL

Bag that is compatible with the existing front basket on the citi bikes



A collapsable bag to create extra space when needed that attaches to the shared



Fold out base takes up minimal space on the bike

#### DESIGN CONCEPT



With the rear rack system, one bike share use will be able to carry THREE of the bike share bags at one time.



## REAR WHEEL RACK

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TO BIXI FRAME

WHEEL SPLASH

GUARD (METAL)

# SPRING MECHANISM



This allows the back rack to be collapsable and keep the back profile of the bike narrow.

The base folds down when in use, and springs back up when there is no bag on it.



The rear wheel rack is installed by the bike share company, and can be used with individually purchased bike share bags.

#### REAR RACK MOCK-UPS



Top: design using 1/2 inch metal tubing Bottom: design using 3/4 inch metal tubing

Scale model of bike share wheel with the splash guard



Created the frame using a metal rotary bending machine

#### TEST SPRING I TEST SPRING 2



The spring twisted out of shape when pressure was applied, and does not provide enough force to lift the base



Compression spring is too weak to apply the force needed to raise the base



#### TEST SPRING 3

#### TEST SPRING 4



One end is bent to hook around the frame, while the other end catches the pin on the moving base, applying pressure to the spring when the base is moved.

When the base of the rack is moved to the down position the torsion spring is **twisted closed,** producing a strong force back.

Torsion Spring from McMaster Carr

#### FINAL REAR RACK



Placing rack on wheel size





Using a rod of steel inside the steel tubing to help line up the joint for brazing. This also helps to strengthen the brazed area



Two halves are brazed together to create the final rack

#### RACK KEY FEATURES



Rack is compact and folds out of the way when not in use.



Spring mechanism makes it easy for the user to pull down the base.

The stop guard rail prevents the base from falling further than 90 degrees.

When no bag is on it, the spring loaded systems returns the base to the upright position.





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#### BAG TEST I BAG TEST 2



Paper pocket attached to a bag to test the pocket system on the metal frame

Seam to create a base at the bottom of the bag

No side panels used



#### Pocket for the rack is too small

#### CLIP CLOSING SYSTEM



Closing mechanism using a roll down top and buckle together both sides.

This method does not squish the contents of the bag.

#### STRAP CLOSING SYSTEM







With a thin fabric, this method of closing does not work

#### BAG SEWING PROCESS



Sewing pocket pieces before side seams.

Measured side seams on metal rack to ensure the pocket fit the frame. Sew straps into a support strap to hid raw edges and provide additional support



#### Pocket for frame is left open

### BAG KEY FEATURES



Large, comfortable handles

Durable material for everyday outdoor use



#### Waterproof roll top

Roll top allows for adjustability of the bag size, ensuring it does not sag away from the bike

Front pocket for small items

Strap and clip to adjust the size of the bag and secure contents





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#### BAG AND RACK SYSTEM



Back rests on the folded down base of the rack

Back pocket slides onto the frame







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