



COALITION FOR APPROPRIATE TRANSPORTATION

Expansion of CAT Bicycle Cooperative and Office

Two-Pager for Real Estate Search

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What We're Looking For

CAT is looking to expand and move to a new location in the next 12 months. We have outgrown our current space at 1935 W Broad St due to year-round community demand. We envision a larger workshop area with additional workbenches, tools and space so can do even more for the community!

CAT seeks a property with a total of ~4,000 sq ft (+/1,000-1,500 sq ft of operating space and 2,500-3,000 sq ft of storage that is easily accessed). Space consisting of larger rooms is most useful. Access to public transit (main LANTA Bus routes) is critical, as is ADA compliance and street level entrances for bikes. We are primarily searching within the City of Bethlehem as it is geographically central in the Lehigh Valley and serves residents of both Northampton and Lehigh Counties.

To minimize our overhead costs CAT ideally seeks to purchase a property or obtain a discounted long-term lease. Funding sought would be a compliment of CAT-fundraising and local/county/state grants.

Background

The CAT Bicycle Cooperative is an inclusive/safe space for everyone and our programs are available to residents of all ages regardless of income status. The CAT Bicycle Cooperative and office is our home base and transportation education center!

At CAT, we help community members learn bike mechanics, traffic skills, through individual mentoring and group classes. We not only provide skills and information, we offer opportunities for the public of all ages to rebuild donated bicycles for their use as efficient, daily, and healthy transportation and recreation. We also hold workshops and meetings to advocate for pedestrian access and public transit (LANTA Bus).

CAT's home is also our jumping-off point for group bike rides, outreach bike education at local schools, and programs with community partners.

In 2022, CAT volunteers refurbished 154 youth bicycles, and 100+ adult bicycles for low-income adults.

Bethlehem is Home

CAT has been centered in the City of Bethlehem since 1994. We were located in the basement level at 60 W Broad St from 2002-2010, and at 14 W Raspberry St from 2010-2013. We consider Bethlehem to be our home and wish dearly to find a larger workspace within the city limits.

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CAT Space

The CAT Bicycle Cooperative at our current home – functional, highly-utilized, but getting tight on space as our community services and programs expand...

