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Wheelhouse Detroit Bike Shop to open second store in Hamtramck

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Photo by Courtesy of Wheelhouse Detroit Bike Shop The second Wheelhouse location will take over this space at 9401 Joseph Campau St. in Hamtramck.

Wheelhouse Detroit Bike Shop plans to open a second location, this time in Hamtramck.

The new store will become Hamtramck's only bike shop when it opens in May in a 2,600-square-foot space at 9401 Joseph Campau St., which is on the area's **Inner Circle Greenway**.

Wheelhouse owner Kelli Kavanaugh said she expects the two locations to work together.

"We see the two Wheelhouse locations complementing one another," she said in a news release. "The (current) riverfront spot will continue to be the anchor for greater downtown residents and workers and will serve as the primary spot for tours and rentals. Our Hamtramck location offers more retail space to increase our inventory of bicycles, accessories, gear, clothing and a larger service department, while serving Hamtramck and surrounding Detroit neighborhoods."

Kavanaugh said the new location will also carry brands not sold in other metro Detroit bike shops, including **Kona Bikes**, **Brooklyn Bicycle Co.**, **Opus Bike** and **Chrome Industries**.



Kelli Kavanaugh

In addition to selling and fixing bicycles, Wheelhouse will continue to offer rentals and tours. Tours cover themes such as automotive heritage, haunted Detroit, music heritage, public art and urban agriculture and areas including Belle Isle, Corktown, Eastern Market and Hamtramck.

Wheelhouse entered into a five-year lease in the space owned by John Grossi of **Amicci's Pizza**. Wheelhouse is working with local companies on the expansion, including Grosse Pointe Park-based **Christian-Hurtienne Architects**, which will handle the build-out of the space; neon designer **Signifier Signs** in Detroit; and Detroit-based Web designer **The Work Department**.

The growth is made possible with the assistance of **Invest Detroit's** Urban Retail Loan Fund and Technical Assistance Grant, the release stated.

Wheelhouse would not disclose the cost of the lease and build-out.

Kavanaugh opened Wheelhouse Detroit with partner Karen Gage in 2008 at the foot of Atwater Street at Rivard Plaza. In 2015, she took sole ownership of the city's only female-owned bike shop.

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