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MTA EXTENDS BICYCLE LOCKER RENTAL PROGRAM

The MTA's Metro Rail system is becoming more accessible to bike riders. New, high security bike racks and enclosed bike locker spaces have been installed at four stations of the Red Line Subway.

A total of 26 locker spaces are available for lease. A total of 32 free racks also are available on a first-come basis.

Bicycle storage facilities have been installed at street level at Union Station, Civic Center, Pershing Square and Westlake/MacArthur Park.

Locker spaces are available: \$25 for a three-month lease; \$45 for six months; and \$70 for one year.

"Recent surveys tell us that one fourth of all drive-alone commuters would consider cycling as an alternative," said MTA Chairman and Glendale City Councilman Larry Zarian. "We hope these facilities will make our growing rail system more accessible to cyclists, and encourage more people, especially those driving alone, to consider bicycle commuting."

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"Bike facilities will make our rail stations friendly to commuters who want to pedal part of their way to work or play," said Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan, MTA vice chairman and noted bike enthusiast. "As a devoted cyclist myself, I encourage programs like these that provide commuters with options to driving their own cars."

The leased locker spaces at each station provide a completely enclosed and reserved storage for bicycles. Racks are designed for maximum protection against theft, and allow the cyclist to place a lock in a compartment inaccessible to bolt cutters. Included is a small, secured storage compartment for bike helmets or other accessories.

"The racks and lockers are the continuation of a program that will eventually extend to most stations in the Metro Rail system," said Joe Drew, MTA's interim CEO. "Our plans call for each station of the Red Line segments now under construction to have bike facilities."

Cyclists who wish to lease a locker should call MTA's Cycle Express line at (213) 922-3777, and request a Locker Agreement. The completed form and a security deposit of \$25 should be returned to the MTA.

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