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MTA ELIMINATES FEES FOR BICYCLE PERMITS

Boarding permits for bicycle riders on Metro Rail are now free, and the cost for renting bike lockers has been substantially reduced.

Permits are still required for anyone taking a bike on the trains. Riders have to sign a statement indicating they have read and understood safety related rules, as well as a waiver of liability, but the fee for the permit has been eliminated.

Currently, MTA's Cycle Express program issues about 800 rail permits a year for bicycle riders. That is expected to double with the change in fees.

The cost of renting an enclosed bicycle locker was reduced by more than 60 percent. It is now \$9.00 for three months, \$15.00 for six months, and \$25 for one year. There is a \$25 returnable deposit for the key.

The MTA has placed 150 lockers at stations throughout the Metro Rail system. Another 161 spaces are available in free open racks. The open racks have proven popular and are now attracting more than 100 riders a day.

"Bicycling is an alternative transportation choice that takes more people out of their cars," said MTA Chairman Larry Zarian. "The MTA has helped to finance approximately 400 miles of bicycle routes throughout the county. We will continue to look at new ways to make the bicycle a convenient and viable option for commuters."

For more information on bicycle permits or parking, cyclists should call MTA's Cycle Express line at (213) 922-3777.

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