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MTA TO INSTALL ADDITIONAL BIKE RACKS AT METRO RAIL STATIONS

Responding to a rising demand for secure bicycle spaces at Metro Rail stations, MTA has begun installing nearly 150 additional bike racks and bike lockers to accommodate cyclists using Metro Rail for their commuting needs.

The installation of the additional bike spaces represents a 34 percent increase in the number of bike storage racks and lockers presently at Metro Rail stations.

Currently, there are 288 bike rack spaces and 152 bike locker spaces – a total of 440 spaces at various Metro Rail station. By February 2000, MTA will have added 110 bike racks and 38 more bike lockers bringing the total to 588 spaces available for cycling enthusiasts.

Among the Metro Rail stations with the highest demand for bike racks and lockers are the Lakewood and Norwalk stations along the Metro Green Line. The Lakewood station will receive 24 additional spaces and the Norwalk station will get 18.

All the new bike racks will have a high-security rating with heavy bars and a lock cage that is bolt-cutter proof. Cyclists will not need to use their own cables or chains to secure their bicycles. Each new locker will hold two bikes in separate locked spaces.

Bike racks and bike storage lockers are available at rail stations along the downtown to Long Beach Metro Blue Line (154), the Norwalk to El Segundo Metro Green Line (234) and the downtown Los Angeles to Wilshire/Western and Hollywood/Vine Metro Red Line subway system (200).

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In total, MTA's Metro Rail system spans 53.1-miles with an additional 6.3-mile segment of the Metro Red Line set to be completed to Universal City and North Hollywood in mid-2000.

Cyclists may use the bike racks on a first-come basis. Rentals for locker space is \$10 for three months, \$15 for six months or \$25 a year. To rent a locker space, bikers can call 1-800-C-O-M-M-U-T-E for additional information. No bikes are allowed on Metro Rail trains during the rush hours of 6-9 a.m. and 3-7 p.m. Bike permits are required to bring bikes onboard Metro Rail.

MTA's effort to provide more bike racks and lockers at Metro Rail stations parallels the Authority's bicycle improvement program on the Metro Bus fleet which currently has 1,400 buses equipped with bike racks. Additional bike racks on the remaining Metro Bus fleet are scheduled to be installed next year. There is no time restrictions on Metro Buses and no permit is required.

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