MTA Plans to Equip Entire Bus Fleet with Bike Racks



(November 11) The MTA plans to equip its entire fleet of 2,200 buses with fold-up bicycle racks within a year, according to a report prepared for presentation to the Board's Operations Committee, Nov. 17.

The report, submitted by Transit Operations, Procurement and the Office of the CEO, recommends Board approval of a proposal to buy 550 new bike racks and "assist mirrors" as part of this effort.

The proposal, which will require a two-thirds vote of the Board, would authorize an expenditure of \$291,407 for the racks and mirrors. The new bike racks would be installed beginning in January, if the Board approves, and could take about seven months to complete.

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The Board report says, "The bicycle racks now installed have enhanced the existing bus system through opening up new ridership for the MTA and supporting multi-modal transit efforts." Ridership at Foothill Transit and OCTA increased following bike rack demonstration projects.



Bike racks already have been installed on the fronts of some 1,400 of the MTA's 2,200 buses. New buses are to be delivered from the factory with the bike racks installed.

Meanwhile, operators and mechanics are being trained in the use and maintenance

of the racks. MTA Marketing is distributing brochures illustrating how to secure a bike on the racks.

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