



Metro Bus sports bike rack, and, below, bike rack at the Marine Avenue station on the Metro Green Line. Bike locker can be seen in the background.



## MTA Adding Bike Racks, Lockers for Two-Wheeling Commuters

(Jan. 9) Bicycle commuters are being increasingly welcomed on the Metro system, thanks to the growing number of bike racks installed on Metro Buses and increased bike parking at rail stations.

Today, some 1,400 buses – two-thirds of the fleet – sport racks above their front bumpers that are capable of carrying two bicycles. The MTA expects to receive 438 new coaches, all factory-equipped with bike racks, in the first half of 2001.

The number of bike racks and lockers also will be increased at many of the 50 Metro Rail stations this year. Thirty-four stations currently have parking for a total of 653 bicycles. Sixteen others, which now lack space for bikes, will be re-evaluated to determine whether bicycle parking can be added.

One immediate need for bike parking was at the Metro Red Line's North Hollywood station. At the Board's direction, 20 new racks were placed at the station in December and eight new lockers will be installed this month, bringing the number of bike parking spaces to 44.

Bike parking also will be increased at six other subway stations in Segments 2 and 3. Sixteen racks will be added at the Universal City station and 29 lockers are being installed at other stations.

Bikeway parking is part of the planning for all new transit projects, including the East-West Transit Corridor in the San Fernando Valley, the Mid-City/Westside corridor and the Eastside corridor. Plans also are to seek funding for bike racks at Metro Rapid bus stations.

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