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MTA BEGINS BICYCLE LOCKER RENTAL PROGRAM

Riding a bike becomes a more viable commuting option on July 1 when the MTA begins leasing bicycle lockers at five Metro Blue Line Stations. A total of 60 lockers have been placed: 10 at Imperial; 12 at Artesia; 12 at Del Amo; 12 at Wardlow; and 14 at the Willow station, and will be available at \$25 for a three-month lease, \$45 for six months, and \$70 for one year.

"Bicycles play a big role in our long-range transportation plans," explained Ed Edelman, MTA Chairman and Los Angeles County Supervisor. "These lockers will provide the bicycle commuter a secure, inexpensive way to access our growing rail system, and combined with the 50 miles of bikeways we're building, make bicycling a more viable commuting option."

A total of 60 bicycle racks also have been divided among the same five stations, and are available at no cost, on a first-come basis. Use of these facilities is at the rider's risk, as the MTA assumes no liability for loss or damage resulting from use of the racks or lockers.

"The lockers are for commuters who want an extra level of security and a reserved space," said Franklin White, MTA Chief Executive Officer. "The racks are a tested, theft-resistant design, and are for the casual user."

Cyclists who wish to lease a locker should call MTA's Cycle Express line at (213) 972-7024, and request a Locker Agreement. The completed form and a security deposit of \$25 should be returned to the MTA.

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The racks and lockers are the beginning of a program that will eventually extend to most stations in the Metro Rail system. By July 1995, more than 300 racks and lockers will be installed at stations on the Metro Blue, Red and Green Lines.

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