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New First, Last Mile Solutions for Westside

Metro Opens New Bike Hub at Culver City Expo Line Station to Provide Safe, Secure Bicycle Parking



Bringing secure bicycle parking to one of the highest demand rail stations on the Westside, The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) today announced the opening of a new Metro Bike Hub at the Expo Line Station in Culver City.

The \$1.4-million, 1,600+ square-foot facility is located near the City of Los Angeles and Culver City Expo Line bikeways for convenient access to and from local

destinations.

The Culver City Expo Line Station currently offers 12 bicycle racks and 18 bicycle lockers. The new hub doubles that, with secure parking for 64 bicycles under a controlled entry system with the hub also having closed-circuit TV surveillance. The hub will also support a variety of bicycle commuter-related services, including around-the-clock bike parking, bike rentals, same-day repairs, accessory sales and bike-related clinics, classes and community events.

Metro's growing network of bike hubs allows bicycle commuters to leave their bikes at stations in a safe environment and avoid the hassle that sometimes results when bringing bikes aboard crowded

trains or waiting for a bus with space on its bike rack. Bike hubs are also an effective way to encourage “first mile, last mile” connections to transit, which are a common barrier for many would-be transit riders.

“Metro is launching a new ‘concierge service’ for people who want to bike to the Culver City Expo line and leave their bike safe and secure,” said L.A. County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Sheila Kuehl. “It’s a terrific convenience for folks who want to get to where they are going quickly and easily and do it car-free!”

The opening of the Culver City Metro Bike Hub coincides with CicLAvia: Culver City Meets Mar Vista + Palms Presented by Metro this Sunday, March 3. Metro will stage an Open House at the bike hub for all interested CicLAvia riders to tour the facility and sign up for a membership from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A promotion code will be offered to those visiting the Metro Bike Hub that day for a 20 percent discount on Metro Bike Hub pass purchases — which include access to all Metro Bike Hubs locations.

“Becoming a bike hub member is an excellent way for Westside residents and others to join the movement that is now reshaping transportation in L.A. County,” said Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington. “Bike Hubs are another strategic investment to help leave the smog and stress behind and change people’s lives for the better.”

The bike hub’s secure bike parking component will be operated by BikeHub, Metro’s Small Business Enterprise-certified contractor that also operates the agency’s Union Station, El Monte and Hollywood/Vine locations. Retail and bike services will be provided by the Bike Center with retail hours Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Parking at the Culver City Metro Bike Hub will be available for registered users for only \$5 a week, \$12 a month or \$60 a year. As part of their membership benefit users will also have access to the Union Station, El Monte and Hollywood/Vine Metro Bike Hubs. Only registered users can park in the facility. Users can register online at www.metro.net/bikehub. A California identification card/driver’s license or Metro Bike Hub card is used to enter the facility. Users are responsible for locking their bike and gear to the racks.

About Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is unique among the nation’s transportation agencies. Created in 1993, Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that transports about 1.3 million passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines. The agency also oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related building projects and leads transportation planning and programming for Los Angeles County.

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About BikeHub

BikeHub is a planning and operations team that helps clients execute their bike transit projects. BikeHub is the nation's largest bike station operator. Clients include Metro, Bay Area Rapid Transit District, and Caltrain. Bikehub is also part of the Metro Bikeshare team, performing repair and assembly functions for Bicycle Transit Systems (BTS). For more information, visit www.metro.net/bikehub.

About The Bike Center

The Bike Center is a full-service bike shop offering repairs, new and used bike sales, retail commuter accessories, guided tours, bike rentals. The Bike Center also offers education and encouragement programs for bicyclists to gain knowledge and skills for riding confidently in city traffic. The Bike Center operates sister locations in Santa Monica and Union Station. For more information, visit www.thebikecenter.com/unionstationla.

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