

# Bicycle Loading in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel

## CYCLIST ALERT

Because of the increased demand for linking bicycles and transit, King County Metro is opening all stations of the downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel to bicycle loading and unloading for a demonstration project, effective Monday, Sept. 22, 2008.

To promote safety and efficiency among cyclists, other passengers and buses, the following rules will apply:

1. Use elevators and stairs at the tunnel stations. **Do not use escalators.** If using the stairs, hold your bike securely and be aware of other passengers around you.
2. Always walk your bike in tunnel station plazas, mezzanines and platforms. Riding your bike in any tunnel area is not allowed.
3. Wait at the bus bay sign to load your bike onto the bike rack of your bus:

If your bus is **second** in line, signal the driver of the second bus after the first bus leaves, then walk to the bus to load your bike. The second bus in line does not have to stop again at the head of the bay.

If your bus is **third** in line, stay at the bus bay sign and alert the operator as the bus approaches. The bus driver will stop again to pick up and drop off passengers.

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4. Stand behind the yellow, textured strip. Never start loading your bike until after the bus has come to a complete stop and the doors open. Tell the driver that you are loading your bike.
5. Be aware that all tunnel stations (except Convention Place) have a 14-inch-high curb between the platform and the roadway. Step down carefully from the platform with your bike.
6. Quickly load your bike into the bike rack while other passengers are boarding. Load your bike from front to back on the bicycle rack.
7. Sit near the front of the bus and keep an eye on your bike.
8. As you exit the bus, always alert the driver that you want to unload your bike.
9. If there are no more bikes on the rack when you finish unloading, please return the rack to its folded-up position against the front of the bus.
10. In tunnel stations, please step out of the roadway quickly and carefully, then move behind the yellow textured strip on the platform, alerting the driver that you are clear.

#### For more information:

- Loading and Unloading Your Bike on Metro Buses: [www.transit.metrokc.gov/tops/bike/loadbike.html](http://www.transit.metrokc.gov/tops/bike/loadbike.html)
- Metro Online: [www.kingcounty.gov/metro](http://www.kingcounty.gov/metro)

**NOTE:** The bicycle loading policy was revised after the September 2008 timetables were printed, so the timetables still say that loading and unloading bicycles is allowed at only Convention Place and International District stations.

**Accessible Formats Available**  
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