



## Metro Transit Solutions

For decades CycleSafe lockers have been a key component of community alternative transportation initiatives. Climate conferences have identified cycling for short trips to be the top improvement communities can implement to combat the global environmental crisis. Bike lockers encourage that direction towards sustainability with metro transit installing lockers in commuter rail stations and park-n-ride lots.

### PROJECT IN BRIEF

- Caltrain-San Francisco, California
- Newall Metrolink, California
- King County, Washington
- Vancouver, British Columbia Translink
- Washington Metro Transit Authority  
Washington D.C.
- New Jersey Transit, Newark N.J.

CycleSafe lockers provide a way to promote bicycling to workplaces. More bicycles mean fewer cars, reducing congestion and improving air quality. Transit officials have found that one car parking space translates into ten spaces for bicycle lockers, eliminating ten cars on site. CycleSafe bike lockers provide the cyclist peace of mind knowing their bicycle and gear is safe and weather protected, promoting use. Riders improve their physical and mental fitness with combining exercise with their daily commute and increases ridership for transit.

Transit authorities appreciate the durability and robust construction of CycleSafe lockers. The one piece seamless roof is vaulted to provide drainage, and compression molded doors offer rigidity with the structural strength of steel. Stainless steel door number plates are embedded to resist vandalism and protect the lock mechanism.

### Caltrain- San Francisco to Gilroy, California

For years CycleSafe has been working with Caltrain, one of California's main commuter rail systems, to enhance transit operations with secure bike parking. Caltrain first purchased CycleSafe bike lockers in 1983, and expanded with 100 lockers for Atherton, San Bruno, Lawrence and Mountainview stations. The City of Palo Alto continued the program, with San Antonio, Belmont and San Carlos stations. There is a waiting list for bike lockers in the Caltrain system, which now includes cab cars designed to carry bicycles. The Ponderosa Project improved facilities along the line with bike passenger cars and 200 additional bike lockers. Caltrain, an acknowledged leader in bike access among commuter railroads, has worked to allow cyclists to bring their bike on the trains and offering bike lockers for security. "We have been saying that ridership is approaching the heyday of the Southern Pacific in the 1940's and 50's. It really is a renaissance." said Janet McGovern, of Caltrain.



### Newall Metrolink

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority, Metrolink, offers long distance commuter rail service in five counties. The greater Los Angeles region has installed CycleSafe lockers at the Jan Heidt station in Santa Clarita, and in the cities of Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, West Hollywood, Pasadena, Paramount and Long Beach. Metrolink planners were familiar with the quality of CycleSafe, yet were surprised with the performance of the lockers after an earthquake in 1994. The lockers had been installed on a fault line in Northridge, the lockers survived without damage or interruption of service, while just a mile away 250 mobile homes were destroyed. Santa Clarita considered several options before they decided to install additional lockers. A bike parking facility was considered to be too costly with the need for a guard and lighting. Bicycle lockers provide an individual 'garage' with storage bins for gear, the security a cycle commuter needs to depend on.

*Convenient and blends in with the surrounding environment.*

### King County, Washington

Before King County Metro Transit chose bicycle lockers for their park-n-ride lots and transit center, they surveyed other agencies for recommendations. King County Metro's Bob Flor had experience with low quality lockers. "They were a disaster and lasted about three months," Flor said. Agencies in California, Washington D.C., Vancouver B.C., and Portland, Oregon gave high reports on CycleSafe bike lockers. With funds from an Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act grant, Metro purchased 40 CycleSafe lockers and created standards for bicycle parking. "We needed a locker that could take punishment for long periods of time and still offer security," Flor said. "The CycleSafe lockers are more expensive initially but the long term value was what we were looking for. CycleSafe lockers are solid equipment that provide security with long term benefits of low maintenance or replacement costs. CycleSafe lockers have spurred more uses of transit in King County. After the lockers were installed, a survey revealed that 85% had never used transit before.

### Vancouver, British Columbia Translink

Most users of CycleSafe bicycle lockers in Vancouver are 30-50 year old commuters who appreciate the convenience and security. Reena Meijer-Drees is a cycling advocate who combines light rail and cycling to her engineering technician job. CycleSafe lockers save Reena from having to ride the bus to work, while at the same time giving her a daily workout. "I can't afford the gym time or money," says Meijer-Drees "biking to work provides these benefits."

CycleSafe lockers have been a part of the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority's Translink light rail system for more than 14 years. Lockers are located at 32 SkyTrain Millennium Line stations involving 22 municipalities. Translink officials describe CycleSafe lockers as "virtually indestructible." End panels on the lockers provide promotional space for advertising to assist with funding the program.



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*CycleSafe lockers provide security with long term benefits of low maintenance.*

### Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority, Washington D.C.

Washington Metro installed their first CycleSafe bicycle lockers more than twenty years ago. Metro's Bike Locker Manager Sharonlee Vogel stated the CycleSafe lockers are problem free and have held up well, unlike other lockers that has experienced missing number plates, broken doors and water ponding on the roof. "CycleSafe Lockers are low maintenance and perform extremely well," Vogel said. "One of the CycleSafe units someone had attempted to break in a door, unsuccessfully." No bicycle has ever been reported stolen from a CycleSafe locker. Vogel states that total security is a must for encouraging bicycle commuters, they don't want or can't carry a bike on a train or take their bike to their workplace. CycleSafe bike lockers can be specified with storage bins to provide a place to put commuter gear.

### New Jersey Transit, Newark, N.J.

New Jersey Transit initially chose a less expensive locker than CycleSafe, which lasted only a year with vandals prying open the locking mechanisms. New Jersey Transit now has more than 200 CycleSafe lockers at rail facilities. Transit official Urie Ridgeway said the strength and durability of the CycleSafe's compression molding is the advantage. "This material makes the lockers impact resistant and has a flame retardant. Moreover, the finish is mark and abrasion resistant so graffiti easily wipes clean." Ridgeway said. The high security locks have eliminated break-ins. There is a waiting list for CycleSafe lockers and in demand by serious cyclists who need a secure place to park their bikes at the stations. The bike locker installations are part of New Jersey Transit's program to promote ridership, get vehicles off the road and encourage more use of alternative forms of commuting.

## CASE STUDIES AVAILABLE

- Corporations
- Health Care
- Municipalities
- Military Bases
- Trails/Recreation
- Transit/Light Rail
- Universities

## Cycle-Safe's Product Line



### LOCKERS

The ProPark® bicycle locker from CycleSafe is an attractive, pad-mounted modular system that's easy to install, requires minimal maintenance, and provides the ultimate in bicycle security.



### CYCLEPORT SHELTERS

A modular bicycle shelter system which features a composite canopy with a tubular frame in contemporary design. May be specified with a variety of side walls and bike racks for weather protected short term use.



### U2 RACKS

CycleSafe's "inverted U" type bike racks are the leading edge in technology for bike rack parking and offer the best of short-term cycle parking. The inverted U-rack design for two bicycles is widely regarded as the recommended standard for modern bicycles.



### VINTAGE RACKS

Vintage Racks by CycleSafe are a novel blend of the old and the new. They capture the charm of traditional ornamental bicycle standards. Vintage Racks were developed in response to urban planners' efforts to recreate historic streetscapes as counterpoints to the hustle and bustle of the modern world.



### WALLRACKS

The vertical WALLRACK by CycleSafe is an innovative bike hanger that has a clever wheel cage which allows the user to not only hang the bike vertically in a space efficient design with excellent bike support, but also to lock the front bike tires and frame through the cage with common cyclists' D-lock to deter theft while in storage.

## SUSTAINABLE PRODUCT

CycleSafe lockers are part of the growing movement toward sustainability. The company seeks out the most environmentally friendly techniques for its manufacturing processes, which includes closed compression molded technology – the cleanest and most durable composite molding method available. The thermoset polyester SMC molding process takes less energy than thermoplastic or metal production. CycleSafe lockers are coated with low-emission baked-on polyurethane finish, which contributes to the long life of the project. CycleSafe products are manufactured to meet ISO 9000 quality and ISO14000 environmental standards.



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