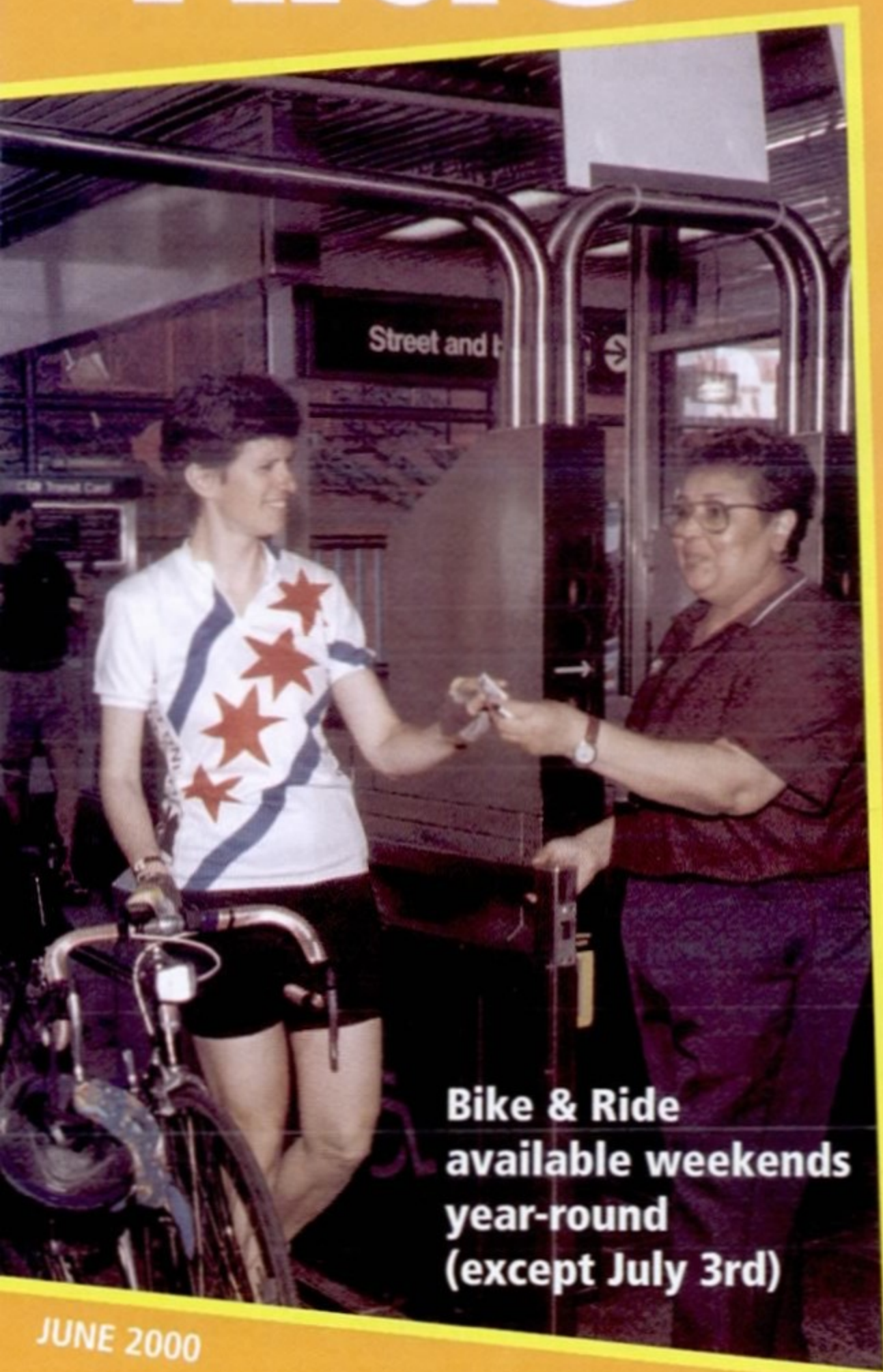


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Your bike rides free on the train!

An important ingredient in the recipe for fun in Chicago is bicycling. Our city offers plenty of cycling routes — Chicago boasts over 40 miles of new or improved bikeways. To make bicycling even more convenient for you, CTA allows bicycles on trains during weekends and select holidays.

Our trains can get you and your bike to the lakefront, parks or any place that's near one of our stations. Take your bike to and from your destination of choice. Or, opt for a one-way ride, if you're in a hurry to get to where you're going, or are too tired to ride your bike home. Just follow the rules listed here, and you'll be on your way to fun and exercise the Chicago way!

1 Bike-on-Trains Service

Bikes are welcome year-round on CTA trains every Saturday and Sunday. Bikes are also permitted during the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day (observed), Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Due to heavy passenger loads, bikes are not permitted July 3rd. In the case of similar, future events or attractions that result in very high passenger volumes, use of the trains by cyclists may be, from time to time, restricted.

Anyone over 18 may bring their bike on the train system. An adult must accompany riders between ages 12 - 17; those under 12 may not bring bikes on the trains.

2 Bike Access Rules Entering/Exiting Stations

When entering a station, notify the customer assistant or security guard that you are there with your bike. They will open the access gate and allow you to enter with your bike. Pay your fare and follow instructions. When available, use the accessible turnstile with the swing gate. If such a turnstile is not available, CTA staff will open an access gate to allow you to enter with your bike. If no staff is available, please ride your bike to the next CTA rail station.



Do not attempt to carry your bike through on of the tall steel barrier gates. It will get caught!

Bikes may not exit at King Drive Station on the Green Line as the only way to exit is through the steel bar gate. If you planned to use this station, ride through to Cottage Grove.

When a train is approaching or leaving, stand clear of the platform edge.

3 Use Courtesy on Stairs and Ramps.

Use elevators whenever they are available. When elevators are not available, carry your bike on ramps and stairways. Allow other customers to clear before you carry your bike up or down the stairs.

Please note: no bikes on escalators.



4 Stand by Your Bike

You must stand by your bicycle and hold on to it at all times. Do not deploy the kickstand inside stations or trains.

If there is a train or station evacuation, you must leave your bicycle behind to ensure a swift and safe exit for you and all other customers. Store your bicycle on board the vehicle on top of or in between seats and out of the aisles.

5 Board Train after Other Passengers.

Let other passengers board the train first. This reduces the chance of someone tripping over your bike. It also allows you to determine if a train is too crowded for a bike.

Priority seating is intended for seniors and passengers with disabilities.



6 TWO (2) Bicycles are Allowed Per Car.

However, do not board cars with folding doors on the Blue Line — these doors are too narrow and your bike will get caught. **Find a car on the Blue Line with sliding doors. Each Blue Line train has at least two cars with sliding doors.**

Once you're on a car, stand where you bike permits.

7 Stand Near Either end of the Train Car

Never put your bicycle where it blocks the aisle or doors

— you will create an obstacle. If the only available space is near the door, the train is too crowded. Wait for the next uncrowded train.

8 Follow Instructions from Chicago Police, Customer Assistants, Security Guards and Train Personnel.

To ensure safety, Chicago Police and CTA personnel may decide trains are too crowded, your bicycle is obstructing customer movement, or there are already two cyclists in one car. Follow their instructions.

Remember, there is CTA bicycle parking at most CTA rail facilities. If trains are too crowded, or you don't want to bring your 13 bike on the system, park free and ride.

Bicycle access is available only for CTA trains.

The cyclist assumes all responsibility for any damage and/or injury that occurs as a result of their bicycle being on CTA property. This includes injury to the cyclist or other customers. A sudden stop by the train does not remove responsibility from the bike owner for damages or injuries to other customers or themselves.

For further information:

1-888-YOURCTA

Or log on at:

www.transitchicago.com

City of Chicago Bicycle Information

www.cityofchicago.org/transportation/bikes

9 Paying your Fare

Cash Fares

\$1.50 for full fare riders. When you pay your cash fare in the turnstile, you can buy a **transfer card** for two more rides in two hours on CTA or Pace (30¢ full fare)

Transit Cards

Full fare cards are available from vending machines at CTA stations. Get reduced fare cards at Currency Exchanges, and Jewel and Dominick's food stores.

To buy a Full Fare Card

Put in the exact amount you want, \$1.50 to \$91. (For every \$10.00 put in, you get a \$1.00 bonus). Press vend. The card will come out on the lower right-hand side of the Transit Card vending machine.

To use a card or pass

Insert and remove it from the accessible turnstile. Up to 7 full fare riders can share the card (insert separately). Recharge the card for as little as 5¢ at any Transit card vending machine.

