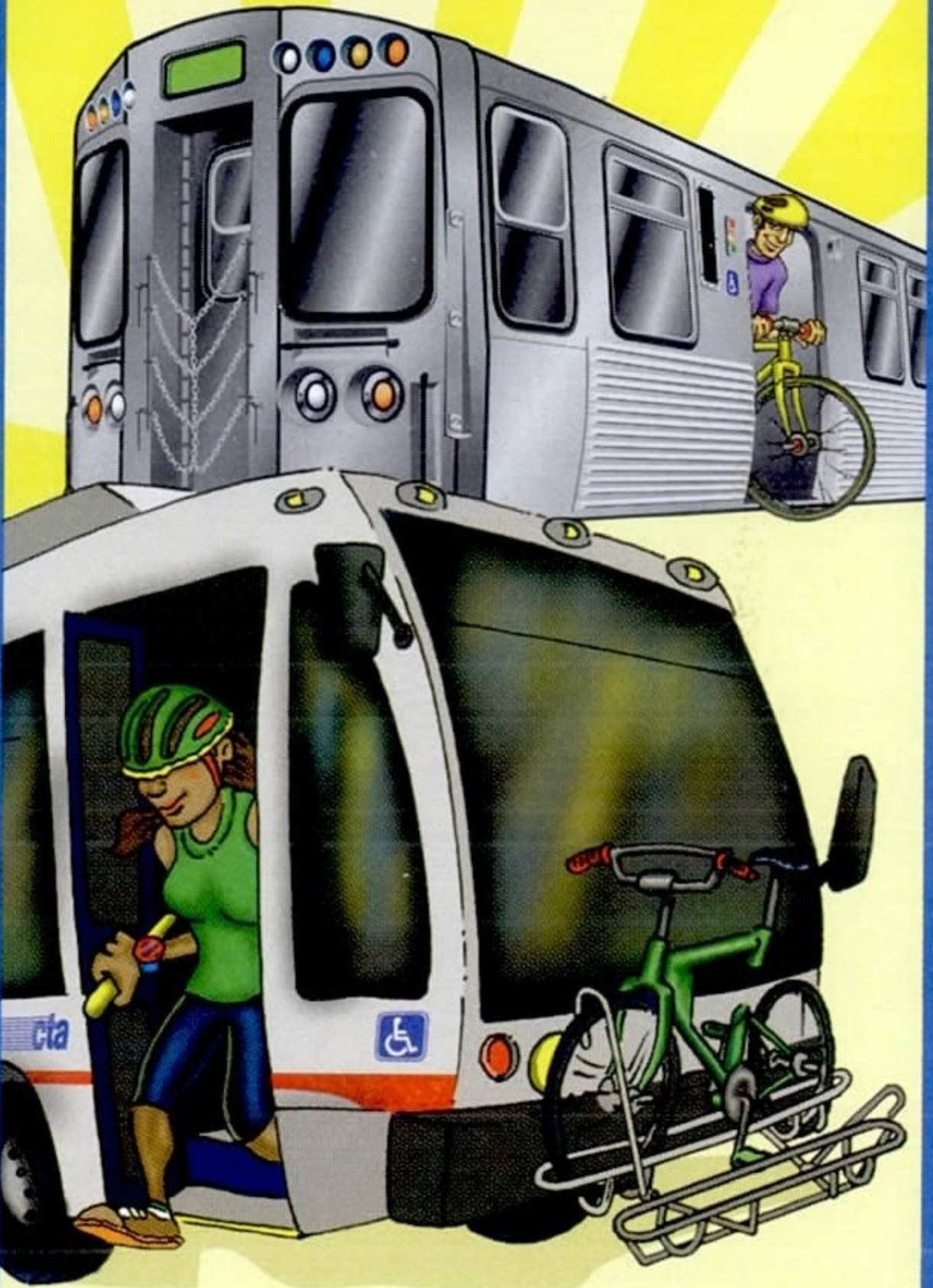


CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Bike & Ride



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Your bicycle rides free on the train & bus!

Like to bike?

To make cycling even more convenient, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) welcomes bicycles on trains and buses through the year-round CTA Bike & Ride Program.

Our network of buses and trains offers many travel possibilities that let you use your bicycle for commuting and running errands, as well as visiting the city's many attractions including parks, museums, the lakefront and bike paths.

Getting around is easy! Simply follow the steps in this brochure and you'll be on your way to cycling fun and great exercise. In addition, you'll help reduce air pollution by not driving.

Boarding Trains

Bicycles are permitted on trains every weekday except from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. On Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, bicycles are allowed on trains all day. If you board the train with your bicycle before the hours listed above and your trip extends into those hours, the CTA allows you to finish your trip. If trains are crowded, the use of trains by cyclists may be restricted by the train operator as appropriate. Bicycles are not permitted on trains July 3.

1. When entering a rail station, notify the Customer Assistant or security guard that you are there with your bicycle. When available, use the accessible turnstile with the swing gate to pay your fare and enter with your bicycle. If a swing gate is not available, CTA staff will open an access gate to allow you to enter.
2. Do not attempt to carry your bicycle through the tall steel barrier gates. It will get caught!
Note: For this reason, customers with bicycles may not exit at the King Drive & (Green Line) station. Please ride to the Cottage Grove & station.
3. To reach the platform level, use elevators whenever they are available. Otherwise, carry your bicycle on ramps and stairways, allowing other customers to clear before you go up or down the stairs. Bicycles are not permitted on escalators.
4. When a train is approaching or leaving, stand clear of the platform edge. If the train is too crowded, please wait for the next one.

5. Before boarding, check to see if other cyclists are present on the train car. Only two (2) bicycles are allowed per car.
Note: On the Blue Line, do not board cars with folding doors. Each Blue Line train has at least two cars with sliding doors.
6. Once on a train car, stand near either end of the train car. Stand by your bicycle and hold on to it at all times. Never block the aisle or doors. Do not use your bicycle kickstand inside stations or on train cars.

Boarding Buses

Bicycle racks are available on the front exteriors of all buses. Bicycles can be placed on the bicycle racks during normal hours of operation for each route. Racks accommodate two (2) bicycles at a time.

1. Remove large baggage, such as panniers, from your bike before loading your bicycle on the rack. All baggage must accompany you on the bus. If you are concerned about the safety of your bicycle, lock your bicycle's front wheel to the bicycle frame before the bus arrives.
2. Alert the bus operator that you need to lower the rack. Lower the rack by squeezing the handle (**See photo A**). If another bicycle is in position, the rack will already be lowered. If the bicycle rack is full, please wait for the next bus.
3. Lift your bicycle so it sits in the empty wheel well. If yours is the first bicycle to be loaded, place it in the position nearest the bus, with the front wheel facing the curb (**See photo B**). If yours is the second bicycle to be loaded, place it with the rear wheel facing the curb.
4. Swing the bicycle support arm over the front tire to hold the bicycle in place (**See photo C**). Locks may not be used to secure bicycles.
5. Board the bus and pay your fare. Your bicycle rides free!
6. When you come to your stop, exit the bus at the front and inform the operator that you'll be removing your bicycle. The operator will make sure you're clear of the bus before leaving the stop. Never step into traffic.

A.



B.



C.



Things You Should Know

- Anyone 18 years or older may bring their bicycles on CTA trains and rack-equipped buses. Customers 12 through 17 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 12 are not permitted to bring bicycles on CTA trains or buses.
- Let other customers board the train first. This reduces the chance of someone tripping over your bicycle. Priority seating is intended for seniors and customers with disabilities.
- If there is a train or station evacuation, leave your bicycle behind to ensure a swift and safe exit for you and all other customers. Store your bicycle on top of or in between seats and out of the aisles.
- To ensure proper safety of all customers, Chicago Police and CTA personnel may restrict bicycles from being brought on trains. This may happen if your bicycle is obstructing customer movement, or there are already two cyclists in one car. Please follow their instructions.
- There is bicycle parking at many CTA rail stations. If trains are crowded, or you don't want to bring your bicycle on the system, park your bicycle in the approved parking area and ride the train.
- Cyclists assume 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 transit vehicle does not remove responsibility from the bicycle owner for damages or injuries to other customers or themselves.
- Folding bicycles are allowed on CTA vehicles at all times.
- Motor-powered bicycles of any kind are not permitted on the CTA.

Bicycle Racks at CTA Rail Stations

Bicycle racks are located at many CTA rail stations. For improved security, indoor racks are provided at the following 23 rail stations:

- **Brown Line**
Wellington*
Western &
Fullerton (wall-mounted racks)
- **Blue Line**
Addison
Belmont
Harlem & (O'Hare branch)
Jefferson Park &*
UIC-Halsted &*
Western (Forest Park branch)
- **Green Line**
Cicero &
Halsted &
51st &
- **Red Line**
Clark/Division
Granville &
Lawrence
Loyola &
Sox-35th &
95th/Dan Ryan &
- **Orange Line**
Midway &
Pulaski &
Western &
- **Purple Line**
Davis & (wall-mounted racks)
- **Yellow Line**
Skokie & (wall-mounted racks)

*Additional outdoor parking is available at many stations. Call 1-888-YOUR-CTA for locations.

For future consideration of indoor bicycle parking at your station, please contact Amy Malick at amalick@transitchicago.com.

Lost and Found

Note: *The CTA is not responsible for bicycles lost, stolen or damaged on CTA buses, trains or property. If you forget your bicycle and leave it on the bus or train:*

- Call the CTA at 1-888-YOUR-CTA.
- Tell the agent the bus or train route on which you left the bicycle.
- Ask for the lost-and-found phone number and address of the bus garage or terminal for that route.
- Call the garage or terminal and confirm that the CTA has your bicycle.
- Go to the garage or terminal and pick up your bicycle.

Bicycles left for more than two weeks on indoor bicycle racks will be removed by the CTA. If you have lost your bicycle on CTA property call 1-888-YOUR-CTA.

Paying Your Fare

- **Cash Fare** – \$1.50 for full-fare customers (exact fare only). When full fare is paid, a transfer card (30¢) can be purchased for two or more rides in two hours on CTA or Pace.

- **Transit Cards** – Deduct full fares and transfers on CTA and Pace.

Full-fare Transit Cards can be purchased from vending machines at CTA rail stations. Put in the exact amount you want on the card (\$1.50 to \$91). Cards are also available at Currency Exchanges, select Jewel, Dominick's and Cub Foods stores, and CTA's web site at www.transitchicago.com. Up to seven full-fare customers can share a Transit Card.



- **Chicago Card™** – Deducts full fares and transfers on CTA and Pace.

Chicago Cards can be purchased online at www.transitchicago.com or at a CTA sales location. For a list of locations, call 1-888-YOUR-CTA.



- **Visitor Passes** – Our 1-day (\$5) pass offers 24 hours of unlimited CTA riding from the first use. This pass cannot be shared, recharged, or used on Pace. You can also buy 2-day (\$9), 3-day (\$12) and 5-day (\$18) passes.



For advance sales and sales locations, call 1-888-YOUR-CTA or visit CTA's web site at www.transitchicago.com. Passes are sold at Visitor Centers, select museums, Sears Tower, Navy Pier, and at CTA rail stations at O'Hare and Midway airports.

Helpful Phone Numbers

Do you know your route and stop? For schedule information call 836-7000 from any local area code, or visit CTA's web site: www.transitchicago.com.

For maps and other CTA information, call

CTA Customer Service:

1-888-YOUR-CTA (1-888-968-7282)

TTY: 1-888-CTA-TTY1(1-888-282-8891)



City of Chicago Bike Information Hotline:

312-742-BIKE (2453)

Free publications are available, including a map showing the best streets for cycling in Chicago.
www.cityofchicago.org/Transportation/BikeInfo



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312-427-3325

www.biketraffic.org