

Lake Transit Authority

Bicycle and Scooter Policy

Lake Transit Authority is pleased to offer passengers greater flexibility and more options to get to their destinations by combining two popular modes of transportation: the bicycle and the bus. LTA buses feature bicycle racks on all fixed-route buses that are capable of holding two bicycles with standard sized tires (maximum of 26" or 700cm). Bicycles are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Passengers wishing to transport their bicycles should first notify the driver that they are loading or unloading a bicycle before approaching the rack.

Section 1 – General Provisions

- a. Passengers must wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before loading their bicycle.
- b. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult when loading or unloading their bicycle from the rack.
- c. Bicycles must not exceed 55 pounds.
- d. Loose articles must be removed from the bicycle before being placed on the rack.
- e. Bicycle handlebars or baskets must not obstruct the driver's view.
- f. Foldable bicycles (non-motorized) no larger than 28" x 20" x 11" are permitted on board (under the seat). The driver has the discretion to deny foldable bicycles which cannot be reasonably and safely stored under the seat, or safely on the exterior rack.
- g. Children's bicycles are permitted provided that the "J-Hook" fits snugly over the front tire.
- h. Bicycles are not allowed to be locked to the rack.
- i. Tandem bicycles and tricycles are not allowed.
- j. The passenger is responsible for loading or unloading their bicycle. When departing the bus, the passenger must let the driver know that they need to remove their bicycle from the rack.
- k. LTA is not responsible for lost or damaged bicycles.
- l. Forgotten bicycles will be held for no more than five (5) business days.

Section 2 – Motorized Bicycles and Scooters

- a. Passengers are allowed to place electric bicycles with sealed gel, Lithium-ion (Li-ion), or Nickel-cadmium (NiCad) batteries in the rack as long as they fit safely and have standard tires. They must also meet all bicycle requirements in Section 1.
- b. Passengers are allowed to carry on the bus electric scooters with sealed gel, Lithium-ion (Li-ion), or Nickel-cadmium (NiCad) batteries as long as they can be folded and fit under the seat or on the passenger's lap.
- c. Passengers are not allowed to bring on board the bus items such as used gasoline cans, car batteries, hover boards, gas powered vehicles or objects too large to fit under the seat.
- d. Electric bicycles with liquid lead acid batteries are not permitted in the rack.
- e. Gas-powered bicycles or scooters are not permitted.

Section 3 – Bicycle Loading & Unloading

- a) For the passenger's safety, loading and unloading of bicycles should be done from the curbside of the bus.

- b) When waiting for the bus, stand a safe distance from the curb (never in the street) and wait until the bus has come to a complete stop before stepping out to use the rack.
- c) Release the bike rack by squeezing the latch handle and slowly lowering the rack.
- d) Look for the area labeled "FRONT WHEEL." Lift the bicycle into the rack so that the front tire rests in the area labeled "FRONT WHEEL" and the back tire rests in the slot behind it.
- e) To secure the bicycle for transport grasp the "J-Hook" and pull out where labeled "PULL." Pull up and slide the "J-Hook" so it rests on the top of the front tire. The bicycle is now secure, and the passenger may board the bus.
- f) When leaving the bus, the passenger must remind the driver that they need to remove their bicycle.
- g) After removing the bicycle, if there are no other bicycles on the rack, lift the rack up until the latch clicks into place and is secure.
- h) Move the bicycle onto the curb and wait until the bus passes.