

## Biking and Transit ... a Winning Combination!

Whether you're an avid bicycle commuter or a recreational cyclist, COTA's free Bike 'n Bus program is geared to enhance the ride! Now, should you ever find yourself caught in a downpour, stranded with a flat tire or forced to ride at night, count on COTA's Bike 'n Bus service to help you go the distance. It's a healthy, economical and environmentally friendly way to commute to wherever you need to go. Bikes and buses were made for one another ... and that's one more reason to go transit!



Please feel free to  
visit the websites of  
our biking partners:



**Columbus Outdoor Pursuits**

Providing outdoor recreational opportunities and training for the youth and adults of Central Ohio. For more information, call (614) 442-7901 or visit [www.outdoor-pursuits.org](http://www.outdoor-pursuits.org).

**COBAC**

Central Ohio Bicycle Advocacy Coalition

The mission of the Central Ohio Bicycle Advocacy Coalition is to create a friendlier environment for bicycling in Central Ohio. For more information, call (614) 444-9906 or visit [www.cobac.org](http://www.cobac.org).

**COTA makes it easy for you!**

Need more info? We'll be glad to help. Just call us at (614) 228-1776 or visit [www.cota.com](http://www.cota.com)



Set your wheels  
in motion!



**Introducing**



- The fast, fun and easy way to take your bike along for the ride!

## All Aboard for Bike 'n Bus!

Whether you're a recreational rider, serious cyclist, or simply a couple on the go, COTA's new Bike 'n Bus front-mounted bike racks are the best thing to roll your way since the ten-speed! Now part of all fixed-route buses, Bike 'n Bus racks are sure to be the rage for riders going to school, work or play, because they

combine the convenience of riding the bus with the enjoyment of cycling. The new Bike 'n Bus racks are designed to securely accommodate most types and sizes of bikes, and make loading and unloading a snap. Each COTA Bike 'n Bus rack is equipped to hold two bikes, and there's no additional charge to use them.



## How to Load your Bike

### 1 STEP 1: Get ready!

Loading your bike is easy! As your bus approaches, double-check to be sure all loose items on the bikes, such as water bottles, pumps and other objects that could fall off, are removed.

### 2 STEP 2: Give us a sign!

Signal the bus driver that you are going to load your bike. When the bus has fully stopped and the driver acknowledges your request, you can begin to load your bike – but always from curbside.

### 3 STEP 3: Lock and go!

(a) Squeeze the metal handle on the bike rack to release the latch, and let the rack down.



(b) Lift your bike onto the rack, and position the bike into the rack's wheel wells. (Please use the wheel well assembly that is closest to the bus if you are loading first).



(c) Then, raise and pull the support arm up and over the bike's front tire. The rack firmly holds the bicycle's tires only, no contact is made with the frame, which reduces any potential damage to a loaded bike.



(d) After loading, simply get on-board COTA and enjoy the ride!

## Unload in a Snap!

### STEP 1: You've arrived!

As you approach your bus stop, please remind the bus driver that you need to unload your bike.

### STEP 2: Release and go!

(a) Raise the support arm off the front tire and lower it out of the way. Then, simply lift your bike out of the rack.

(b) If there is no other bike on the rack, please return the rack to the upright and locked position.

(c) Signal the bus driver that you have removed your bike and you're off!

## Remember Important Things to Remember

Bike 'n Bus is available during normal bus service hours on all fixed-route buses, including evenings and weekends (may not be available when inclement weather prohibits safe use).

- COTA bus drivers are not permitted to leave the bus to assist you in using Bike 'n Bus. So please make sure you read the loading and unloading instructions carefully.
- Bike 'n Bus racks will carry most bikes. However, tandems, recumbent, mopeds and tricycles cannot be mounted.
- Children age 12 and under are not permitted to use Bike 'n Bus unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Rack space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. If a bus is already carrying two bikes when it stops, you will need to wait for the next bus. COTA does not permit bikes inside buses.
- For safety reasons, always load and unload your bike from the curbside of the bus.

For safety reasons, driver cannot assist bike rack users, so you must be able to load and unload your bike correctly without the driver's assistance. Bikes are mounted at the user's own risk. COTA is not responsible for any theft or damage while bike is mounted on the rack or at any COTA facility. For more information, call (614) 228-1776.