Cycling is a great way to get around in Santa Monica and is good for our environment. Get out there and ride for fun, exercise, or as a means of transportation. Enjoy the ride.

**Bike Santa Monica**

Please contact the City’s Transportation Management Division, at 310-458-8291 with questions and comments. For more information about riding and what Santa Monica has to offer, visit some of the websites listed on the back cover.

**Local Bicycle Information**

- **www.bike.smgov.net**
- **www.smgov.net/activeliving**
- **www.metro.net**
- **www.la-bike.org**
- **www.cicle.org**

**City of Santa Monica**

**www.smgov.net/planning**

**City of Santa Monica Transportation Division**

**Local Bicycle Information**

**Active Living**

**www.bike.smgov.net**

**LA Metro Bike Map**

**www.metro.net**

**Bike Trip Planner**

**www.bikemetro.com/route/route.asp**

**LA County Bicycle Coalition**

**www.la-bike.org**

**Cyclists Inciting Change**

**www.cicle.org**

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**Which Way?**

**Which Way to the Beach**

When riding your bike, make your way to the following streets for beach path access: Santa Monica Pier at Colorado Ave and Ocean Ave, Bay St, Bidwell Ave, Ocean Park Blvd, or Ashland Ave. These points are shown on the map. The pedestrian bridge north of the Pier along the California Incline (California Ave and Ocean Ave) has minimal steps and can be used by walking your bike down via the west side sidewalk to the bridge. For more information about the Santa Monica Pier, go to: www.smanticipacer.org

**Which Way to the Promenade**

The 3rd Street Promenade area can get very busy with buses, cars, and pedestrians. Plan your route ahead and consider the following for access to the Promenade: Broadway Ave (bikes are permitted in the bus only lane), Arizona Ave, 2nd St, or 5th St. There are bike racks in the area and on the Promenade but riding on the Promenade is not permitted.

**Rack And Ride**

Bring your bike for a ride on the Big Blue Bus. Santa Monica’s Big Blue Bus is equipped with convenient and easy to use front-mounted bike racks. Try one out, it’s free with your paid fare.

**About our free bike rack service**

- Easy to follow instructions are clearly displayed on every bike rack. If the rack is full, please wait for the next bus.
- Each rack can carry two bikes.
- Bikes are not allowed inside the bus.
- The racks accommodate most types of bikes including kids’ bikes. Tandem bikes will not fit in the rack.
- Bikes cannot be locked onto the rack.
- Only the bike’s tires touch the rack.
- Always load and unload your bike by approaching the bus from the curb and never from the street.
- If you forget to remove your bike, or if the bus pulls away before you unload it, please note the bus number and route then call Big Blue Bus Customer Service at (310) 451-5444.

**Loading**

- When the bus doors open, let the driver know you will be loading or unloading your bike onto the rack.
- Approach the bike rack from the curb.
- Lower the bike rack from its folded position until it’s parallel to the ground. It’s easily done with one hand so you can hold onto your bike at the same time.
- Place your bike in the rack’s wheel slots closest to the bus.
- Raise the support arm over the top of your bike’s front tire.
- Board the bus.
- That’s it. Your bike is now securely stowed and you’re both ready to ride.

**Unloading**

- Before you reach your stop, tell your driver you need to unload your bike and return the neon baton.
- Approach the bike rack from the curb.
- Lower the support arm from the top of your bike’s front tire.
- Lift your bike out of the rack.
- If there is no other bike, fold up the rack.
- Stop away from the bus with your bike. For more information, go to the Big Blue Bus website: www.bigbluebus.com.

**Valet It**

Bicycles may be left with an attendant at the Main Street Sunday Farmers’ Market located just south of Ocean Park Boulevard on the west side of Main Street during market hours. This is a free service for those arriving by bicycle. An attendant will give you a ticket, watch the bike while you shop and retrieve the bicycle at any time requested. The City of Santa Monica hopes to expand this service to other events throughout the city.

For Farmers’ Market hours and locations visit their website: www.smgov.net/farmers_market/