

## **OPERATION OF BUS-MOUNTED BIKE RACKS**

The bike racks mounted on the buses is to provide a service to bicycle-riding passengers without necessarily causing a disruption in service provided to the non-bicycle-riding passengers. The bike racks are simple to use so that the cyclist can be given the responsibility to operate the rack without assistance. Verbal assistance should be given if necessary and if the vehicle operator is concerned that the rack was not safely deployed, they should intervene.

Instruction are available to the public regarding the use of the bike racks; vehicle operators should know what these instructions are and become familiar with the operation of the rack itself.

*"The use of Bike Racks is very fast and easy to use, eliminating any delays from typical bus schedules. Bikes can be quickly loaded or unloaded by an individual rider, although young children should be assisted by an adult. For safety reasons, the operator will not leave the bus to assist you with loading or unloading bicycles. Bike racks can only carry three bikes at a time and are available on a first come, first served basis. NO MOTORIZED BICYCLES ALLOWED. Bikes are not permitted inside the buses.*

**CAUTION: LOADING OR UNLOADING YOUR BIKE FROM THE STREET SIDE IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS**

### **LOADING A BICYCLE**

*Make your bike ready for loading by removing any loose items that may fall off, such as water bottles, tire pumps, etc.*

*Make sure the bus driver is aware that you are loading your bike. Load from the curb or in front of the bus; never step into oncoming traffic to load your bike. Squeeze handle up to release latch, then fold down the rack. You only need to use one hand to unlatch and pull the bike rack down, so you can hold your bike with the other hand. It is not necessary to lean your bike against the bus.*

*Lift your bike onto the bike rack, fitting wheels into proper wheel slots. Each wheel slot is clearly labeled for the front wheel. The purpose of the directional placement is to make the bike nearest the bus easier to unload.*

*Raise the Support Arm over the front tire. The Support Arm's number one purpose is to add lateral support for the bicycle when the bus is in motion or at rest. Many bikes will sit in the wheel well without the use of the Support Arm, but the rack must not be used without the Support Arm. Bikes with especially thin rims and tires will sway back and forth without it.*

*Board the bus and enjoy the ride! Choose a seat near the front of the bus if possible to keep an eye on your bike. DON'T FORGET you have a bike with you when you get off at your stop. New riders often do!*

### UNLOADING A BICYCLE

*As the bus approaches your stop, notify the bus driver that you will be unloading your bike. Unload from the curb or in front of the bus; NEVER STEP INTO ONCOMING TRAFFIC TO UNLOAD YOUR BIKE*

*Raise the Support Arm off the tire. The Support Arm automatically folds down to a secure position.*

*Lift your bike out of the rack.*

*Fold up the Bike Rack if there are no other bikes on the rack and no one else is waiting to load their bike. The bike rack then will lock in place.*

*Step away from the bus with your bike.*

*Any unclaimed bike will be stored at Bay Metro Transit, Johnson St location for up to seven days including weekends and holidays, after that all unclaimed bicycles will become the property of the Bay City Police Department. Bay Metro Transit assumes no liability for injuries or damages incurred to bikes, personal property or persons while using the racks or riding the bus.”*