

Earn a Folding Bike

A Program for the New Early Morning Train Service

The Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition, SBBIKE, is proud to be working with SBCAG on a new 6 month pilot program for train commuters to earn a folding bike. The goal of the program is to help commuters travel the last miles between train stations and their office or home. This is one element of our work to support last mile connections via bike.

Program Eligibility: If you commute on the train periodically from Ventura County to Santa Barbara County (or Carpinteria to Santa Barbara or Goleta) then you are eligible for this program. This program is for commuters - recreational train passengers are not eligible.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Step 1 – Enroll in the program: Go to www.tinyurl.com/EarnAFoldingBike to apply for the program. Your application will be reviewed and approved within a week.

Step 2 – Test ride: Folding bikes are a unique biking experience. Be sure to test ride the folding bike at the Santa Barbara and Goleta train stations to make sure it is a good fit. Several bikes will be available for test riding on April 1-3 and April 16-18. A test bike can be provided at the station upon request. Otherwise email train@sbbike.org to request a test ride. If the bike works for you, take the next step!

Step 3 – Pay a \$50 non-refundable fee by credit card, sign our waiver and agreement for a \$400 damage deposit (not charged, and to be released once the bike is fully earned).

Step 4 – You have 6 months to complete 40 train trips to earn your bike. Document your train trips by emailing copies of your Amtrak Pacific Surfliner passes to train@sbbike.org. Each day you take the train, you earn \$10 towards the balance of the folding bike, and after 40 one-way train trips on the train you own the bike outright!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What happens if I don't reach the 40 trips within 6 months? After 6 months, if you have taken at least 20 train trips you can either return the bike in good working condition and be released of the damage deposit, or you can pay \$10 for each train trip you fell short of for your 40 trip goal. If you have taken fewer than 20 train trips, the bike should be returned to SBBIKE in good working condition. If the bike is not returned, the \$400 damage deposit will be charged to your credit card.

What is so special about a folding bike? Folding bikes are great to use for any multi-modal trip, including the train, bus, or carpooling. Most importantly a folding bike can be brought on board the train without a bike reservation making it a seamless commute from your home, to the train, to your office or final destination. See how it works at: <https://vimeo.com/261328659>

What model of bike is it? The initial bike chosen for this program is a Sun Short Cut folding bike. It has a 3 speed internal hub with a coaster brake. This makes it simple to use, easy to maintain and quick to fold and unfold.

What happens if the bike is lost, stolen, or broken before I have earned the bike? The bike is your responsibility while you are in possession of the bike. A lost, stolen, or damaged bike will result in the \$400 damage deposit being charged to your credit card.

What happens if I get injured while riding the folding bike? Neither SBBIKE nor SBCAG are responsible for any injuries or property damage as a result of any accidents while riding the folding bike. You will be responsible for any injuries or damage resulting from an accident while riding the folding bike. Our representative will explain the risks associated with this bike and provide a basic overview of its safe use when you initiate the earn-a-bike program.

THE BASIC INFO

Enroll at:

www.tinyurl.com/EarnAFoldingBike

Questions? Call 805-845-8955

Email copies of your passes to verify your ridership to:

train@sbbike.org

Pay \$50 and a \$400 damage deposit agreement, use 40 times with the train and you own the bike!

