



DOWNTOWN SEATTLE TRANSIT TUNNEL

Important safety changes for bicyclists

The Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel has been refitted to accommodate light rail trains, as well as buses. With these changes, there are important safety considerations for all bicyclists using the tunnel.

Platform changes

- Step carefully from the platform onto the roadway inside the tunnel when loading and unloading your bike. The platform at the International District station is much higher (14-inches) now than previously and the road surface has a short sloping area before it flattens out (see image).

Low bus mirrors



- Watch for bus mirrors. The higher platforms mean that it's possible to bump your head when boarding or alighting the bus after stepping to or from the roadway. Take care around the mirrors.
- Wait for buses with your bike behind the yellow tactile line at the platform curb.



General safety tips:

- Never cross the tunnel roadway at the platform level.
- As the bus approaches, have your bike ready to load, and always load from the curbside of the platform.
- Always let the bus driver know you plan to load or unload your bike on the bus prior to boarding.
- Don't leave anything on your bike that can fall off while the bus is moving.
- Place your bike in the outside slot of the rack if it's empty.

Remember

You can load and unload your bike only at either end of the downtown bus tunnel at the **Convention Place** (note: the platform there remains the same height as before because trains won't be stopping there when rail service begins in 2009) and **International District** stations.

Lost bikes

If you leave your bike on a Metro bus, call The Bicycle Alliance of Washington (206) 903-8075. Lost bicycles are held for 30 days.