

New California Bikestations Create Network

Two Bikestations on the Same LA Metrolink

In February, Mobis Transportation/Bikestation opened new bicycle parking facilities in Claremont and Covina, California. These facilities are aimed at making it easier for people to bicycle not only in the local community but also as a means to access transit. Located on the same Metrolink line, Bikestation Claremont and Bikestation Covina represent the first bicycle and alternative transportation center network in the country.

Bikestation Covina is a secure bike module that simply provides safe indoor bike parking.

In contrast, Bikestation Claremont provides a variety of amenities that make bicycling more secure and convenient, including secure bicycle parking, restrooms, retail accessory sales, and bike repair and rental services.

“By providing convenient and economical bike-transit services at major transit lines and within close proximity to urban destinations, Bikestation can play a primary role in educating the public about the benefits and the ease of using public transportation and other alternative modes,” said Andrea White-Kjoss, president and CEO of Mobis Transportation/Bikestation in a press release. “Bikestation bike transit centers make biking to and from public transportation safe and convenient, addressing the common concerns people have about riding bikes, convenience and fear of theft, and enabling more people to use alternative transit more often.”

The new Bikestation Covina Secure is a 250-square-foot bike module within about a quarter mile of the Covina Metrolink station. The high-tech, “green” design makes available the 36 electronically secured indoor parking spaces, which are able to accommodate up to 80 users, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Users can sign up at www.Bikestation.com or over the phone, and their digital access key fob will allow them not only to use Bikestation Covina but any Bikestation in the United States.

A partnership with Covina Valley Cyclery, adjacent to the Covina Metrolink station in downtown Covina, will provide retail discounts to Bikestation Covina users and a bicycle repair valet service for an additional charge. While Covina will start with a single Secure Bike Module, the



A new bikestation in Covina, CA. (Photo: Courtesy of Bikestation)

LEED 3.0-compliant design is scalable, allowing the city to add to the facility or add new modules when required, according to the Mobis/Bikestation press release. According to White-Kjoss, funding to build the Covina station came from the city.

Unlike Covina, the Bikestation in Claremont is built into a refurbished depot in the city’s downtown. It is located at the historic Claremont Depot transit center, a 1927 Spanish Colonial Revival building that’s been newly renovated with funding from Caltrans. Caltrans also funded the installation of the Bikestation. The depot serves as a transit center for Metrolink commuter trains and a regional bus system, making it an ideal location for connecting bicycling into the mix for getting to and from the station. The location also provides convenient access to the Metrolink station, other public transit options, businesses and communities, and the campuses of the Claremont colleges.

Bikestation Claremont is 600 square feet and offers members 37 electronically secured indoor bicycle parking spaces, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The facility also has a restroom and a changing room with lockers, a water fountain and vending machines, a repair stand and tools for bicyclists to use to repair their own bikes, and retail accessory sales. Valet repair service

and bike rentals are available through an operating partnership with JAX Bicycle Center, located across the street. Access is limited to members and users can choose from a range of membership options ranging from daily to annual plans.

“Bikestation Claremont is located in our Bike Priority Zone, a two square mile area encompassing the Claremont Colleges, the Claremont Depot, mixed use retail, and residential neighborhoods, where we’ve created safe bike routes and parking to promote walking, cycling and alternative transportation,” said Brian Desatnik, Housing and Redevelopment Manager, city of Claremont.

Mobis Transportation Alternatives, headquartered in Long Beach, CA, is a consulting and management firm that helps clients plan, develop and operate multimodal transportation systems. It was founded with the goal to reduce traffic congestion and vehicular emissions, improve access to mass transit and offer meaningful mobility choices. Mobis operates a network of innovative transportation systems through the Bikestation, Citywheels and Citybikeshare brands.

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