

Cycling at UCLA

2005

 **University**
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
Country
United States

Location 
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Size 
> 70,000

Mobility Organizational Structure 
UCLA Transportation is a self-supporting Auxiliary Enterprise of UCLA

Summary

UCLA Transportation considers investing in making UCLA a more bike-able place as a top mobility priority.

Aims

To improve cycling conditions and promote the bicycle as a transportation mode on, to and from campus, UCLA will set policies and provide infrastructure to support and accommodate bicycling.

Stakeholders

- UCLA Community.
- City of Los Angeles.
- Helen's Cycles.

Background

Given the potential for increased bicycle use to mitigate much of the issues associated with automobile travel, UCLA Transportation has invested significant resources to plan for high quality bicycle infrastructure on UCLA property, as well as the implementation of policies that would encourage bicycle use.



Description

The University has been increasing its mileage of dedicated bikeways on campus property, and has been working with surrounding municipalities to connect UCLA's bicycle pathways with theirs. Bike boxes on campus roadways have also been installed. UCLA offers over 3,000 free bike parking spaces in racks all over campus, with plans to increase the capacity of both bike racks and bike lockers.

Bicycle repair stations can also be found around campus, as well as bike stair channels to make it easier to transport the bike when riding it is not possible. A bike shop is also available on campus.

A program is in place that allows staff and faculty to trade in their parking permit for a \$400 voucher to purchase a new bicycle if they commit to a two year prohibition against obtaining a parking permit. Rental options for bikes also exist for students and staff.

Planning for a university wide bike share system is also under way, which will be launched in August 2017.

In detail: 13 improvements that make UCLA a Bicycle Friendly University. November 05, 2015

1. **New bike lanes on and into campus.** The past few years have been banner years for bike lines on campus streets. One of the newest lanes is on Charles E. Young Drive North near Parking Lot 7. Bright green paint also demarcates bike lanes by Royce Hall and up Westwood Plaza.
2. **Advocating for safer bikeways on nearby streets.** UCLA Transportation officials have testified at the Los Angeles City Council and committee hearings about the new Mobility 2035 plan to express support for more bike lanes, especially a bike lane proposed on Westwood Boulevard between Wellworth Avenue and Le Conte Avenue that would be a key connector to campus.
3. **Building bike channels into stairs.** One of the latest ways UCLA made it easier to bike to work or class are these nifty grooves in the stairways behind Ackerman Student Union. Instead of hefting or bouncing a heavy bike on the stairs, riders can wheel it smoothly alongside them.
4. **Installing free bike repair stands across campus.** Six bike repair stands scattered across campus each include an air pump, screw drivers, wrenches and other essential bike tools. And that "repair stand" part is literal – the station doubles as a place to hang the tools and a place to suspend your bike while you're working on it.
5. **Adopting the "bike box".** The campus added a bright green "bike box," an extension of the nearby bike lane, at the Westwood Blvd. and Strathmore intersection in 2012 to create a car-free zone where bicyclists can safely wait for the light to change, avoiding right-turning vehicles.
6. **Creating a UCLA Bike Library rental program.** The Bike Library offers students inexpensive bike rentals for a full academic quarter, and the Employee Commuter Bike Loaner program gives employees a free two-week rental – handy if your own bike is in the shop or you just want to see if cycling to work is the lifestyle for you.
7. **Bike (Re)Cycling day.** In the campus's annual Bike ReCycling day, Bruins all over campus eagerly sign up for a lottery to get the first crack at the hand-me-down and abandoned bicycles collected on campus over the year.
8. **Installing a bike counter.** The campus installed the first bike counter in the city in 2013 which helps track bike ridership and serves as a gateway sign, letting cyclists know they're part of a larger community.
9. **Incentive programs:** Bruin Commuter Club, shower passes, and subsidized buses. Bicyclists are eligible for the Bruin Commuter Club, which includes discounted parking on days when driving is unavoidable, and emergency rides home. Discounted gym access with the Commuter Passport gives serious bike riders access to showers and changing rooms without the cost of a full gym membership. Cyclists can also take advantage of UCLA's subsidized bus passes – especially handy for bikers with long or hilly routes.
10. **Supporting programs like the Eco-chella music festival (with bike-powered smoothies).** Talk about pedal power. The semi-annual Eco-chella music festival on campus relies on attendees to ride bikes that power the speakers for the bands.
11. **Celebrating an annual Bike Week.** UCLA's yearly Bike Week encourages commuters to give biking a try, and helps spread the word to current and potential bikers alike about the different resources on campus for cyclists – not to mention the health benefits and other advantages to bicycling.
12. **The UCLA Bike Shop, offering all kinds of services and free classes.** The UCLA Bike Shop offers free use of its tools for hands-on cyclists prepared to make repairs, and for a fee, will fix a bike for you or teach you how to do it. UCLA Recreation and UCLA Transportation support the shop together to encourage carbon-free transportation that also provides a workout.
13. **Free bike parking – 3,000+ spots.** Dozens of bike racks all over campus provide more than 3,000 free bicycle parking spaces. Bike lockers are also available for a rental fee. For added security, electronic bike lockers are available on-demand for cyclists around campus. campus relies on attendees to ride bikes that power the speakers for the bands.

 Indicators

Not available.

 Results

UCLA Transportation’s efforts in promoting bike use through sound planning and policy decisions has earned it a rating of “silver” as a Bicycle Friendly University by the League of American Bicyclists

TABLE 4. UCLA 2016 MODE SPLIT		
	Employees	Students
Drive Alone	53.0%	25.0%
Carpool	12.0%	6.2%
Vanpool	4.3%	0.1%
Public Transit	16.9%	28.0%
Bike	1.9%	5.4%
Walk	6.9%	30.9%
Other	5.0%	4.4%

Sources:
2016 UCLA SCAQMD Survey, 2016 UCLA Student Transportation Survey

 Cost

Not available.

 Financing

Not available.

 Lessons Learnt

Not available.

 Pictures



Fig 1. New bike lanes on and into campus



Fig 2. Advocating for safer bikeways on nearby streets

 Pictures



Fig 3. Building bike channels into stairs



Fig 4. Installing free bike repair stands across campus



Fig 5. Adopting the "bike box"



Fig 6. Creating a UCLA Bike Library rental program



Fig 7. Bike (Re)Cycling day



Fig 8. Installing a bike counter



Fig 9. Incentive programs: Bruin Commuter Club, shower passes, and subsidized buses



Fig 10. Supporting programs like the Eco-chella music festival (with bike-powered smoothies)



Fig 11. Celebrating an annual Bike Week



Fig 12. The UCLA Bike Shop, offering all kinds of services and free classes



Fig 13. Free bike parking – 3,000+ spots

 Links

<https://main.transportation.ucla.edu/getting-to-ucla/bike>
<http://newsroom.ucla.edu/stories/13-improvements-that-make-ucla-a-bicycle-friendly-university>

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