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**Project in Brief**

**Project:** *Award Winning University of Washington's U-Pass Transportation Program Offer Bike Storage Solution*

**Location:** Seattle, Washington

**Installation:** 272 Cycle-Safe® bicycle lockers at 14 different campus sites

**First Cycle-Safe Purchase:** 1984 (Additional installations 1998 and 1999)

**Percent Still in Use:** 100%

**S**tudents, faculty, and staff are waiting in line at the University of Washington in Seattle to lease Cycle-Safe® bike lockers.

First purchased by the University in 1984, there are now 272 Cycle-Safe lockers on campus—more lockers than any other college in the country. And the lockers are so popular among students, faculty, and staff, the waiting list stands at 48, according to Peter Dewey, Transportation Systems Manager, at the University of Washington.

Bicycling and Cycle-Safe lockers are a critical part of the university's award-winning U-Pass transportation management program. Established in 1989, the program was the result of an agreement with the City of Seattle to develop a master plan that creates alternatives to the single-occupant automobile trips to and from campus. Because many of the university's 55,000 students and staff commute from off campus locations, the alternatives are necessary for the university to comply with laws mandating reduced auto-related air pollution, energy consumption, and traffic congestion. . In addition to bicycling, the plan includes reduced mass transit passes, van/carpools, a cap on



**Attractive and functional, Cycle-Safe lockers accent and blend in with the existing campus environment**

the number of on-campus parking spaces, and increased parking rates.

The program has been a great success, from 1990 to 1999 the number of trips into the university during the peak hours was reduced by 19 percent. And single occupancy vehicle use among students has decreased from 25 percent to only 16 percent.

"People identify bicycle lockers as a very important element in the U-Pass program," said Michael Williams, University of Washington's Transportation Manager during the initial installations. As a result of the high demand, "We actually took out automobile parking spaces to put in bike lockers." This meant that they avoided building three of the four planned multi-story parking structures, saving millions of dollars. What's more, every new construction project on campus has to provide covered bicycle parking, and most of that has been in the form of Cycle-Safe bike lockers. The Cycle-Safe lockers provide the security that people need to make bicycling a viable alternative to the automobile. Williams said that while there is a "fair amount of theft off bike racks on campus, we've never had a break-in into any Cycle-Safe locker. As far as I'm concerned, they have the best locking system and door."



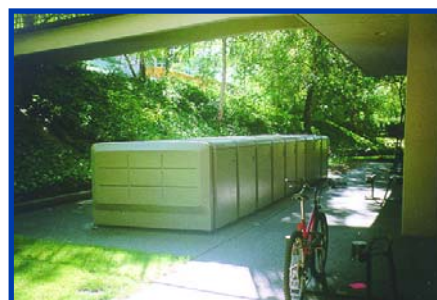
Williams also noted that the Cycle-Safe lockers fit in well on campus. "We have very high standards here, and I think the look of the Cycle-Safe lockers is one of the better looks around here," he said. The lockers have held up well in the rainy Seattle climate. And according to Peter Dewey, "There are general plans to add 50 or 100 lockers {to the campus}. We haven't reached our saturation point yet - lockers in certain locations always sell."



The U-Pass transportation program has won a number of major awards—and Cycle-Safe® bicycle lockers have made a significant contribution to the program's success.

In 1996, the program received a \$25,000 cash award from the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO): Higher Education Award. Each year NACUBO honors programs at colleges and universities that save their institutions money. Other awards include:

- Bullit Foundation Oil Smart Award (1991 and 1992): Best Overall Transportation Program.
- Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) (1991) Leadership Award (highest award).
- American Public Transit Association, 1992 Named Metro best large public transportation system in North America, in part for its work with U-Pass.
- EDC Commuter Challenge (1994 and 1995): Diamond Award Winner.
- Puget Sound Regional Council Vision 2020 Award (1997).



### RESOURCE INFORMATION

*University of Washington Information*

*Other Universities using Cycle-Safe Lockers*

### WEB SITE ADDRESSES

- [www.washington.edu/upass/](http://www.washington.edu/upass/)
- Ball state University [www.bsu.edu](http://www.bsu.edu)
- Stanford University <http://transportation.stanford.edu>
- Univ. of Minnesota [www.umn.edu](http://www.umn.edu)
- Univ. of San Francisco [www.sfsu.edu/~housing/bike\\_storage.html](http://www.sfsu.edu/~housing/bike_storage.html)
- Univ. of Wisconsin <http://www.reslife.uww.edu/reshalls/features.htm>
- DuPage <http://www.cod.edu/public%5Fsafety/regulations.htm>

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| Bikes Belong Coalition . . . . . <a href="http://www.bikesbelong.org">www.bikesbelong.org</a>      | Bike Alliance of Washington . . . . . <a href="http://www.bicyclealliance.org">www.bicyclealliance.org</a>          |
| League of American Bicyclists . . . . . <a href="http://www.bikeleague.org">www.bikeleague.org</a> | Millennium Trails . . . . . <a href="http://www.dot.gov/mtp">www.dot.gov/mtp</a>                                    |
| Bicycling Life . . . . . <a href="http://www.bicyclinglife.com">www.bicyclinglife.com</a>          | National Trans. Enhancements Clearinghouse . . . <a href="http://www.enhancements.org">www.enhancements.org</a>     |
| Bike Map . . . . . <a href="http://www.bikemap.com">www.bikemap.com</a>                            |                                                                                                                     |

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