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**Project in Brief**

**Project:** *Latest Metrolink Train Station Furniture Keeps Cyclists On Track With Cycle-Safe As A Clean Transportation Solution*  
**Location:** Santa Clarita, California  
**Installation:** 22 Cycle-Safe<sup>®</sup> bicycle lockers added to 60 previously installed lockers

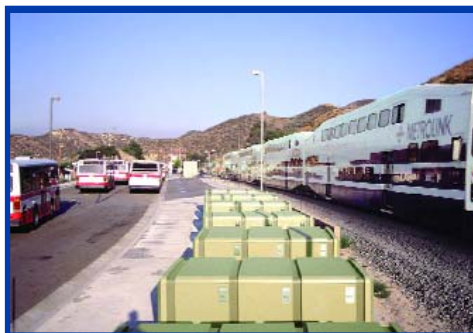
**C**ycle-Safe, Inc., a leading supplier of secure bicycle storage and environmental management systems, recently shipped 22 of their bicycle lockers to the Santa Clarita, California community of Newhall to be installed at the new Jan Heidt Metrolink station by Terra-Cal, a California-based general contractor.



**Cycle-Safe<sup>®</sup> double access bicycle parking provides complete protection for 12 Metrolink riders bicycle equipment 24/7**

This is the third time Cycle-Safe lockers have been installed in the Santa Clarita area. And it is the 12th time lockers have been installed in the greater Los Angeles region - the cities of Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, West Hollywood, Pasadena, Paramount and Long Beach have also selected and installed Cycle-Safe lockers. The lockers have been very well received in all of the areas, particularly in the Santa Clarita area, where the lockers are used regularly by 50-100 cyclists.

The lockers will provide commuters and the network with numerous benefits. Increased parking availability and ridership are two of the most notable benefits. Contrary to what some people may believe, bike storage does not take up vast areas of space, in fact, one car parking area can provide parking for 18 bikes. As the number of individuals who commute by bike, rather than by car, increases, automobile parking areas are freed up, allowing the stations to accommodate the needs of more riders. In addition to allowing the stations to more effectively utilize their space, Cycle-Safe bike lockers are also extremely easy to administer and they provide users with unparalleled protection for their bikes. The lockers feature an issued key with deposit, a locking system that allows users to



**Cycle-Safe<sup>®</sup> connects rail, bus and cars for multiple bike commuter types.**

have guaranteed access to long-term bicycle parking. And they are made with SMC structural plastic, insulated panels that help limit heat build up in direct sunlight, and reduce the risk of user injury or bicycle and gear damage.

Because of the prior installations in the area Metrolink planners were already familiar with the performance of Cycle-Safe's lockers. In fact, 42 of Cycle-Safe lockers that the city has purchased were put in prior to the 1994 Northridge earthquake which devastated the area. The lockers

were installed on a defined fault line and survived without any damage or interruption in service, while just a mile away 250 mobile homes were shook off of their foundation.

Since the Cycle-Safe lockers endured the quake, key decision makers were reassured that they had made the right choice. According to Joe Inch, Santa Clarita's Parks and Recreation

Manager, the community considered several different options before they decided to install the subsequent sets of Cycle-Safe bicycle lockers. They even considered setting up a bike station, a guarded bike parking facility. Careful analysis revealed however that the cost to set up a bike station and to hire someone to guard the bicycles from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. was not as cost effective, in fact the cost per bike space in a station would have been more than double the initial cost per locker space. Furthermore, the bike station would have only provided guarded bike parking from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Cycle-Safe bicycle lockers ensure secure bike parking access around the clock, seven days a week.

"Deciding to install Cycle-Safe lockers at the station was a very smart decision, not just because of their robust construction, but also because of their cost effectiveness," said Richard Hartger, President of Cycle-Safe. "Offering cycling facilities will inevitably help the system save money, improve their efficiency, and attract more passengers. In fact, recent studies indicate that if a station offers good, secure bike parking they may be able to increase the area they draw customers from by as much as fifteen times, this is because individuals who live further away than walking distance may be more inclined to commute by bike rather than rely on the slow and inconvenient transportation alternatives passengers often use to get to and from the main public transport lines. This type of transportation requires a large number of stops, stops that increase travel time for passengers, and cost a considerable amount to develop. For passengers this often means a complicated journey with stop-overs and delays. By stimulating bicycle use public transportation companies can decrease

passenger reliance on short-term (and expensive) mobility solutions." The Southern California Regional Rail Authority, popularly known as Metrolink, operates the long-distance commuter rail service in five counties over 416 miles of track. Six routes make up the regional rail network primarily serving the long-distance commuters from outlying suburban areas such as Oxnard Lancaster, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Oceanside. Cycle-Safe's trend-setting products are manufactured in the United States and are distributed in Europe, Canada, the United States and Australia.



Its bicycle lockers are now the most widely-used bicycle storage locker in North America for good reason. 100% of all Cycle-Safe lockers produced and sold worldwide are fully operational today and not one of the units has been broken into. Customers who are interested in learning more about Cycle-Safe's bicycle commuter security systems can visit their website at [www.cycle-safe.com](http://www.cycle-safe.com).

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- Boyle Engineering, Ventura CA
- City of Santa Clarita, CA
- Tera-Cal Construction
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RESOURCE INFORMATION	WEB SITE ADDRESSES
<i>Metrolink Information</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="http://www.metrolinktrains.com/">http://www.metrolinktrains.com/</a></li> </ul>
<i>Other Transit Systems using Cycle-Safe Lockers</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">● CalTrain <a href="http://www.caltrain.com">www.caltrain.com</a></li> <li style="width: 50%;">● New Jersey Transit <a href="http://www.njtransit.com">www.njtransit.com</a></li> <li style="width: 50%;">● SEPTA <a href="http://www.septa.org">www.septa.org</a></li> <li style="width: 50%;">● King County Metro <a href="http://transit.metrokc.gov">http://transit.metrokc.gov</a></li> <li style="width: 50%;">● WMATA <a href="http://www.wmata.com">www.wmata.com</a></li> <li style="width: 50%;">● Tri-met <a href="http://www.tri-met.org/bikes.html">www.tri-met.org/bikes.html</a></li> <li style="width: 50%;">● C-Tran <a href="http://www.c-tran.com/bike.html">www.c-tran.com/bike.html</a></li> <li style="width: 50%;">● Strathclyde <a href="http://www.spt.co.uk">http://www.spt.co.uk</a></li> </ul>

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| Assoc. of Pedestrian & Bike Professionals . . . . . <a href="http://www.apbp.org">www.apbp.org</a> | National Bicycling and Walking Clearinghouse . . . <a href="http://www.bicyclinginfo.org">www.bicyclinginfo.org</a> |
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| 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>     |
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