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Project in Brief

Project:	Cycle-Safe[®] Bicycle Lockers Replace Cheaper Brand
Location:	Newark, New Jersey and statewide
Installation:	210 cycle-safe bicycle lockers at six transit centers, 60 lockers installed at one station, with more to be added soon
First Funding:	Majority from ISTEA grants
Reaction to Previous Brands:	"They just weren't strong enough"
Reaction to Cycle-Safe:	"They've worked out great for us"

New Jersey Transit started its bicycle locker program three years ago, they chose a locker that's less expensive than Cycle-Safe. But they soon found that the lower initial cost meant greater expense down the road.

"We got what we paid for," says Urie Ridgeway of New Jersey Transit. "The cheaper lockers lasted just a year. After that they were ready to be torn out." He says the lockers were heavily vandalized by people breaking into the locking mechanisms. And with the lockers' wood and vinyl construction, "they were easy to tear apart and heavily graffitied. They didn't handle the vandalism well, and they just weren't strong enough."

In the past year, New Jersey Transit has replaced those lockers with Cycle-Safe bicycle lockers. There are now 210 Cycle-Safe bicycle lockers at six locations, mostly rail facilities.

"We heard about Cycle-Safe," says Ridgeway, "and we spoke with other transit agencies, especially the Washington Metro Transit Authority. They have worked well for them, and they've worked out great for us."

Ridgeway points to the Cycle-Safe bicycle locker's fiberglass-reinforced plastic compression molded construction as a major advantage. This material makes the lockers impact-resistant and flame retardant. Moreover, the finish is mark and abrasion

resistant so graffiti is easily wiped clean. The high-security Medeco locks on Cycle-Safe bicycle lockers have eliminated the break-ins. With these locks, which are resistant to picking and drilling, "we've had no break-in problems," Ridgeway says.

New Jersey Transit also likes the looks of Cycle-Safe bicycle lockers. "Cycle-Safe lockers have a nice flow to them. The others were boxy and bulky," Ridgeway says.



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60 lockers**

The bicycle locker installations are part of New Jersey Transit's program to promote ridership, get vehicles off the road, and have people to use alternate forms of commuting. As a result of its success, New Jersey Transit was named the nation's best public transit system by the American Public Transit Association (APTA) in 1996. New Jersey Transit also won the award in 1994.

"We want to get as many people off the roads as possible—not only from people's houses to their jobs, but from their

houses to the train stations as well," Ridgeway says. "The locker program is a convenience to customers to encourage them to do that."

He says that customers appreciate the Cycle-Safe bicycle lockers, and there is a waiting list at some locations. "We're getting very good comments from customers. They seem to like them." He adds the lockers are especially attractive to serious cyclists

who need a secure place to store their increasingly expensive bicycles at the train station.

The majority of funding for New Jersey Transit's bicycle locker program comes from Intermodal



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Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) grants. And New Jersey Transit just received a new grant to purchase more lockers for more locations—and their choice is Cycle-Safe System bicycle lockers.

- *The commute to station by bicycle increased the service area by 15 times over foot traffic.*
- *Improving end-of-trip bicycle parking removes a key barrier to bicycle commuting.*
- *Overnight storage of bikes in lockers allows transit riders a reverse commute to job sites and gives transit deeper penetration into the suburban market.*

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Other Transit System Web Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Metrolink www.metrolinktrains.com ● SEPTA www.septa.org ● WMATA www.wmata.com ● C-Tran www.c-tran.com/bike.html ● Caltrain www.caltrain.com ● King County Metro http://transit.metrokc.gov ● Tri-met www.tri-met.org/bikes.html ● Strathclyde http://www.spt.co.uk

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| Bicycling Life www.bicyclinglife.com | National Trans. Enhancements Clearinghouse . . . www.enhancements.org |
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