

TriMet Administrative Rules

Transport of Bicycles on District Transit System

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The following Administrative Rules ("Rules") establish the requirements for the transport and operation of bicycles on the District Transit System in accordance with TriMet Code ("TMC") Chapter 28.

Nothing in these Rules or the existence of these Rules shall prevent the District from taking any lawful steps to protect the safety of its employees, passengers and the District Transit System. Specifically, these Rules do not authorize the transport of any device that is determined by the District to pose a safety risk and does not affect the prohibition against the transport of any liquid-powered device aboard any District Vehicle.

All capitalized terms contained herein shall have the same meaning as set forth at TMC Section 28.10.

1. Authority

The General Manager has authority to promulgate administrative rules governing the safe operation of the District Transit System. ORS 267.140. Further, TMC Section 28.15 (A)(10) authorizes the General Manager to promulgate administrative rules governing the transport and operation of bicycles. Failure to abide by these Rules may result in denial of boarding or a request to depart a District Vehicle or other District property. In addition, in accordance with TMC Chapter 28, failure to comply with these Rules shall constitute a violation of the TMC and any person in violation thereof shall be subject to any and all remedies provided in the TMC for a violation, including but not limited to a warning, citation or an exclusion.

2. Requirements for the Transport and Operation of a Bicycle upon the District Transit System

It is the policy of the District to permit the transport and operation of a bicycle upon the District Transit System, subject to the requirements of these Rules.

A. General Rules

1. Only conventional single seat, two-wheeled bicycles, and recumbent and electric bicycles the size of a standard bicycle, are allowed on District Vehicles under these Rules. However, electric bicycles are allowed on District rail vehicles only if they have a sealed battery compartment.

Bicycles with oversized wheels, tandems, three or more wheels, trailers, or internal combustion engine-powered bicycles are not allowed on District Vehicles. Bicycles are not allowed on LIFT paratransit vehicles.

2. An adult must accompany children under the age of 12 who wish to bring their bicycle on a District Vehicle.
3. As provided at TMC Section 28.15(A)(10) no person shall ride a bicycle upon a District Vehicle or District Station, except Peace Officers and authorized District personnel.

B. Specific Rules for bringing bicycles on District buses:

1. Bicycles must be secured on the bus's front-mounted bicycle rack. Bicycles are not allowed inside buses unless they are collapsible and fold to the size of a standard piece of luggage.
2. District buses are equipped with a bicycle rack that can hold two bicycles. Bicycle users are responsible for loading, securing and removing their bicycle from the bicycle rack. Bicycle users may not attempt to load a bicycle on a rack that already carries two bicycles.

C. Specific Rules for bringing bicycles on District rail vehicles ("hereinafter "train" or "train car"):

1. Only board through train doors displaying the bicycle symbol.
2. Prior to boarding, allow other passengers to exit and enter the train first.
3. Use the designated bicycle areas only, with one bicycle per space. If the train car has a vertical bicycle rack, use these spaces first. If non-bicycle riders are present in the designated bicycle area, politely ask them to move. Do not insist they move and do not attempt to remove or push them from the designated bicycle area.
4. No part of a bicycle may block the stairwells or aisles. Bicycles are not allowed in the space at the top of the stairs located at the front door of a train car.
5. Bicycle users must yield priority-seating areas to seniors and people with disabilities.
6. Bicycles must be reasonably clean. The District may refuse service to bicycles that are excessively unclean or may require them to be deboarded.

7. Bicycles are not permitted aboard train cars that are full, or where their presence aboard a train car will obstruct access to, from or within the train car, or where they will create a safety risk.
8. The District may require bicyclists to leave a train car when overcrowded or in anticipation of overcrowding due to special events or other causes.

D. Specific Rules for using District bicycle lockers:

1. Only bicycles and bicycle accessories may be stored in bicycle lockers.
2. Flammable, toxic or other hazardous material or substance may not be stored in bicycle lockers.
3. Bicycle lockers are for the temporary storage of bicycles and bicycle accessories. Bicycles and bicycle accessories may not be stored in bicycle lockers more than 24 hours.
4. Padlocks and other commercially available similar locking devices may be used on bicycle locker doors to secure the bicycles and bicycle accessories stored inside.
5. Bicycle lockers are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
6. The District reserves the right to open, enter and inspect any bicycle locker at any time and without notice.
7. Use of a District bicycle locker is subject to any fee or deposit authorized by the District.

These Rules supersede and replace in their entirety any prior administrative rules pertaining to bicycles or their use or transport on the District Transit System.