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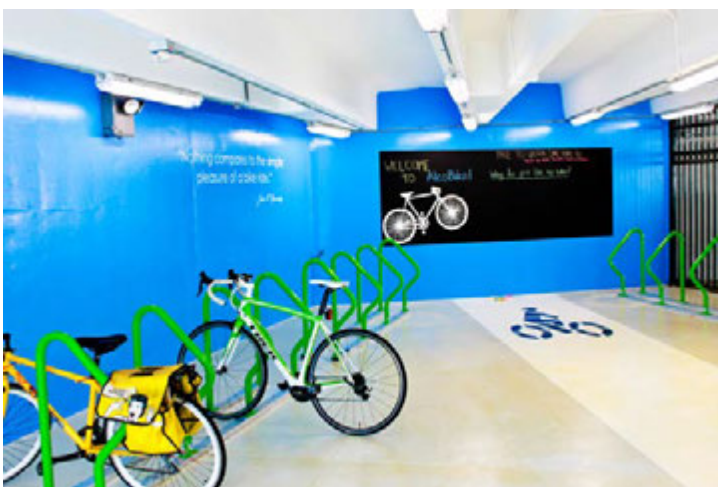
## NEW “ALCOBIKE” FACILITY OPENS NEW AVENUES FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY EMPLOYEE TRANSPORTATION

Alameda County employees working and attending meetings in the downtown Oakland campus now have a secure and free facility in which to park their bicycles 24 hours a day, 7 days a week thanks to the Alameda County General Services Agency’s (GSA) Clean Commute Program.

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, in preparation for Bike to Work Day, the Clean Commute Program unveiled “AlcoBike,” a bike parking facility on the street level of the AlcoPark garage located at 1220 Jackson Street in Oakland. The facility features 36 bike parking spots, repurposed storage lockers, a maintenance station, and an air pump for bike commuters. During the kick off, Bay Area Bikes provided free safety checks for employees while Walk Oakland Bike Oakland (WOBO) and Bike East Bay chatted with employees about local biking initiatives.



In the coming months, Alameda County is planning to park its own small fleet of bicycles in the AlcoBike facility. The bikes will complement the County’s award-winning “green” transportation fleet of all-electric and hybrid vehicles and will be available to County staff for business travel. Bikes in the County fleet are a green solution for employees that are seeking to travel shorter distances when motor vehicle travel is not necessary, saving gasoline, time, and money.



AlcoBike was created as an inviting and engaging space for cyclists. As a result, the walls are painted a bright blue and complemented with light green bike racks for a calming yet vibrant color palette. Also, upon entering, cyclists are directed by a bike lane to an interactive, chalkboard-paint wall, where they can answer questions such as “Why do you like to bike?” and learn about upcoming bike-related events, such as the meet up that happened on Bike to Work Day.

AlcoBike fits into a larger goal of improving bike parking at all County facilities. In addition to looking for more secure parking facility locations for employees, the Clean Commute Program is adding bike racks at many County buildings to meet the needs of public visitors, courtesy of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

The GSA Clean Commute Program supports the County's Climate Action Plan, passed by the Board of Supervisors, by providing information and resources to County employees to reduce drive-alone commuting. Other major projects, beyond promoting bike commuting, include shuttles to connect employees to BART stations and encouraging carpooling via an internal ride matching service. To learn more about the County's sustainability efforts, visit: <http://www.acgov.org/sustain/>.

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