

## Inquiry about “banning” bikes.

Information compiled on February 23, 2009.

**The Question:** Have you ever banned a certain kind or style of bike that did not fit properly on your bike rack?

**Asotin County PTBA** says... We have not denied a style of bike that I am aware after talking with the drivers.

**Ben Franklin Transit** says... We have had to tell a passenger with a 3 wheeled bike that it will not be allowed on the bus.

**Clallam Transit** says... CTS has not banned any bikes from being loaded onto our bike racks. They do have to be properly secured.

**Columbia County Public Transportation** says... We do not have any bike racks so have never had to deal with this problem.

**CUBS** says... To date this has not been an issue so CUBS has no such ban.

**Everett Transit** says... ET has not. It is determined on a case-by-case basis and the bike must fit into the rack.

**Grant Transit** says... We have not but as you know there are many bikes out there that are “troublesome.”

**Grays Harbor Transit** says... Yes, Grays Harbor Transit policy on bikes is if we can not properly secure the bike on the bike rack we do not transport. One mode comes to mind is scooters, their wheels are so small they can not be secured properly.

**Intercity Transit** says... Yes, the bike rack manufactures list a range of tire sizes the rack will safely accommodate. When it comes to our attention, bikes with tires outside that range are not transported.

**Jefferson Transit** says... Yes. Recumbent bikes that do not fit properly on our racks are excluded via our bike policy.

**Kitsap Transit** says... Banned - may not be the operative word. We occasionally have to refuse transporting a bicycle that will not properly fit the bicycle rack (e.g. wheels are too large/too wide; the bicycle is too long - such as a recumbent; the bicycle has a trailer). If the bus is not too full,

and there is room inside the bus to safely situate a bicycle toward the rear, and the passenger can adequately hold onto it so as to not create a missile hazard on hard stops, or in the unlikely event of an accident, then the driver will allow the bicycle inside the bus - after checking with Dispatch. This also applies when the bicycle rack is full.

**Link Transit** says...No, we haven't banned any bike styles as of yet. Prior to replacing our 2 position racks with the latest version 3 position racks we had a problem with one particular bike style, which we allowed to be transported on board due to the particularly low ridership on that route. Our new 3 position racks seem to have curbed the issue, at least for now!

**Mason Transit** says... Not per say. However, if it does not fit on the bike rack and/or cannot be secured on the rack, but the bike can fit inside the vehicle, then MTA will allow the bike to be placed inside – as long as it can be safely stored in the wheelchair area, and does not displace any passengers.

**Pullman Transit** says...No. With our rule that the drivers can ok a bike inside the bus this doesn't come up very often and when it has the drivers have been able to handle the bike inside.

**Skagit Transit** says... We have not allowed tricycles, tandem bikes, recumbent bikes or bikes powered by gas engines.

**Spokane Transit** says...STA allows bikes on the rack only if they fit safely. If the bike does not fit properly and is a safety concern, we do not transport the bike. This is done by a case by case basis. We do not have a list or posting of bikes that are not allowed on the racks.

**Twin Transit** says.... At Twin Transit, we have banned bikes that did not fit properly on the bike rack, and then bumped against the bus and scratched the paint, windows, etc. I don't think it was the style of the bike so much as the fact it was an old, beat up bike that was loosely held together. If there were a particular style or model that was known to not fit on our rack and cause damage to the bus, we would ban that too.

**Valley Transit** says... We have had some issue with different style bikes, never had to ban any yet.

**Yakima Transit** says... no