

BART Bike Rules

(<https://www.bart.gov/guide/bikes/rules>)

Beginning January 1, 2024, bikes are allowed on most of the escalators throughout the BART system*, pursuant to a Board of Directors vote at their September 28, 2023 meeting. The vote authorized further changes to BART's bike rules, including allowing bikes on all train cars except the first car (bikes were previously banned from the first three cars during commute times), and allowing bicyclists to secure bikes on BART instead of holding them.

*Bikes remain banned from BART's ten narrow escalators located at the following three stations: 19th Street Oakland, Antioch and Oakland Airport Connector

- Bikes are allowed on all trains except in the first car or any crowded car.
- Folded bikes are allowed in all cars at all times.
- Regardless of any other rule, bikes are never allowed on crowded cars.
- Passengers must hold or secure their bikes while on the trains.
- Bikes are allowed on elevators, stairs, and escalators.
- Passengers are never allowed to ride bikes inside stations, including but not limited to station platforms and concourses. This prohibition does not include parking lots, roadways, or outdoor paths intended for bicycle use.
- Bicyclists must yield priority seating to seniors and people with disabilities, yield to other passengers, and not block aisles or doors.
- In case of an evacuation, bikes must be left on the train and must not block aisles or doors.
- Passengers under 14 years old with bikes must be accompanied by an adult.
- Gas-powered vehicles are never permitted in stations or on trains.
- If left unattended on BART property, bikes must be locked at racks or inside lockers. Bikes parked against poles, fences or railings will be removed.

Violation of the above rules is subject to citation under CA Vehicle Code Sec. 21113 and Sec. 42001.

Taking Bikes on BART Trains

(<https://www.bart.gov/guide/bikes#:~:text=Taking%20Bikes%20on%20BART%20Trains>)

Please observe [all bike rules](#) if you plan on taking a bike on a train. Although bikes are allowed on all trains at all times, there are some important exceptions:

- Bikes are never allowed on crowded cars (*there must be enough room to comfortably accommodate you and your bicycle*)
- Bikes are never allowed on the first car of any train

As of January 1, 2024 bikes are allowed on most escalators. Bicyclists must yield to other passengers and not block aisles or doors. If you are taking your bike on BART, it's your responsibility to know and follow [all bike rules](#); please read them.

[Bay Wheels](#) and other shared micromobility devices such as dockless scooters should be left in the appropriate locations outside BART stations and not brought onboard trains. Most BART stations in San Francisco and Oakland will have a Bay Wheels station and numerous electric scooters available for short term rental at the end of your BART ride.

To assist BART riders who wish to bring the growing number of larger, heavier cargo and electric assist bikes with them on BART, we are publicizing the dimensions BART elevators in this [BART Elevator Dimension Guide](#).

Motorized Scooters, Motorcycles, Motor-Driven Cycles and Mopeds

(<https://www.bart.gov/guide/bikes#:~:text=Motorized%20Scooters%2C%20Motorcycles%2C%20Motor%2DDriven%20Cycles%20and%2%A0Mopeds>)

BART does not permit motorcycles, motor-driven cycles or mopeds, which are classified as vehicles and defined in the California Vehicle Code (CVC; info [here](#)), to be brought onboard trains. Individuals bringing any of these vehicles on a BART train may be cited for an infraction, as violating section 21113 of the Vehicle Code. Under CVC Section 670, a "vehicle" is "any device by which any person or property may be propelled, moved, or drawn on a highway, excepting a device moved by exclusively human power...."

Motorized scooters, including electric-assist scooters, are considered vehicles and are prohibited inside BART stations and onboard BART trains unless they can be folded and carried. No special permit is required from BART for folding electric scooters, but they must remain folded and may not be ridden when inside BART stations and trains. Shared use, app-based electric rental scooters (e.g. Lime, Spin, Veo) may not be brought inside stations or onboard trains and must be parked appropriately outside the paid area.

PROPOSED Scooter Rules

- Motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, mopeds, and motorized scooters, which are defined in the California Vehicle Code (CVC; info [here](#)) and classified as vehicles, may not be brought onboard trains or inside stations.
- Battery-powered motorized scooters, including electric-assist kick scooters, are also considered vehicles and are prohibited inside BART stations and onboard BART trains *unless they are folded and carried*. Non-folding scooters of any kind may not be brought inside BART stations or onboard BART trains.
- Folding electric and compact non-motorized kick scooters may not be ridden and must remain folded inside trains, stations or station areas, including but not limited to platforms, mezzanines, concourses, corridors or any covered area. This prohibition does not include parking lots, roadways, or outdoor paths intended for bicycle use.
- Shared use, app-based electric rental scooters (e.g. Lime, Spin, Link, VeoRide,) may not be brought inside stations or onboard trains and must be parked appropriately outside the station.

- Passengers with scooters must hold their devices while on the trains and may not block aisles or doors.
- Gas-powered scooters are never permitted onboard trains or inside stations.

Violation of the above rules is subject to citation under CA Vehicle Code Sec. 21113 and Sec. 42001.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

DATE: September 21, 2023

FROM: Director Rebecca Saltzman

SUBJECT: Proposed Update to “Bikes on BART Rules”

During the September 28, 2023 meeting of the BART Board of Directors, I plan to add an action item to the agenda under “BOARD MATTERS” to consider updating the policy of “Bikes on BART Rules”. It has been 10 years since the Board has last considered updating this policy. Below is a summary of my proposed changes.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES

1. Allow bikes on escalators:

Current rule: Bicyclists must use elevators or stairs, not escalators.

Proposed rule: **Bikes are allowed on elevators, stairs and escalators.**

2. Allow bikes on all cars except the lead car (due to shorter trains):

Current rule: During non-commute hours, bikes are allowed on all trains except the first car or any crowded car.

During commute hours (7:00 to 9:00 AM and 4:30 to 6:30 PM, weekdays), bikes are not allowed in the first three cars of any train.

Proposed rule: **Bikes are allowed on all trains except in the first car or any crowded car.**

3. Allow passengers to secure bikes instead of holding them on trains:

Current rule: Bicyclists must hold their bikes while on the trains.

Proposed rule: **Bicyclists must hold or secure their bikes while on the trains.**

4. Clean up language:

Minor changes to clarify or simplify rules, such as the following: **not riding bikes in stations, prohibiting gas-powered vehicles in BART stations and on BART trains, and proper bike storage rules for inside stations.**

Please see the attachment to this memo, which contains the current “Bikes on BART Rules”, a red-lined version with the proposed changes, and a clean version of the proposed policy if all the changes are accepted. This policy would take effect January 1, 2024, to give staff time to update signage and to develop any communication and safety plans.

I look forward to a public discussion of these changes at the next Board meeting.



Director Rebecca Saltzman

Current “Bikes on BART” Rules

BIKES ON BART RULES

- During non-commute hours, bikes are allowed on all trains except the first car or any crowded car.
- During commute hours (7:00 to 9:00 AM and 4:30 to 6:30 PM, weekdays), bikes are not allowed in the first three cars of any train.
- Folded bikes are allowed in all cars at all times.
- Regardless of any other rule, bikes are never allowed on crowded cars. Use your good judgment and only board cars that can comfortably accommodate you and your bicycle.
- Bicyclists must hold their bikes while on the trains.
- Bicyclists must use elevators or stairs, not escalators.
- Bicycles must be walked in pedestrian areas in and around BART stations.
- Bicyclists must yield priority seating to seniors and people with disabilities, yield to other passengers, and not block aisles or doors.
- In case of an evacuation, leave your bike on the train and do not let it block aisles or doors.
- Bicyclists under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult.
- Gas powered vehicles are never permitted.
- On BART property, bikes must be parked in racks and lockers. Bikes parked against poles, fences or railings will be removed.

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Red-lined Proposed “BIKES on BART” rules

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- Regardless of any other rule, bikes are never allowed on crowded cars. ~~Use your good judgment and only board cars that can comfortably accommodate you and your bicycle.~~
- ~~Bicyclists~~Passengers must hold or secure their bikes while on the trains.
- ~~Bicyclists~~Bikes are allowed on~~must use~~ elevators, ~~or~~ stairs, ~~and not~~ escalators.
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- In case of an evacuation, ~~leave your bike~~bikes must be left on the train and ~~must not~~do not let it block aisles or doors.

- ~~Passengers~~Bicyclists under 14 years old with bikes must be accompanied by an adult.
- Gas-powered vehicles are never permitted in stations or on trains.
- If left unattended on~~On~~ BART property, bikes must be ~~parked-locked at~~in racks or inside ~~and~~ lockers. Bikes parked against poles, fences or railings will be removed.

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Cleaned up Proposed “Bikes on BART” Rules

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BART General EPAMD Policy (8/14/08)

The following rules apply to the use of Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices (EPAMDs):

- EPAMDs are allowed in the system only at the same times and on the same trains as bicycles. This is generally during off-peak times or in the reverse commute direction. Consult the BART schedules in brochures and stations, or on www.bart.gov for details.
- EPAMDs are not allowed in the first car of any train.
- No more than one EPAMD is allowed in any doorway area. EPAMDs are not allowed to enter crowded cars regardless of the time of day.
- EPAMDs are not allowed on either stairs or escalators. Use the elevators to get in and out of the station and onto the platform. If an elevator is out of service, go to the next station. Do not use the stairs or escalators under any circumstances.
- EPAMDs must be turned off and pushed or pulled in the stations. When entering an above-ground station, the EPAMD user must dismount and turn off his or her device before reaching the faregate, or earlier if there is any heavily congested area. When accessing below-ground stations, the EPAMD user must dismount at the street level before entering the street elevator. The EPAMD may never be ridden or powered up in the paid area or platform, or on the train.
- EPAMDs must be ridden at no more than a walking pace on the parts of the BART property where riding is allowed. Whether ridden or pushed, yield to pedestrians.
- While on board trains, EPAMD users must secure their devices in the seating or standing area near the doors or in the wheelchair space if it is not needed by a wheelchair user. Hold the device. Yield the priority seating to seniors and persons with disabilities if it is needed. Cooperate with bicyclists and customers with strollers and luggage when using the space near the doors.
- EPAMD users must not move their devices down the aisle to relocate within the car, nor may they take the device between cars on the train.
- EPAMD users may not allow their device to block an aisle or doorway. Allow other riders to enter, exit, and move within the train car.
- The user must secure the device so that it does not roll with the motion of the train. EPAMDs should be positioned perpendicular to the front of the train to minimize its propensity to roll. Use the kick stand if possible. Chock the wheels to prevent rolling.

- EPAMD must be left behind on the train in case of an evacuation.
- EPAMDs may be parked at bicycle racks, in bicycle lockers, at motorcycle parking spaces, or in bike stations.
- Carry your permit at all times.

Policy for People with Disabilities

People with disabilities can be exempted from some restrictions above if they apply for a special permit. The special permit requires an in-person demonstration of riding ability on the EPAMD. The following are some of the differences between the general policies and the policies for people with disabilities.

- People with disabilities may bring their EPAMD into the system at any time and into any station.
- They may ride in the first car of the train or in any doorway.
- They may ride the device anywhere on the concourse.
- They may use the disabled seating or wheelchair space, but yield to wheelchairs if needed.
- They are prohibited from riding on the platform or in the train. In these places they must turn off the device and push it.

If you have questions about BART's EPAMD Program, call Ike Nnaji at 510-464-6173 or email epamd@bart.gov.