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# NEWS RELEASE

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## ‘Rack & Ride’ Program Offers Bicycle/Bus Option

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque’s Keyline Transit Division, in partnership with Tri-State Trail Vision, has installed bicycle racks on the fronts of all Keyline fixed-route buses. The new Dubuque “Rack & Ride” Program allows Keyline passengers to use the bicycle racks free of charge with the purchase of a regular bus fare ticket.

Dubuque’s hills may have seemed ominous to some in the past, but with the addition of the bike racks, Dubuque residents can combine two modes of transportation, bicycling and public transit, to make non-car travel a more reasonable endeavor for a greater number of residents.

Combining bicycling and public transit can be part of a healthier lifestyle, decrease traffic congestion, lessen parking constraints, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This project also helps meet Dubuque’s sustainability principle of Reasonable Mobility.



The Rack & Ride Program allows residents over to bike to a bus stop, utilize public transit for part of their trip, and finish the remainder on their bicycle. Cyclists retain all liability for the bicycle when it is placed onto the bus. The cyclist is also responsible for loading, securing, and unloading his/her bike from the rack. All bicycles should be “rack ready” before the bus arrives. This includes removing water bottles, pumps or any loose items that may fall off. Tandem bikes, bikes with gas or electric motors, solid wheels, large racks, child seats or other attachments are not allowed.

Using the bike racks is simple and brochures outlining the process are available for download at [www.cityofdubuque.org/keyline](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/keyline) and can be picked up at City Hall at 50 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Keyline Transit at 2401 Central Ave., and the Carnegie-Stout Public Library at 360 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street. An instructional video can also be viewed at [www.cityofdubuque.org/keyline](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/keyline).

The Rack & Ride Program was made possible, in part, through donations made to Tri-State Trail Vision. Tri-State Trail Vision was formed from the Envision 2010 (Ten Community

Projects by 2010) effort with a mission of developing an integrated trail system to enhance the life of the residents in the Tri-State region.

The initiation of the Dubuque Rack & Ride Program coincides with Dubuque's first-ever, organized celebration of Bike to Work Week, May 17-21. Participants of Bike to Work Week may register online at [www.thonline.com/biketowork](http://www.thonline.com/biketowork).

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