

**SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT**

**BICYCLE PARKING – RULES & REGULATIONS**

**(Penal Code §640 and Vehicle Code §21113)**

The San Mateo County Transit District (District) provides public transportation services within San Mateo County, San Francisco County and Santa Clara County, California. The District is also the managing agency of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB), a joint powers agency that provides Caltrain passenger rail service between San Francisco and Gilroy. These Rules & Regulations shall apply to the use and parking of all bicycles and other similar personal transportation vehicles on all District and JPB Property.

(a) Definitions:

The term "abandoned personal transportation vehicle" means any personal transportation vehicle, or parts thereof, classified by the District or the JPB as unclaimed.

The term "contracted operator" means any railroad corporation that operates public rail commuter transit services of any kind for the JPB.

The term "District" means the San Mateo County Transit District.

The term "District Property" means all property owned or used by the District in furtherance of the operation of SamTrans.

The term "JPB" means the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board.

The term "JPB Property" means all property owned or used by the JPB in furtherance of the operation of Caltrain.

The term "personal transportation vehicle" means a device having one or more wheels upon which a person may ride. Personal transportation vehicles shall include, but not be limited to, bicycles, unicycles, tricycles, skateboards, scooters, roller-skates, roller-blades or similar equipment. Personal transportation vehicle does not mean motorcycles or automobiles.

- (b) No person may ride, use or operate personal transportation vehicles on any District Property or JPB Property, except to transition through District or JPB parking lots in order to get to and from a bus station, rail station, or transit center. At no time may these items be ridden, used or operated aboard busses or trains, or in pedestrian tunnels, ramps or other walkways, or in violation of other applicable state and local laws. When using these items on District or JPB Property, users may not use them in an unsafe or negligent manner, or in such a way that would potentially cause property damage or result in personal injury. Abandonment of personal transportation vehicles on District or JPB Property is prohibited.

- (c) Personal transportation vehicles shall be left, parked, or stored in or on District Property and JPB Property only in areas specifically designated by the presence of bicycle racks, lockers, sheds, or other similar devices, or in areas designated by the posting of signs indicating the space as a bicycle parking area (collectively, "bicycle parking area") When racks are full, or when no racks, lockers, devices or signs designate an area to be used for bicycle parking, a personal transportation vehicle may be parked or stored in an alternate place as long as its parking or storage conforms to the remainder of these Rules & Regulations.
- (d) No personal transportation vehicle shall be parked, stored or left:
- 1) in any area where signs are posted indicating that bicycle parking is prohibited.
  - 2) in such a manner as to block or otherwise impede normal entrance to or exit from any building on District or JPB Property.
  - 3) within six feet of an entrance or exit to a building unless a bicycle parking area is provided within that distance, in which case, the personal transportation vehicle must be parked in the designated parking area.
  - 4) on any access or egress ramp.
  - 5) so as to interfere with or impede the normal movement of wheelchairs upon ramps installed for the purpose of assisting the movement of disabled persons.
  - 6) on any lawn or landscaped area, except in those areas designated as bicycle parking areas by the presence of racks, devices or signs which indicate the area as a bicycle parking area.
  - 7) chained or otherwise locked or attached to any handrail, tree, shrubbery, door, sign post, lamp, telephone pole or other object not maintained or designated for the purpose of securing bicycles.
  - 8) within 20 feet of any track, or on any station platform unless a bicycle parking area is provided within that distance, in which case, the personal transportation vehicle must be parked in the designated parking area.
- (e) No personal transportation vehicle shall be parked, stored or left on District Property or JPB Property for a period of more than 72 hours, regardless of whether the personal transportation vehicle is parked in accordance with these Rules & Regulations. Whenever it appears that a personal transportation vehicle has been parked, stored or left for a period of 48 hours, the District or JPB may attach to the personal transportation vehicle a tag, notifying the owner that the personal transportation vehicle is subject to impoundment as set forth in these regulations. Any personal transportation vehicle which is not removed by its owner within 72 hours of being tagged may be impounded as set forth below. Provided, however, that the District or JPB shall make reasonable efforts to contact the owner, if known, prior to impounding a personal transportation vehicle.

## **Enforcement and Impoundment Procedures**

- (a) Any person operating, parking or storing a personal transportation vehicle in violation of these Rules & Regulations may be cited by the District's/JPB's contracted law enforcement provider ("Transit Police"), pursuant to the California Vehicle Code (including sections 21113 and 42001) and the California Penal Code (including section 640).
- (b) The owner of any personal transportation vehicle parked, stored or left standing in violation of applicable regulations or laws may be cited and/or their personal transportation vehicle may be removed by the Transit Police or other authorized personnel in accordance with the California Vehicle Code (including sections 21113 and 42001), and/or the California Penal Code (including section 640).
- (c) If the Transit Police or other authorized District or JPB employee or agent, including but not limited to the JPB's contracted operator, (collectively "Bicycle Parking Enforcement Officers") reasonably believes that a personal transportation vehicle has been abandoned, left in such a manner as to constitute an immediate safety hazard or other obstruction, or has been reported stolen to a law enforcement agency, the owner may be cited and/or their personal transportation vehicle may be removed and impounded. Bicycle Parking Enforcement Officers will use whatever reasonable measures are necessary to impound the personal transportation vehicle, including removing the lock or other securing mechanism. Alternatively, Bicycle Parking Enforcement Officers may ask local law enforcement officers, consistent with applicable law, to impound and cite a personal transportation vehicle which is in violation of any section of these Rules & Regulations. Neither Bicycle Parking Enforcement Officers authorized to remove and impound a personal transportation vehicle in this manner, nor the District or JPB, shall be liable to the owner of the securing device or the owner of the abandoned personal transportation vehicle for the cost of repair of the abandoned personal transportation vehicle or the repair or replacement of such securing device.
- (d) In the case of suspected abandoned personal transportation vehicle that does not constitute an immediate safety hazard, the Transit Police shall prominently affix a *72-hour Warning Notice* to the property (sample attached herein), and upon expiration of 72 hours from issuance of such notice, the personal transportation vehicle shall be impounded and placed into Lost & Found in accordance with the District's/JPB's Lost and Unclaimed Property policy.
- (e) Any personal transportation vehicle impounded pursuant to any section of these Regulations shall be stored in a secure location. A fee of \$120.00 shall be charged to the owner prior to the release of any impounded personal transportation vehicle or other property.
- (f) Impounded personal transportation vehicles shall be held for claim for a minimum of 90 days. Notices will be sent whenever possible, and as soon as practicable, to the owners of all impounded property. After 90 days the personal transportation vehicle shall be disposed of consistent with the District's/JPB's Lost and Unclaimed Property policy.

These Rules & Regulations shall be available for examination by interested persons at the District's/JPB's office at 1250 San Carlos Ave, San Carlos, California. Any information about removed and/or impounded property may be obtained from the District's/JPB's Transit Police at 1-877-723-7245.

# TRANSIT POLICE



## WARNING

- This property will be considered abandoned if not removed within 72 hours of this notice and will be removed according to transit district regulations (Sam Trans/Caltrain),
- This vehicle will be considered abandoned if not removed within 72 hours of this notice and will be removed per Section 22669 of the California Vehicle Code.

DATE	TIME (AM) (PM)	DAY S M T W T F S
MAKE	MODEL	LICENSE OR SERIAL #
DEPUTY		BADGE #

DATE	TIME (AM) (PM)	DAY OF THE WEEK S M T W T F S	
LICENSE OR SERIAL #		STATE	ODOMETER
YEAR	MAKE	MODEL (STYLE)	COLOR
LOCATION OF VIOLATION			
SECTION(S) VIOLATED		<input type="checkbox"/> TIRE	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
DEPUTY AND ID NUMBER			

### 72-hour Warning Notice