Ride Your Bike and Use the Bobcat Shuttle

Ride the Bobcat Tram with your bike, all routes and trams have bike racks available. The ride-and-bike combination is fun, fast, cost effective and offer an overall easier way to get around campus and San Marcos.

Loading Bikes

☑ Prepare your bike for loading. Remove water bottles, pumps and other loose items that could fall off while the bus is in motion.
☑ Inform the bus driver that you will be loading your bike. You must load your bike from the curb or in front of the bus. Do not step into oncoming traffic to load your bike.
☑ Squeeze handle up to release latch, then fold down the bike rack. You only need to use one hand to unlatch and pull the bike rack down, so you can hold your bike with your other hand. It is not necessary to lean your bike against the bus.

☑ Lift your bike onto the bike rack, fitting wheels into labeled wheel slots. Each wheel slot is clearly labeled for the front wheel. (NOTE: The rack operates properly even if a bicycle is loaded in the wrong direction.) The purpose of the directional placement is to make the bike nearest the bus easier to unload.

☑ Raise the Support Arm up and over the front tire so that the hook rests at the highest point on the front wheel. The Support Arm adds lateral support for the loaded bicycle. Many bikes will sit in the wheel well without the use of the Support Arm, but the rack must not be used without the use of the Support Arm.
Board the bus and enjoy the ride! Choose a seat near the front of the bus to keep an eye on your bike. DON'T FORGET you have a bike with you when you get off at your stop. New riders often do!

**Unloading Bikes**

- Inform the bus driver that you will be unloading your bike as you approach your stop. Use the front door to exit the bus. Unload your bike from in front of the bus or from the curb, not from the street side.
- Raise the Support Arm off the tire. The Support Arm automatically folds down to a secure position.
- Lift your bike out of the bike rack.
- Squeeze the handle and fold up the Bike-Rack-for-Buses if there are no bikes on the rack and no one else is waiting to load a bike. The bike rack locks in place with a snap so you know that it is secure.
- Step away from the bus with your bike. Always step to the curb, for your own safety and to allow the bus to proceed onward.

**Hints**

- The bike racks hold 3 bikes at a time and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis
- Always carry a bike lock in case the racks are full and you decide you would still like ride the bus
- Our racks are designed to carry an average size bicycle. We recommend bicycles with no longer than a 44 inch wheel base, 2.3 inch wide tires, wheel diameters of 20 inches or larger and a total weight of 55 pounds or less per bike.