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Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Durham Transportation Division ■ 101 City Hall Plaza ■ Durham, NC 27701

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TO: Stephen Mancuso, Transit Administrator, Durham Area Transit Authority

FROM: Dan Clever, Chairman, Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

RE: Bicycles on Buses

Dear Mr. Mancuso:

As you know, ridership of Durham Area Transit Authority (DATA) buses has grown tremendously due to high gas prices and environmental concerns. Multi-modal use of bikes and buses has also expanded. Though this is a welcoming trend, we are also hearing from more bicyclists that the bike racks on the buses are continually full. This forces a bicyclist to wait for the next bus (which may be more than 30 minutes away) or to merely bike the whole distance. Ultimately this discourages multi-modal use of the buses.

The Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) would like to know if DATA has developed any short-term and long-term strategies for addressing this situation.

We hope that every effort is made to encourage biking to the bus, as it gives the bicyclist the ability to travel much longer distances. It also encourages more people to ride the bus and increases the potential ridership area of each bus stop.

So that we can report back to our constituents, please let us know DATA's plans, and if there is anything that BPAC can do to assist with this.

Sincerely,

Dan Clever

cc: Mark Ahrendsen, Transportation Manager, City of Durham
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