

Union Station Bike Station

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Councilmember Wells joined city leaders earlier today (pictures below) to unveil the new 1,600 sq. ft. Union Station Bike Station. The station is made of free-standing ultra-modern glass and steel design, has 130 available slots to over 400 members. It is part of a growing network of bike stations and related transit centers springing up in cities across the U.S. that are planned, implemented and operated by Mobis Transportation/Bikestation. DC now has the largest bike station in the United States and joins Berkeley, Long Beach, Palo Alto, Santa Barbara, Seattle and Embarcadero with similar structures.

As a completely secure facility available by membership, Bikestation Washington, D.C. represents this new approach to alternative transportation. The facility is staffed 66 hours per week and available to members 24/7 with a key fob which will be mailed to members within 48 hours of signing up. In addition to secure bike parking, the facility also provides a changing room, lockers, bike rental, bike repair and retail sales.

The bike station has a hybrid natural and mechanical venting system to minimize power use. The design allows for rainwater runoff to be used for irrigation where a portion of the runoff from both the bike station as well as the plaza will be channeled to the planters for use as irrigation and to take advantage of the bio-retentive qualities of the planting beds.

If you would like to join Councilmember Wells and become a member of the new bike station you can join for \$96 per year, \$30 a month or \$1 per day purchased in packs of ten, plus a \$20 annual administration fee. Non-members can access bike parking during staff hours for \$2 per day and can be purchased at the official Bikestation website <http://www.bikestation.com/washingtondc/index.asp>.