“I’m glad they’re here. Sometimes people standing here [designated bike space] see me, and they move out of the way for me and my bike. It makes bringing my bike on transit a nicer experience.”

-Alex, San Francisco

SPONSOR: BART

LOCATION: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, and San Mateo

AWARD: $581,000

Beginning as a pilot project on only 54 railcars, BART’s railcar reconfiguration project modified space within cars to better accommodate bicyclists and stimulate bicycle usage within the four counties. The project tested whether on-car bicycle space improved bicycle use, facilitated passenger flow, and provided for a more efficient use of space within cars. Seeing the pilot project’s effectiveness, BART expanded designated bike spaces onto all railcars. These improvements removed bikes from aisles, provided space for wheelchair users, enhanced safety for passengers, and increased bike trips to and from BART.
“It’s definitely a lot different from what it was in ’01 and ’03. I can’t even imagine bringing my bike on BART and having to coordinate with my workplace when to get to work because only some trains would allow cars and some didn’t. Like getting a job out in the Presidio was out of the question.”

-Tim, Oakland

“The first time I brought my bike on BART was probably ten years ago. I remember it used to be very tight. The space was very tight. Now it’s better. Having designated spaces lets people know to get out of your way without having to ask. I used to not bring my bike because it was a hassle.”

-Bruce, Oakland