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Bikestation Long Beach to Celebrate Grand Opening

On November 4, Bikestation Long Beach is opening a new state-of-the-art permanent facility featuring an advanced entry system, indoor bicycle parking, shared-use bicycle kiosk and ecologically-friendly design. Strategically located on First Street and The Promenade adjacent to the Long Beach Transit Information Center, the new structure will consist of two glass pavilions that hold stacking, easy-to-use galvanized steel bike racks; solar rooftop panels; a striking curved arch; and enhanced lighting and signage.

Cyclists arriving from 7 to 9 a.m. during the grand opening event will receive free indoor bicycle parking and complimentary breakfast. A ribbon-cutting ceremony and dedication by City officials will take place at 9 AM.

Bikestation Long Beach offers convenient bike parking, rentals and amenities with seamless connections to and from the Metro Blue Line, Long Beach Transit and downtown businesses. Originally built in 1996 as part of an 18-month national demonstration project, the Bikestation concept was modeled after European and Japanese ex-

amples and was the first facility of its kind to open in the United States. The facility is owned by the City of Long Beach with partial funds provided by the State of California's Bicycle Transportation Account and the City's Redevelopment Agency. Bikestation Coalition, a not-for-profit organization, operates the facility.

The Bikestation provides various services to the public and its members on weekdays from 7 AM to 6 PM; and on weekends from 10 AM to 6 PM.

For further information, log onto www.bikestation.org or call (562) 436-BIKE (2453).

