

Reno Bike Project's Biggest Little Commuter Program

You have taken in an interest in becoming a participant in the Biggest Little Commuter Program! The excellent bicycles subsidized through this program are built by RBP volunteers to help get you to work safely, efficiently, and reliably. As a community bike shop we are here to serve members of the Reno community.

Next steps to receive your bike:

1. You need a case manager's referral to be eligible for this program. If you do not currently have a case manager, the following agencies are established partners with this program and may be able to assist you:

- Access to Healthcare's Aging & Disability Resource Center
- Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada's Crossroads Program
- Children's Cabinet
- Domestic Violence Resource Center (formerly CAAW)
- Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
- Nevada DPS Parole & Probation
- Nevada Div. of Welfare & Social Services
- N Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
- N Nevada International Center
- Northern Nevada Hopes
- Northern Nevada Transitional Housing
- Ridge House
- Safe Embrace CSA
- Steps to New Freedom
- Tahoe SAFE Alliance
- Tru Vista Foundation
- Veteran's Outreach / Healthcare for Homeless Veterans
- Vision House
- Volunteers of America
- Washoe County Human Services Agency

2. Complete and submit your **Participant Application**. Mark the items you want from the **Biggest Little Commuter Menu** provided with this paperwork. Return to Reno Bike Project by scanning and emailing to renobikeproject@gmail.com or drop off in person during RBP business hours at 216 E Grove St.

3. If deemed eligible for the program, we will contact you to schedule your pick-up appointment. When you pick up your bike, **\$50** will be due in the form of cash, local check, debit or credit card. You will receive a **refurbished bike**, a **U-lock**, and a Reno Bike Project **Velo membership**, which gives you access to our public workstations, educational classes and after-hours workshops for members. You may also purchase a variety of important and useful bike accessories at-cost from the Biggest Little Commuter Menu.

Follow these simple steps and you will have a reliable bike to commute to work and other activities in the Biggest Little City in no time! For all questions about the Biggest Little Commuter Program please contact [<renobikeproject@gmail.com>](mailto:renobikeproject@gmail.com) or call the shop at **(775) 323-4488**.



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Responsibility of Owning a Bicycle

There are many benefits to owning a bicycle and committing to its use as your daily commuter, but these benefits also come with a certain level of investment and responsibility. Here is what you need to know.

1. The benefits are amazing!

Riding a bicycle saves time and saves the planet. On a bike, you travel around three times faster than walking for the same amount of energy and it produces zero pollution. A bicycle saves money and puts you in control of your transportation. On average, it costs \$8,469 to maintain a car every year, \$780 for bus passes, and only \$302 for a bicycle. You're saving as little as hundreds but as much as thousands of dollars by bicycling. With a bicycle you never have to wait for a scheduled time, or stop to fill up for gas; just get on and go!

2. A bicycle is not a free resource.

To keep your bicycle operating and riding smoothly, you do need to invest time and money into its upkeep. You can expect to spend, on average, \$302 annually to maintain your bike. This covers fixing flats, daily maintenance, and replacing worn-out parts. In addition, bikes need regular maintenance, such as cleaning and lubricating the drivetrain periodically. Think of this as the equivalent to an oil change for a bike.

3. Each year, between 800,000 and 2 million bicycles are stolen.

On top of investing in the yearly upkeep of your bicycle, you'll have to invest in keeping it safe. Reno Bike Project requires that you have and present a lock in order to receive your BLCB bike. You need to have (and show us that you have) a U-lock, or purchase a lock from us for \$20. RBP doesn't make any money from this sale; we want your bike to have the best chance against theft, and a U-lock is the minimum deterrent in a city like Reno.

4. Commitment

If you're not used to riding a bike every day, then making the commitment to do so can feel overwhelming. Don't worry! Unlike mechanical vehicles, the human body gets stronger the more you use it, so the more you commute the easier it'll become. Remember: as a cyclist you are required to obey the same rules of the road as other vehicle operators. This includes obeying all traffic laws, using hand signals, and having working lights on your bike when riding at night. But there are also a number of laws in place to give you your space and keep you safe, so be sure to learn about your rights when you're on a bicycle!



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Biggest Little Commuter Participant Application

Applicant Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Referring Agency: _____ Caseworker: _____

Caseworker Phone: _____ Caseworker Email: _____

Applicant's Current Employment Status: (Check all that apply)

- Full-time
 - Part-time
 - Seasonal
 - Unemployed
 - Searching
 - Student
- Occupation(s): _____

Height: _____ ft. _____ inches Weight: _____ lbs. Age: _____ Gender: _____

Do you currently live in the Reno-Sparks Metro Area? (Circle one) YES NO

Do you expect to make MORE than \$20,000 this year? (Circle one) YES NO

Do you currently own a bicycle? (Circle one) YES NO

Do you know how to ride a bicycle? (Circle one) YES NO

Who is responsible for paying \$50 program fee? (Circle one) Applicant Agency Other

This fee is for an overhauled bicycle, U-lock, & RBP Velo Membership, which grants free public workstation access for a year. Additional items from our Commuter Menu may be added.

Do you commit to taking care of your bike, locking it up whenever possible, and utilizing this resource to the best of your ability? (Circle one) YES NO

Do you commit to completing a 60-day follow up survey? (Circle one) YES NO

RBP will provide you with a complementary spare tube and a patch kit upon receipt of your follow-up survey.

How do you get around now? _____

What are your biggest transportation challenges at the moment?

Please list any disabilities, injuries, concerns, etc. we should know about:

Please write a personal statement about your need for a bicycle. (No less than 2 sentences)

To the Applicant: By signing, I certify that all of the above information is true and correct. I agree to pay all program fees before or at the time of pick-up, complete/abide by all the above requirements, and have read, understood, and agree to the guidelines of this program.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

To the Caseworker: By signing, I certify that all of the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to refer clients who 1) live in the Reno/Sparks metro area, 2) are experiencing financial distress (defined as living at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines), and 3) for whom a bicycle fills the unmet need of reliable and affordable transportation for securing and/or commuting to employment. I will encourage clients to take advantage of the opportunity to visit Reno Bike Project for bike maintenance; and I will assist in collecting and returning 60-day evaluation surveys.

Caseworker Signature _____ Date _____

RBP Staff Signature _____ Date _____

Please contact us 24 hours prior to submitting this application in order for a bike to be available in advance. Applications can be submitted by dropping off or mailing to 216 E Grove St. or email to renobikeproject@gmail.com.

Reno Bike Project (RBP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community bicycle shop and advocacy group committed to creating a nationally recognized, cycling-friendly community through advocacy, education and cooperation in the Truckee Meadows.

Biggest Little Commuter Menu

These items are all available to you at a steep discount. The cost of the entire package is totaled at the bottom for you, but pick and choose what you want.

Item	Item Number	Retail Price	Your Price	Number Ordered	Cost
Bicycle	Variable	\$200	\$30	1	\$ 30
Lock	210000000268	\$25	\$20	1	\$ 20
Helmet	2100000005165	\$30	\$20		
Multi Tool	2100000005039	\$20	\$11		
Hand Pump	2100000003797	\$16	\$8		
Patch Kit	2100000000454	\$4	\$2		
Seat Bag	2100000004793	\$16	\$8		
Commuter Tires (2)	2100000004220	\$50	\$30		
Rack	2100000000286	\$28	\$14		
Tire Levers (2)	2100000000376	\$4	\$2		
Bungee Cords	2100000004368	\$12	\$6		
Bell	2100000003930	\$6	\$4		
Tube Protectors (2)	2100000002389	\$20	\$12		
Commuter Seat	2100000001502	\$26	\$13		
Saddle Bags (2)	2100000003372	\$50	\$26		
Lights	2100000003618	\$22	\$18		