Bike Repair Stations Installed on the University of Maryland, College Park Campus.

Students now have more options for repairing bicycles.

College Park, MD August 12, 2013 – Four Bike repair stations have been installed on campus by the Department of Transportation Services and bike UMD. Each station has a bike stand and pump as well as a QR code linked to instructional videos on simple bicycle repair and maintenance.

The bike repair stations have been installed in bicycle parking areas near or in the Math library, Mowatt Lane Garage, The Denton Community, and The Graham Cracker. Students can still visit the campus bike shop. One more station will be installed at Terrapin Trail garage, a popular location for cyclists who park and ride. These repair stations provide options to students who don't frequent that side of campus or who want 24 hour access to air and tools.

bikeUMD regularly surveys the bicycle racks on campus. Many of the bikes have low air pressure in the wheels and the same has been observed while people are riding. Having the right air pressure makes a bike much easier to ride, which is important with the hilly terrain on campus. It also makes the bike easier to control. Furthermore, bikes with small problems are left on racks and even abandoned because students either don't know about the bike shop or see it as inconvenient. bikeUMD hopes that with the right tools and with instructional videos more cyclists will maintain their bikes and keep riding.

Bike pumps are also available for check out from McKeldin Library. Helmets, Lights and U-locks are sold at cost and an air pump is available for use at the DOTS offices on Regents Drive garage.

For more information on the bike repair stations visit http://www.transportation.umd.edu/biking_allabout.html and click on the Maintain your Bike tab.

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