

# Bikeshare Bills Would Affect Corporate Taxes and City Grants

## Bikeshare Transit Act (H.R. 4343)



Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-FL)

- The bill aims to **make it easier for cities and towns to access federal transportation funding for bikesharing programs** and equipment by making funds available through current programs like the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ).
- The current U.S. Department of Transportation has allocated federal funding to bikesharing programs but there is concern that future administrations would interpret transit law differently. **The bill would define these programs as a type of mass transit in federal law.**
- The co-chairs of the Congressional Bike Caucus introduced the bill in January, **signaling bipartisan support for reform.**

## Bike to Work Act (H.R. 4104)



Rep. Joe Crowley (D-NY) Rep. Erik Paulsen (R-MN)

- The bill **amends the Internal Revenue Code to include a bicycle sharing system as a mass transit option** to be included in tax exclusion of employer-paid commuter benefits.
- While this bill also has **bipartisan support**, the bill's sponsors have doubts that the bill would be passed simply because of its small scope. Instead, they believe **the bill may be included as a provision in future legislation.**

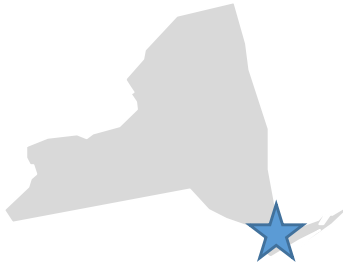
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# Bikeshare Programs Are Found in Over 50 Cities Across Nearly 30 States

## Leading Bikesharing Programs



**San Francisco, CA – Bay Area Bikeshare**  
Initially began as a pilot program, Bay Area Bikeshare is expanding from 700 to 7,000 bikes by 2017 to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest bikeshare system in the U.S.

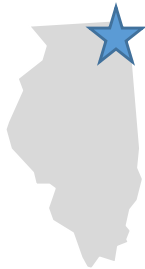


**New York, NY – Citi Bike**  
Currently the largest bikeshare program in the U.S., the program boasts a daily ridership average of 35,000. Even on the coldest days, the program still averages 9,000 trips on days when the temperature is below freezing.



**Washington D.C. – Capital Bikeshare**  
Washington’s bikeshare program has proven to reduce traffic congestion in areas surrounding its 3,000 stations after more than five years in operation.

**Chattanooga, TN – Chattanooga Bikeshare**  
Currently the largest bikeshare program in the Southeast, the Chattanooga Bikeshare program is now seen as a model for smaller cities with 300 bikes for a city population of only 170,000.



**Chicago, IL – Divvy**  
Divvy had 31,000 members and 3.2 million trips by the end of 2015. Chicago also launched Divvy 4 Everyone, allowing low-income residents to sign up without a credit or debit card.

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