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## Cycling Along At the Conventions

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Politicos concerned about carbon emissions will have the opportunity to make a statement -- and get some exercise -- during the Democratic and Republican conventions held in Denver this August and in Minneapolis-St. Paul this September. Freewheelin, a bike-sharing program based in Louisville with about 2,500 registered users, recently started an initiative to provide about 1,000 bicycles for free use at both conventions. The brainchild of Humana, a health benefits company, and Bikes Belong, a cycling advocacy organization, Freewheelin is currently in discussions to expand the program to other cities, and plans to leave behind about 70 bicycles in both Denver and Minneapolis-St. Paul for public use after the conventions.