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**Tolar Manufacturing and BikeConnect Forms Joint Venture  
to Develop Secure and Covered Bike Parking Products**

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May 19, 2010 (Corona, CA) – Tolar Manufacturing Company Inc. and BikeConnect are pleased to announce they have entered into a joint venture to develop and manufacture secure and covered bicycle parking facilities. The venture will combine Tolar’s vast design and manufacturing capabilities of best-in-class bus shelters and street furniture with BikeConnect’s world class centralized web-based bike management and administration system. The two companies have combined their collective knowledge base to offer a fully integrated solution under one complete platform.

The joint venture origins stem from a culmination of needs communicated from transit agencies, municipal-oriented governments and college campuses that are grappling with ways to provide a reasonably priced secure bike parking system while integrating their bicycle programs and manage their bike assets under a central system.

“This new relationship with the BikeConnect team is a natural portfolio extension for Tolar Manufacturing. The Bike Hut concept and related soft ware platform is in line with our vision to provide quality, best-in-class street furniture to not only improve a community’s streetscape, but to also encourage individuals to do what they can to reduce the world’s carbon footprint” commented Gary Tolar, president of Tolar Manufacturing.

Marketed as “Bike Huts” the covered and secure bike parking systems are made from 100% recyclable materials and includes wireless communication, solar power, security lighting and video surveillance options. Each Bike Hut is modular and additional four foot (4’) panels can be added to increase the Bike Hut size and bicycle parking capacity. Bike Huts have a small footprint for integration into transit hubs, parking spaces, sidewalks and are BUY American compliant. Tolar’s expansive portfolio and design capabilities provide clients with the ability to match their existing shelter program.

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**About Tolar** [www.tolarmfg.com](http://www.tolarmfg.com)

Founded in 1991, Tolar Manufacturing Company, Inc. designs and fabricates best-in-class bus shelters, street furniture, transit solar illumination solutions, and display structures to Transit Agencies, Municipalities and Outdoor Advertising Companies across North America. The company operates a 55,000 sq. ft. company owned modern structure in Corona, California, that serves as its corporate headquarters and manufacturing facility. Its 49 person multi-disciplined team is responsible for designing and fabricating quality street furniture for installation in over 400 communities across North America and for transit districts, government entities and major outdoor advertising companies.

**About BikeConnect** [www.bikeconnect.org](http://www.bikeconnect.org)

BikeConnect is a centralized management and administration system that takes the headache out of bike program management and reporting. Whether an organization is managing sustainable mobility programs or the need to collect data on commuting habits, BikeConnect software and services will help promote, administer, and measure the impacts of bike programs and initiatives. BikeConnect also centrally manages an organization's bike assets all on a GIS platform. Bike Racks, lockers, secure bike parking, routes, paths, trails, every physical asset can be managed by anyone; there's no need to rely on a GIS data programmer. BikeConnect is a web-based software which means customers and their users can use it wherever they have Internet access; at work, at home, or via a mobile phone. There are no CD's to install, download of any software, or worry about perpetual upgrades.