



BERKSHIRE GUIDELINES STREETS FOR ALL FOR CYCLING



RIDE WITH TRAFFIC

Riding in the same direction provides more time and space for drivers to pass if conditions allow. It also creates more predictability and uniformity.

USE YOUR SIGNALS

Help other travelers know where you're going so they can do their part to keep everyone safe. Left, Right, and Stop.



RESPECT SHARED SPACE

Let other people know you are passing by politely announcing. And check your speed. Local ordinances may require that you WALK your bicycle on the sidewalk.

BE VISIBLE

When sharing the road, drivers, pedestrians, and other cyclists need to see you. Wearing something bright, and having a good headlight and taillight are the basic essentials.



BE PREDICTABLE

When riding with mixed traffic, either on-road or on a path, it's important to follow the flow of traffic, signal your intentions, and make eye contact where possible. Be aware of your speed.

TAKE IN YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Many drivers are not aware of people riding bikes in their blind spots, especially when turning. Be careful riding next to traffic, and when approaching an intersection. Particularly near large vehicles, trucks, and buses.



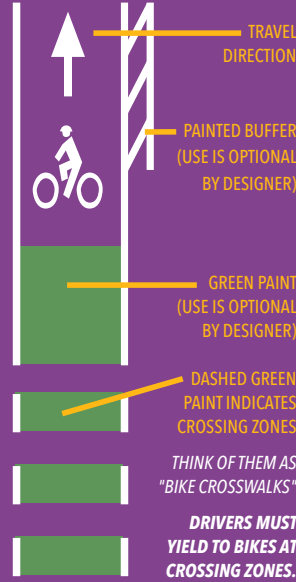
ALL MODES OF TRAVEL MUST OBEY THE ESTABLISHED RULES OF THE ROAD

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BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE BASICS

BIKE LANE



MOTOR VEHICLES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TRAVEL OR STAND IN BIKE LANES. The exceptions are personal handicapped mobility devices and e-bikes.

A PERSON DRIVING MAY ENTER THE BIKE LANE FOR TWO REASONS:
- Parallel parking
- Pulling over for emergency vehicles

BICYCLISTS MAY LEAVE THE BIKE LANE AT ANY TIME THAT IS PRUDENT. You should signal your intent to do so and scan your surroundings before merging or turning.

SHARED LANE

THESE SIGNS AND ROAD MARKINGS EMPHASIZE THAT BICYCLISTS MAY BE PRESENT IN THE GENERAL TRAVEL LANE, AND MAY USE THE FULL LANE FOR SAFETY, VISIBILITY, OR PREFERENCE.

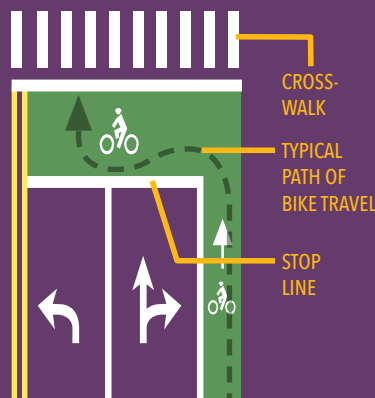


Bicyclists may always use a general travel lane regardless of whether there is a bike symbol present.

Paint may be accompanied by a "Share the Road" sign or "Bikes May Use Full Lane" sign. Either may exist, with or without markings, or neither may be used.



BIKE BOX



Bicyclists may use a bike box to set up for a left turn at an intersection, or to be positioned for the most visibility going forward if a bike lane ends, when traffic **is stopped at a red light.**

Motor vehicles must stop in advance of the bike box at an intersection whether or not it is occupied.