

RULES OF THE ROAD

FOLLOW THE LAW

Your safety and image of bicyclists depend on you.

- You have the same rights and duties as vehicle drivers.
- Obey traffic signals and stop signs.
- Ride with traffic.
- Use the rightmost lane headed in the direction you are going.
- Use the total travel lane when necessary for safe passage (a/k/a “Take the Lane”).
- Ride single file except when certain road and traffic conditions permit.

BE PREDICTABLE

- Make your intentions clear to everyone on the road.
- Ride in a straight line and don't swerve between parked cars or cars in traffic.
- Signal turns, and check behind you well before making a turn or changing lanes.

BE CONSPICUOUS

- Ride where people can see you and wear bright clothing.
- Use a front white light and blinking rear light when visibility is poor. Use of a rear blinking light is recommended for daytime use to improve visibility.
- Make eye contact with drivers and pedestrians whenever appropriate.
- Do not ride on sidewalks.

THINK AND LOOK AHEAD

- Pay attention to your surroundings.
- Do not wear headphones.
- Watch for turning vehicles
- Ride outside the door zone of parked cars.
- Look out for debris, potholes, storm drains and other road hazards.
- Cross railroad tracks at right angles (i.e perpendicular to the tracks).

RIDE READY

- Wear a helmet.
- Check that your tires have sufficient air, brakes are working, chain run smoothly, and quick release levers are closed.
- Carry tools and supplies that are appropriate for your ride.