FORT COLLINS BIKE MAP

LAWS AND TIPS

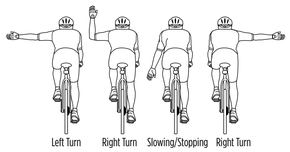
GO WITH THE FLOW
Ride with the flow of traffic. Wrong-way riding on the road is against the law and is a leading cause of crashes.

TAKE A BRAKE
Stopping at stop signs and traffic signals is required by law. Putting your foot down when you stop lets all road users know your intent.

RIDE RIGHT
Use the rightmost lane that serves your destination. This may be the left turn lane if you are turning left.

BE SEEN
At night or when visibility is poor, cyclists are required to use a white front light and a rear red reflector. A red light and bright, reflective clothing can help increase visibility.
The low-angle sun in the fall and spring can also make it difficult for motorists to see you. Ride defensively and don't assume others can see you.

SIGNAL YOUR MOVEMENTS
Cyclists are required by law to use hand signals to indicate when they intend to change lanes, turn or stop.

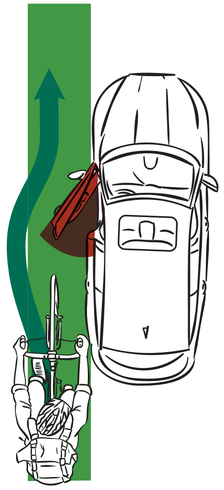


DRIVE YOUR BIKE
Your bike is a vehicle, and as the driver you must follow the laws and ride predictably to help other road users know what to expect.

LEAVE THE SIDEWALKS TO THE PEDESTRIANS
It is best for cyclists to use roadways unless the sidewalk is the only option. If using a sidewalk, avoid riding against traffic. When entering streets, driveways, and crosswalks, slow down and watch carefully for cars that might not see you. Making eye contact with drivers is a powerful way to communicate and negotiate.

WALKERS GO FIRST
Yield to pedestrians at intersections, in crosswalks, on sidewalks and on trails.

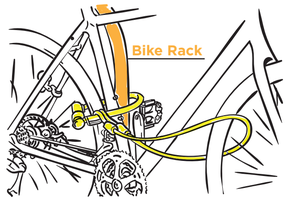
DOOR ZONE
Beware of doors opening as you pass parked cars, even when you are in a marked bike lane. Ride outside the "door zone" at least 4 feet from a parked car wherever possible. Scan parked cars for people who may open their doors unexpectedly.



LINE UP
Don't try to squeeze between cars. If there is no bike lane approaching an intersection, or when there are turning vehicles in the bike lane, you need to wait in line with cars rather than squeezing through on the right. Right-turning vehicles should be turning right from the bike lane.

REPORT ABANDONED BIKE
To report a found or abandoned bike, contact the Fort Collins Bike Co-op directly, by filling out their online intake form or by calling during business hours.
fcbikecoop.org/recovered

LOCKING AND REGISTERING YOUR BIKE
It's best to use a U-lock and/or heavy cable to lock your bike frame and wheels to a secure object. Don't forget to register your bike—you will have a better chance of getting it back in the event of theft: fcgov.com/BikeRegistry



REPORT ROAD AND TRAIL HAZARDS
Use the Access Fort Collins website or app to report potholes, broken glass, missing utility covers, low-hanging branches, and other road hazards. You can also use this to report conditions on our paved multi-use trails.

Access Fort Collins

SHARE THE ROAD
Take the full travel lane when necessary and move back over to the right as soon as it is safe to do so. You can ride side by side, but you should single up if faster moving traffic is backing up behind you.

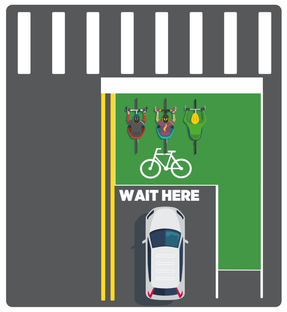
SHARROWS
These pavement markings remind us that both bicycles and motor vehicles will be sharing the same lane.

PROTECT YOUR BRAIN
Wearing a helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by up to 85%. Your helmet should sit level on your head with the front about two fingers above your eyebrows. Make sure the straps surrounding your ears form a "V" with the point of the "V" positioned at the base of your earlobe. Fasten the chin strap and make sure the helmet is snug but comfortable. If you don't have a helmet, the City can give you one for free! Send an email to bicycling@fcgov.com to let us know you need one.

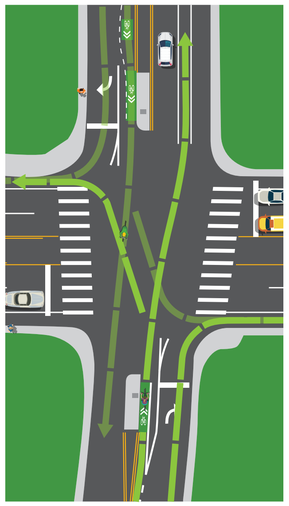
HAPPY TRAILS FOR ALL
Share the trail: ride on the right side of the trail, making sure to not go over the 15 mph courtesy speed limit. When passing, slow down, let other trail users know your intent to pass by using a bell or your voice, and then pass on the left when it is safe to do so.

(E)LECTRIFY YOUR RIDE
E-bikes are a great way to get around. Currently, Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes are allowed on our paved multi-use trails. The trails have a courtesy speed limit of 15 mph, and less when passing or where congested. As of September 2021, one-wheels, electric skateboards, e-scooters, and other electric devices are not allowed on our trails. Exceptions are made for ADA accommodations.

BIKE BOXES
At red lights, riders will group up in the box in front of motor vehicles, making people on bikes more visible. The design of these boxes allows bicyclists to travel through the intersection first when the light turns green.



TOUCAN CROSSING
These signalized crossings help bicyclists and walkers cross busy roads without having to interact with motor vehicle traffic. When you approach an intersection with one of these crossings, follow the signs that tell you where to go, hit the button, and wait for the bike signal to turn green or for the walking signal to cross the road.

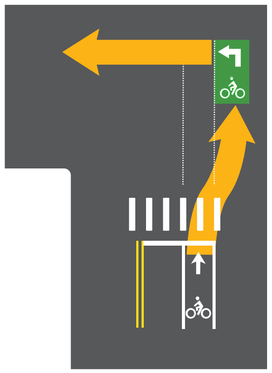


BIKE-N-RIDE
Most Transfort buses are equipped to carry three to four bicycles, offering a convenient way to increase your travel options.

TWO-STAGE TURN
If the speed or volume of traffic makes it difficult to make a left turn like a motor vehicle, consider making a two-stage turn.

1. Stay on the right side of the road and proceed through the intersection.
2. Stop in the green box and turn your bike to face the direction you want to go.
3. Travel through the intersection when the signal turns green.

Look for our two-stage turn box at W. Mulberry St. and Taft Hill Rd., which can guide you through this process.



LOW-STRESS NETWORK + SIGNED BIKEWAYS
The low-stress network routes have lower traffic speeds and lower traffic volumes to make for a more comfortable ride. Signed bikeways feature additional infrastructure like protected bike lanes and bike boxes to guide you on your ride. Signed bikeways and low-stress networks are highlighted on the map.

THINK WHEN YOU DRINK
Cycling under the influence is against the law. Get a ride from a friend, take a bus, or use a rideshare service. The fine for a DUI on a bike is the same as for a DUI in a motor vehicle. The same applies to cannabis use.

VIDEO DETECTION
You might see a small sensor near the stoplights at an intersection. This is a special device that detects all road users and starts the process that changes the light from red to green. Rest assured that your presence is known, and be sure to wait for the signal to turn green!

NO RIDE AND DISMOUNT ZONES
Look for signs and markings on the ground that let you know you are in a dismount zone. Dismount zones in downtown and on the CSU campus are shown on the map. Bicycling is prohibited on College Ave. between Laurel St. and Harmony Rd. Consider using the Mason Trail or one of our signed, on-street bikeways instead.

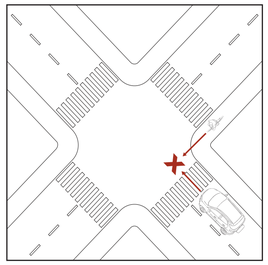
RESPECT THE CONE
For your safety and the safety of others, be sure to obey traffic-control signs in construction zones, and follow signed detours on our roads and trails.

WALK & WHEEL SKILLS HUB
Did you know Fort Collins has a community bicycling and walking skills course designed to help you feel comfortable and confident navigating Fort Collins on two wheels and on foot? The Skills Hub is located off the Spring Creek Trail at Drake and Dunbar and is open to the public.
fcgov.com/fcmoves/bikesafetytown

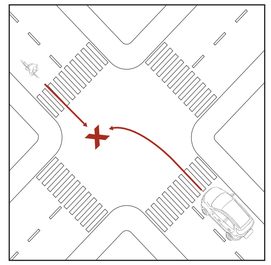
NAVIGATING ROUNDABOUTS
Bicyclist: Safely merge with traffic and "take the lane," or use the ramps and crosswalks at pedestrian speed. Be sure to make eye contact with other road users and anyone in the crosswalk.

Pedestrian: Use crosswalks. Make eye contact with other road users before entering crosswalks. Look left, right, left and over your shoulder before moving forward.

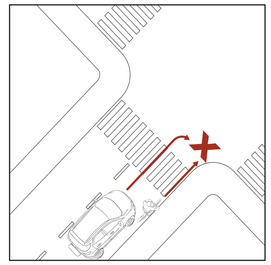
AVOID FORT COLLINS' MOST COMMON BICYCLE CRASHES:



RIGHT ANGLE
- Ride with the flow of traffic.
- Make eye contact with other road users before crossing intersections and driveways.
- Use caution when bicycling on the sidewalk at all driveways and intersections.
- Ride the street/in bike lanes where possible.



LEFT CROSS / LEFT HOOK
- Bicyclists can be hidden by larger vehicles, which can make it difficult for other motor vehicle drivers to see people on bikes. Making eye contact with drivers ensures you are seen while riding.
- If necessary, take the lane and move closer to the centerline of the lane so left-turning motorists can see you.



RIGHT HOOK
- Use hand signals to indicate your intent to turn, stop or change lanes.
- Avoid riding in the blind spot of a motor vehicle.
- Watch for turn signals on motor vehicles.
- Make eye contact with drivers.
- Right-turning vehicles should turn right from the bike lane. When a vehicle is temporarily in the bike lane or right side of the road, you can either wait your turn behind the right-turning vehicle or take the lane and pass on the left when it is safe.

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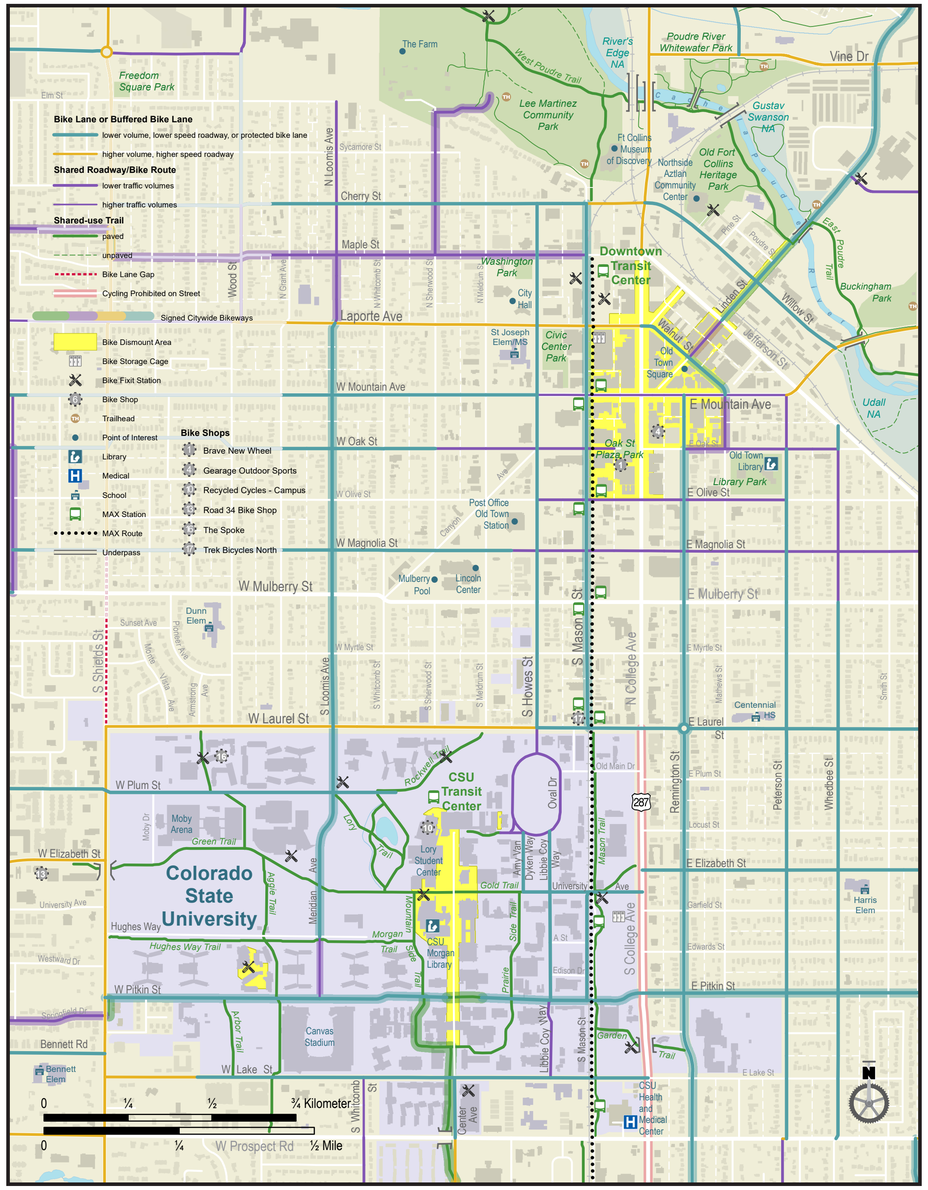

FORT COLLINS, CO **A PLATINUM BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY**

Auxiliary aids and services are available for persons with disabilities. V/TDD: 711 21-23544

Resources

City of Fort Collins, FC Moves
970-416-2471, *fcgov.com/fcmoves*

Street and Trail Maintenance
Report potholes or maintenance needs: 970-221-6614 or visit Access Fort Collins to submit an online report or download the mobile app: *fcgov.com/AccessFortCollins*

Fort Collins Paved Trail Maintenance: 970-221-6660

Police Contacts
Fort Collins Police Services:
970-419-FCPD (3273) (non-emergency);
911 (emergency) (report a crash)

Report a bicycle theft:
fcgov.com/police/coplogic-start-report.php

Register your bike: *fcgov.com/BikeRegistry*

Colorado State University Police: 970-491-6425

Larimer County Sheriff: 970-498-5100

Colorado State Patrol: 970-224-3027

Report aggressive motorists: "*#star)CSP*

Bike-N-Ride
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fcgov.com/fcmoves October 2021

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Fort Collins Bike Map

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Bicycle Clubs and Organizations

Fort Collins Bicycle Co-op:
fcbikecoop.org

Send Town Bike Club:
sendtown.org

Bike Fort Collins:
bikefortcollins.org

Fort Collins Cycling Club:
fccyclingclub.org

Overland Mountain Bike Association:
overlandmtb.org

Team BOB (Babes on Bikes):
coteambob.com

Fort Follies Cycling Team:
fortfollies.com

CSU Rams Cycling Club:
ramscycling.com

For additional information regarding Fort Collins bicycle clubs and organizations, visit: *fcgov.com/bicycling/links-resources.php*

City of Fort Collins Bicycle Contacts and Programs

City of Fort Collins, FC Moves:
970-416-2471, *fcgov.com/fcmoves*

Spin E-bike Share:
fcgov.com/fcmoves/spin

Bicycle Ambassador Program:
bicycleambassadorprogram.org

Safe Routes to School:
970-416-2557, *fcgov.com/saferoutes*

Fort Collins Bicycle Advisory Committee:
fcgov.com/bac

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FC Moves

Bike Shops

- Brave New Wheel
- Drake Cycles
- Fort Collins Bike Co-op
- Gearage Outdoor Sports
- JAX Mercantile
- Lawson Cycles
- Pedego Electric Bikes
- The Phoenix Cyclery
- proVelo Bicycles
- Recycled Cycles - Campus
- Recycled Cycles - Main
- REI
- Road 34 Bike Shop
- Rocky Mountain Multisport
- Rocky Mountain Recumbents
- The Spoke
- Trek Bicycles North
- Trek Bicycles South

Bike Lane or Buffered Bike Lane
lower volume, lower speed roadway, or protected bike lane
higher volume, higher speed roadway

Shared Roadway/Bike Route
lower traffic volumes
higher traffic volumes

Shared-use Trail
paved
unpaved

Bike Lane Gap

Cycling Prohibited on Street

Signed Citywide Bikeways

Bike Dismount Area
Bike Storage Cage
Bike Fix-it Station
Skills Hub
Bike Shop
Trailhead
Point of Interest
Library
Medical
School
MAX Station
MAX Route
Underpass

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