



# ALL AGES AND ABILITIES BICYCLE FACILITIES

A NETWORK THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE

# OUTLINE

- The “Design Cyclist”
- Historic Cyclist Typologies
- All Ages and Abilities Considerations
- Selecting the Right All Ages and Abilities Facility
- Questions

What kind of  
cyclist do we  
design for?





- Middle-aged man
- Wearing a helmet
- Nice (expensive) bike
- Bright clothing & lights
- Maybe does long races
- Performance gear
- No bag or lock
- In nice weather





- Fun-loving mom & child
- Wearing a helmet(?)
- Wider trike w/ trailer
- Everyday clothing
- Has a bike lock

# TYPES OF CYCLISTS PER FHWA-RD-92-073

- Group A—Advanced Bicyclists: These are experienced riders who can operate under most traffic conditions. They comprise the majority of the current users of collector and arterial streets[.]
  - Riding in roadway or shoulder
- Group B—Basic Bicyclists: These are casual or new adult and teenage riders who are less confident of their ability to operate in traffic without special provisions for bicycles. Some will develop greater skills and progress to the advanced level, but there will always be many millions of basic bicyclists.
  - Well-defined separation of bicycles and motor vehicles on arterial and collector streets (bike lanes or shoulders) or separate bike paths.
- Group C—Children: These are pre-teen riders whose roadway use is initially monitored by parents. Eventually they are accorded independent access to the system.
  - Access to key destinations surrounding residential areas, including schools, recreation facilities, shopping, or other residential areas.
  - Residential streets with low motor vehicle speed limits and volumes.
  - Well-defined separation of bicycles and motor vehicles on arterial and collector streets or separate bike paths.



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“Group A Cyclist”



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“Group B/C Cyclist”

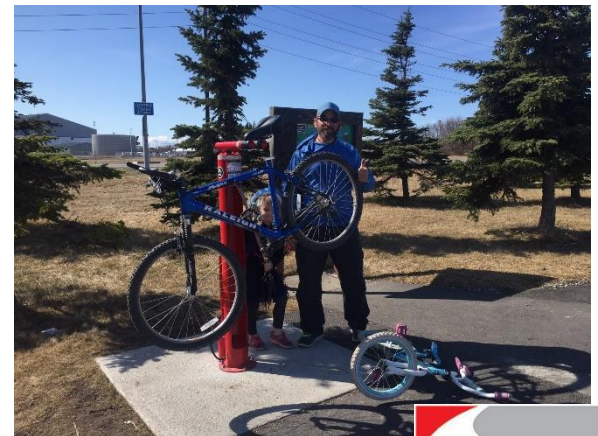
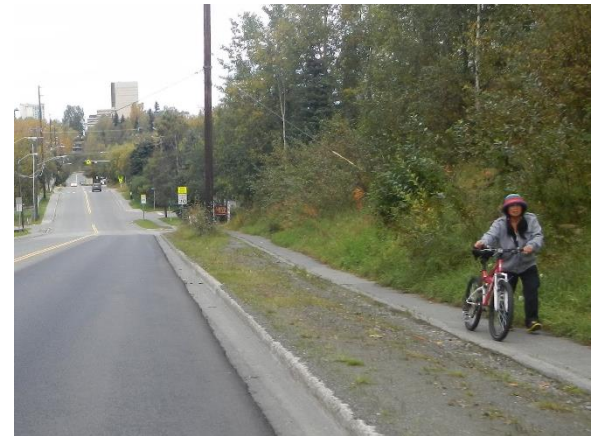


# PROBLEMS WITH FHWA-RD-92-073

The classification:

- Is based solely on skill and confidence, not preference
- Assumes that the majority of transportation riders fit into “Group A”
- Assumes that bike lanes or shoulders are suitable for every adult cyclist
- Doesn’t consider how higher stress facilities discourage cycling for transportation
- Assumes that children only need to be accommodated near residential areas





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## Four Types of Transportation Cyclists in Portland By Proportion of Population



Source: Geller, Roger. "Four Types of Cyclists." Portland Office of Transportation, Portland, OR: 2012.



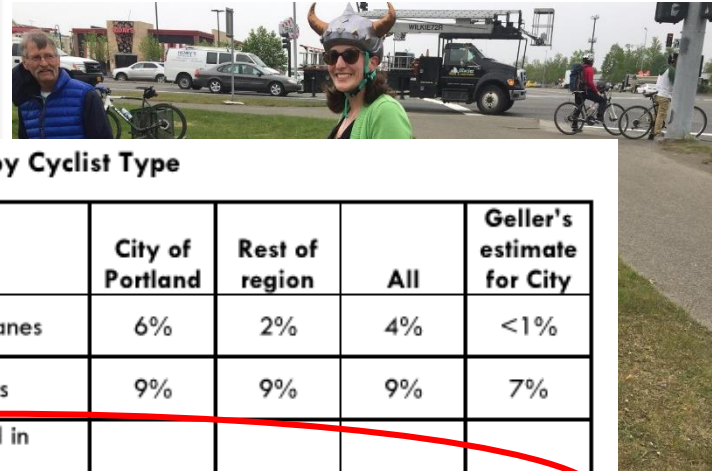
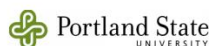
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## WORKING PAPER

**Table 2: Distribution of Survey Respondents by Cyclist Type**

Type	Description	City of Portland	Rest of region	All	Geller's estimate for City
<b>Strong &amp; Fearless</b>	Very comfortable without bike lanes	6%	2%	4%	<1%
<b>Enthusied &amp; Confident</b>	Very comfortable with bike lanes	9%	9%	9%	7%
<b>Interested but Concerned</b>	Not very comfortable, interested in biking more Not very comfortable, currently cycling for transportation but not interested in biking more	60%	53%	56%	60%
<b>No Way No How</b>	Physically unable Very uncomfortable on paths Not very comfortable, not interested, not currently cycling for transportation	25%	37%	31%	33%
<b>n (weighted)</b>		436	479	915	

Note: Weighted data, may not total 100% due to rounding.



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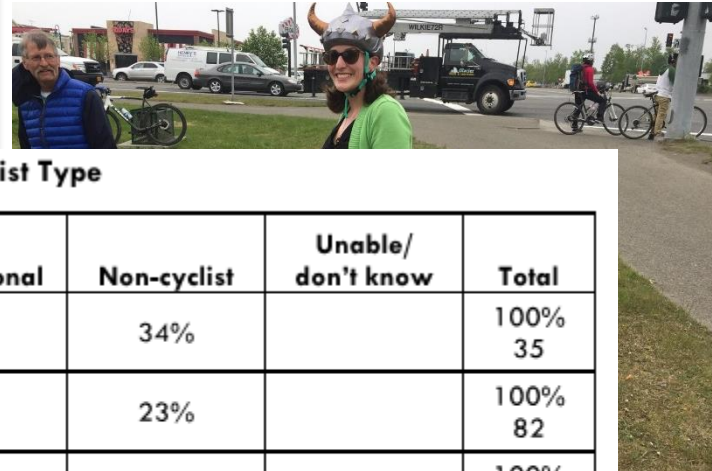
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Table 3: General Cycling Behavior, by Cyclist Type

Type	Utilitarian	Recreational	Non-cyclist	Unable/ don't know	Total
Strong & Fearless	43%	23%	34%		100% 35
Enthusied & Confident	46%	31%	23%		100% 82
Interested but Concerned	43%	30%	28%		100% 511
No Way No How		15%	46%	40%	100% 287

Note: Weighted data, may not total 100% due to rounding.

August 10, 2012





- Women are most likely to be in the No Way No How category or non-cyclists in the Enthused and Confident and Interested but Concerned categories. The barriers preventing them from cycling for transportation must be better understood if cycling rates are to increase significantly. Other research indicates that common barriers include concerns about traffic, different attitudes towards bicycling, and complex travel patterns, including transporting passengers (e.g. children and older parents) (11).
- Older adults (over 55) are also more likely to be in the No Way No How category or non-cyclists in the Enthused and Confident and Interested but Concerned categories. The large share in the No Way No How category is largely due to respondents indicating a physical inability to ride a bicycle. Non-traditional bicycle technologies, including electric-assist bicycles (e-bikes) and adult tricycles, might overcome this barrier for some older adults.
- The Interested but Concerned adults do represent the largest potential market for increasing cycling for transportation. Bicycle infrastructure that increases their physical separation from motor vehicles, such as cycle tracks, increases their level of comfort significantly. This would seem a necessary condition to increasing their levels of cycling for transportation.
- General concern about the amount of traffic and traffic speeds in neighborhoods, along with a lack of bike lanes and destinations nearby, appears to be preventing Interested but Concerned adults from bicycling either for transportation or recreation. Besides bicycle-specific infrastructure, traffic speed controls, traffic calming, and planning that promotes a mix of land uses could help overcome these barriers.

Source: Dill, Jennifer & McNeil, Nathan. "Four Types of Cyclists? Testing a Typology to Better Understand Bicycling Behavior and Potential." Portland State University, Portland, OR: 2012.

# HOW DOES THE DESIGN USER AFFECT WHAT'S BUILT?



Routes that:

- Prioritize speed, avoid interruptions
- Prioritize recreation to and from home
- Allow longer distances, hills, obstacles
- May include greater risks



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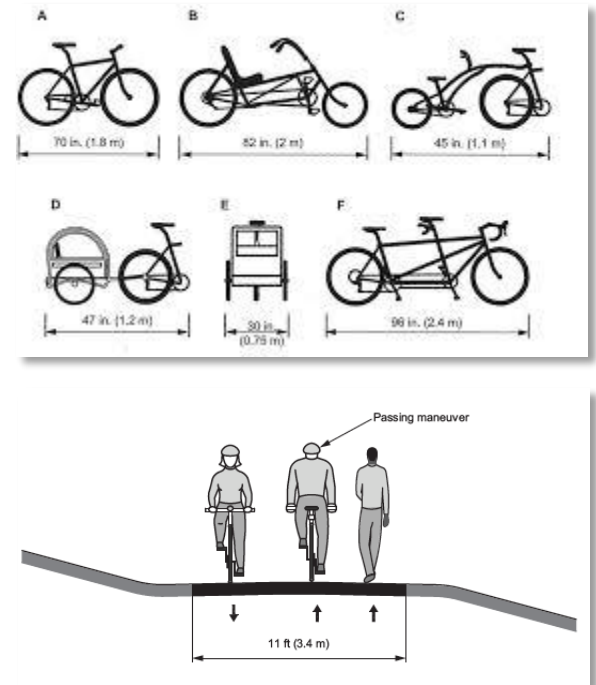
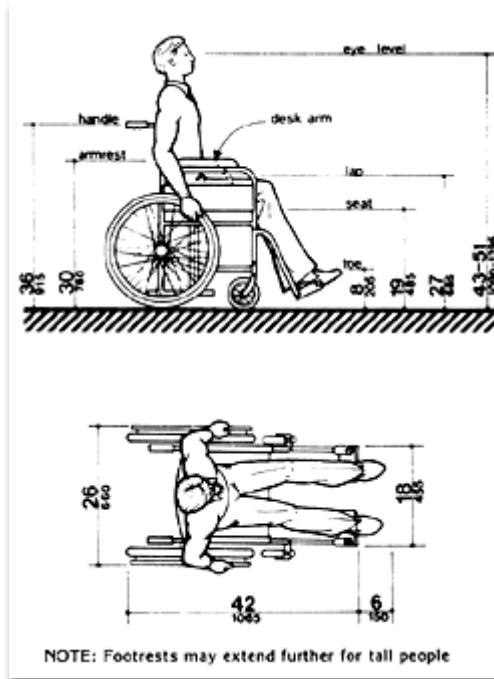
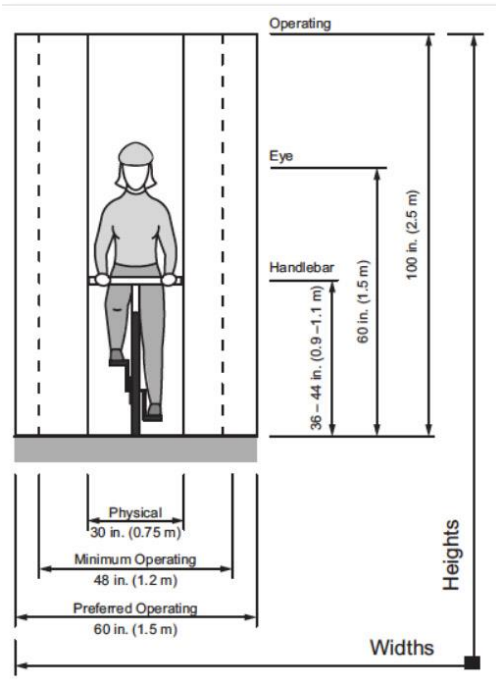
- Prioritize safety and comfort
- Prioritize trips other than recreation, connections to destinations in town
- Accommodate wider and longer bikes
- Resolve obstacles or missing links



# ALL AGES AND ABILITIES CONSIDERATIONS

- Operational Dimensions
- Perception and Reaction Time
- Physical Ability
- Decision-making Ability
- Risk Perception/Tolerance
- Summer and Winter Usage
- Equity

# OPERATIONAL DIMENSIONS



# PERCEPTION AND REACTION TIME





# PHYSICAL ABILITY



# DECISION-MAKING ABILITY

**Pedalcyclists Killed/Injured in Traffic Crashes and Fatality/Injury Rates, by Age and Gender, 2015**

Age (Years)	Male			Female			Total		
	Injured	Population (thousands)	Injury Rate*	Injured	Population (thousands)	Injury Rate*	Injured	Population (thousands)	Injury Rate*
<5	**	10,178	**	**	9,730	**	**	19,907	**
5-9	1,000	10,459	102	**	10,028	**	1,000	20,487	57
10-14	4,000	10,520	363	**	10,102	**	4,000	20,622	201
Children (≤14)	5000	31,157	160	**	29,860	**	5000	61,016	82
15-19	4,000	10,798	413	1,000	10,311	92	5,000	21,109	256
20-24	3,000	11,668	258	2,000	11,071	173	5,000	22,739	217
25-29	4,000	11,409	354	1,000	11,052	63	5,000	22,462	211
30-34	2,000	10,890	145	1,000	10,786	123	3,000	21,676	134
35-39	3,000	10,173	311	**	10,201	**	3,000	20,375	171
40-44	2,000	10,030	227	**	10,185	**	3,000	20,215	136
45-49	3,000	10,335	300	1,000	10,519	50	4,000	20,854	174
50-54	3,000	10,964	254	1,000	11,370	51	3,000	22,334	151
55-59	3,000	10,598	274	1,000	11,210	53	3,000	21,808	160
60-64	2,000	9,117	233	**	9,953	**	2,000	19,070	131
65-69	1,000	7,596	111	**	8,471	**	1,000	16,067	74
70-74	1,000	5,296	101	**	6,187	**	1,000	11,483	56
75-79	**	3,611	**	**	4,513	**	**	8,124	**
80+	**	4,587	**	**	7,500	**	**	12,087	**
People ≥65	2000	21,090	95	**	26,671	**	2000	47,761	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>158,229</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>163,190</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>321,419</b>	<b>140</b>

Sources: 2015 ARF. NASS GES 2015. Bureau of the Census population projections.

\*Rate per *million* population. Population estimates from Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for Selected Age Groups by Sex for the United States, States, Counties and Puerto Rico Commonwealth and Municipios: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2015; Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division; Release Date: June 2016. Retrieved from <http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/PEP/2015/PEPSR5H>.

\*\* Less than 500 injured; injury rate not shown. †One pedalcyclist of unknown gender is not included.

Note: Injured totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding.

# RISK PERCEPTION/TOLERANCE

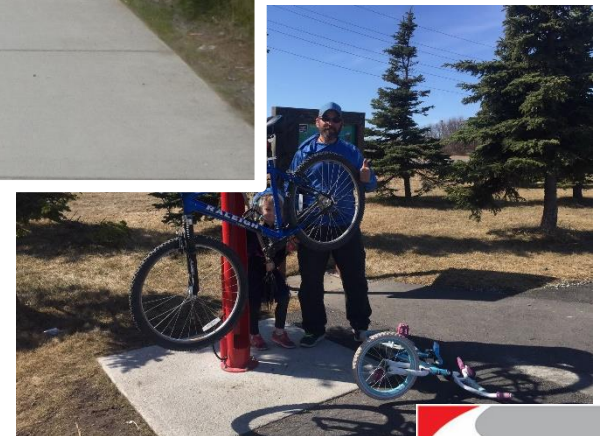
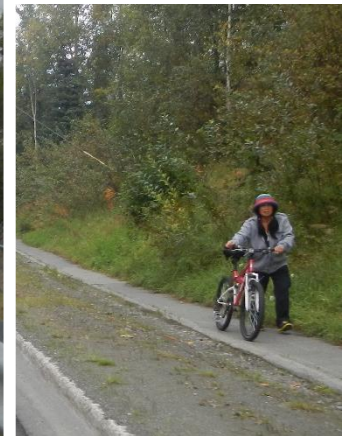




## SUMMER AND WINTER USAGE

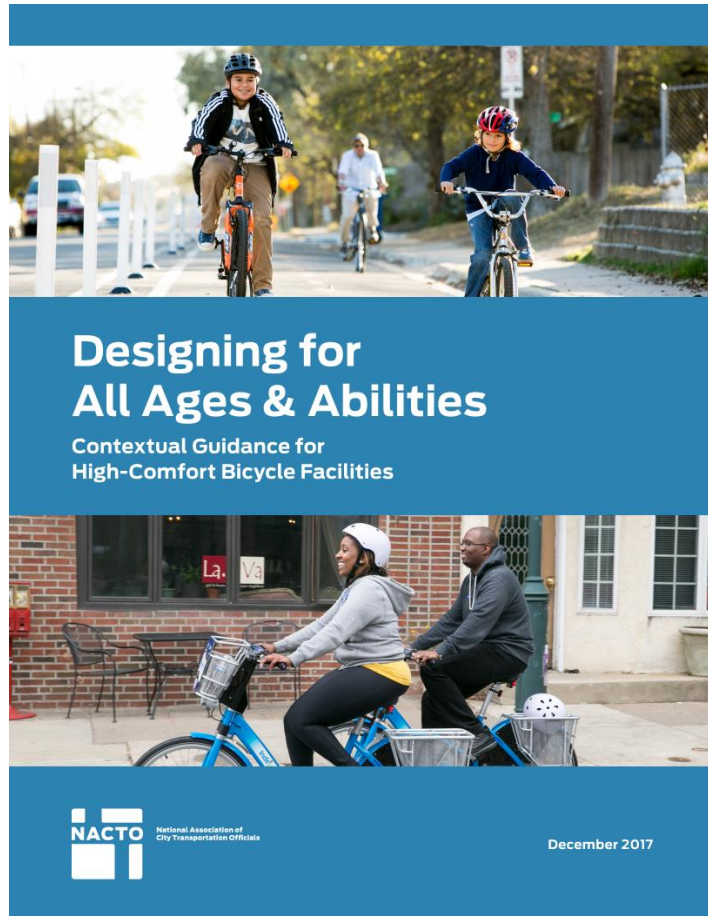






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# SELECTING THE RIGHT TYPE OF FACILITY



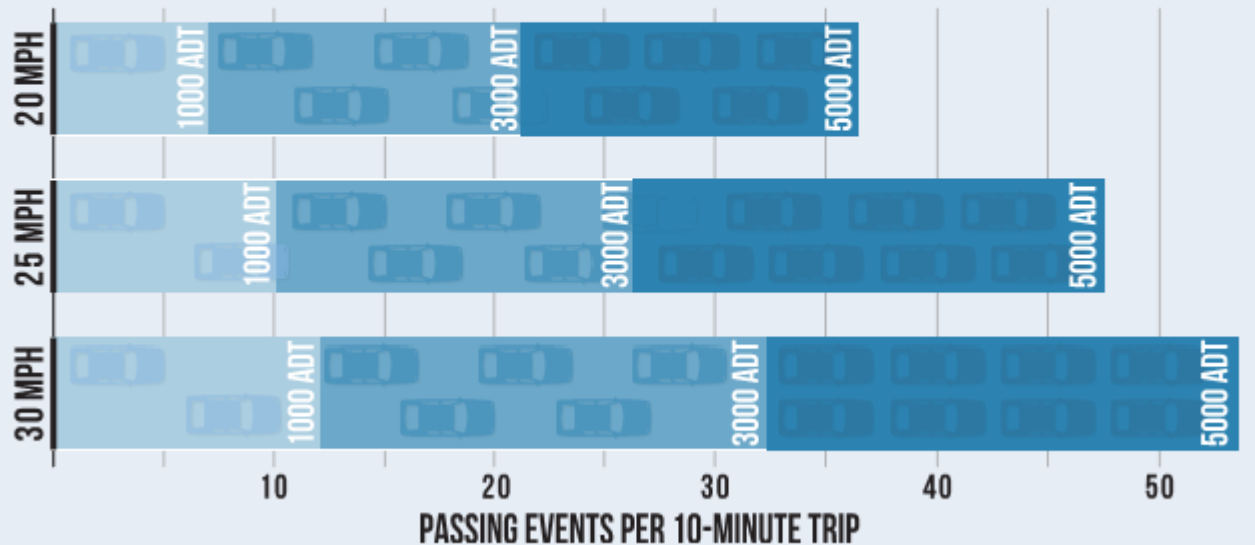
- Vehicle Speeds
- Vehicle Volumes
- Lane Configuration
- Curbside Activity
- Pedestrian Volumes



# UNDERSTANDING STRESS ON CYCLISTS

## Conflicts Increase with Speed & Volume

This chart illustrates the number of passing events (at increasing motor vehicle average speed and volume) experienced over a 10-minute period by a bicyclist riding 10 mph. As motor vehicle speed and volume increase, they magnify the frequency of stressful events for people bicycling.



## Contextual Guidance for Selecting All Ages & Abilities Bikeways

Roadway Context				All Ages & Abilities Bicycle Facility
Target Motor Vehicle Speed	Target Max. Motor Vehicle Volume (ADT)	Motor Vehicle Lanes	Key Operational Considerations	
Any		Any	Any of the following: high curbside activity, frequent buses, motor vehicle congestion, or turning conflicts <sup>†</sup>	Protected Bicycle Lane
< 10 mph	Less relevant	No centerline, or single lane one-way	Pedestrians share the roadway	Shared Street
≤ 20 mph	≤ 1,000 – 2,000		< 50 motor vehicles per hour in the peak direction at peak hour	Bicycle Boulevard
≤ 25 mph	≤ 500 – 1,500	Single lane each direction, or single lane one-way	Low curbside activity, or low congestion pressure	Conventional or Buffered Bicycle Lane, or Protected Bicycle Lane
	≤ 1,500 – 3,000			Buffered or Protected Bicycle Lane
	≤ 3,000 – 6,000			Protected Bicycle Lane
	Greater than 6,000			Protected Bicycle Lane
	Any	Multiple lanes per direction		Protected Bicycle Lane, or Reduce Speed
Greater than 26 mph <sup>†</sup>	≤ 6,000	Single lane each direction	Low curbside activity, or low congestion pressure	Protected Bicycle Lane, or Reduce to Single Lane & Reduce Speed
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	Greater than 6,000	Any	Any	Protected Bicycle Lane, or Bicycle Path
High-speed limited access roadways, natural corridors, or geographic edge conditions with limited conflicts		Any	High pedestrian volume	Bike Path with Separate Walkway or Protected Bicycle Lane
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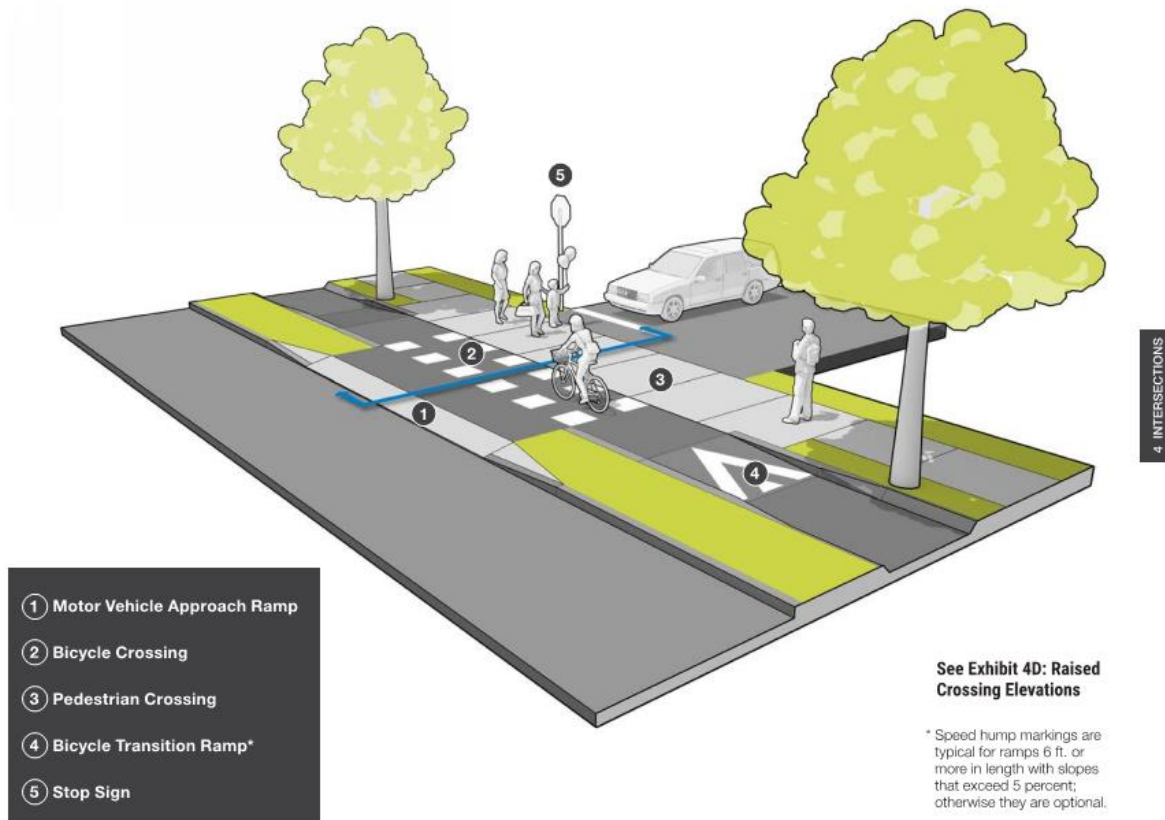




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# HOW DO WE MAKE ANCHORAGE BETTER FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES OF CYCLISTS

- Stop classifying cyclists by ability, focus on eliminating pervasive obstacles for children, seniors, women, and low-income riders
- Champion protected bike lane pilot projects with bicycle detection (Aim higher than discontinuous, conventional bike lanes)
- Incorporate All Ages and Abilities considerations for bike lane and pathway width, driveway and side street crossings in all projects
- Stop focusing solely on vehicle capacity
- Convert oversized roads and lanes to add more protection for cyclists
- Prioritize bicycle network on lower speed, lower volume roads
- Connect existing All Ages and Ages and Abilities facilities to major destinations

## Sharing the Trail

### Off-street Biking

**Keep to the right.**  
Yield to pedestrians and slower moving traffic, except when passing. Slow down when there are lots of users on the trail.

**Be courteous of equestrians.**  
Look both ways. Cyclists yield to through traffic at intersections. Equestrians have the right of way. Pedestrians exercise caution. Be aware that cyclists and equestrians require lots of room to stop.

**Advise others when passing.**  
Sound your bell or horn or call out when approaching pedestrians or slower cyclists. Then pass safely on the left.

MAY 18<sup>th</sup> 2018



## Types of Bikeways

### Shoulder Bikeways

- Bicycles ride outside travel lane on paved shoulder.
- May share shoulder with pedestrians.
- Many shoulder bikeways have signs identifying them as a bike route and showing the direction and distance to destinations (e.g. the Loop, the lakefront).

### Bike Lanes

- Bicycles ride outside of travel lane in designated bike lane.
- Special pavement markings and signs identify the lanes.

### Shared Lanes / Bicycle Boulevards

- Whether marked or not, cyclists may share the road if riding as a vehicle. Cars and bicycles share the lane.
- Markings and signs may also be used encourage cars to share the lane with bicyclists. Special pavement markings: direct bicyclists to ride outside the "Door Zone" (see "Door Zone" panel).

### Multi-use Trails

- Paved paths separated from the road for bicyclists, walkers, runners, and in-line skaters.
- All users stay on right side.

# ANCHORAGE



## Legend

ALASKA BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN RESOURCES  
<http://alaskabikeandped.org/>  
A guide for Alaskan cyclists and pedestrians



## Bike-to-Bus

All People Mover buses can hold three bikes. Bicycle racks are available on a first come first served basis.

- Always approach the bike rack from the curb side.
- Be ready before the bus arrives
- Remove packs, accessories and water bottles from your bike before loading your bike. (If you're concerned about the safety of your bicycle, lock your bicycle's front wheel to your frame before the bus arrives.)

- Alert the bus operator. Lower the rack by squeezing the center handle.
- Load bicycle and secure front tire with support arm. Board the bus and pay fare (no cost for the bicycle).
- When exiting, alert the bus operator that you'll be removing your bicycle. Unload your bicycle. If no other bicycles remain, stow the rack against the bus in the upright position.

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## Bicycle Fixt Stations

- All the tools necessary to perform basic bike repairs and maintenance.
- Change flat tires
  - Adjust brakes
  - Adjust brakes and derailleurs
  - Air pump

## Bike Shops (with corresponding map numbers)

- Alaska Pablo's Bicycle Rental**  
415 L Street  
tel: 272-1600
- Lifetime Adventures**  
1981 222-9219  
4401 Street
- Downtown Bicycle Rental**  
tel: 278-5293  
333 W 4th Avenue #206
- Speedway Cycles**  
tel: 222-1967  
1231 W Northern Lights Blvd
- Play It Again Sports**  
tel: 278-7529  
2635 Seward Road
- REI**  
tel: 272-4565  
1200 W Northern Lights Blvd.
- The Bicycle Shop**  
tel: 272-5219  
1035 W Northern Lights Blvd.
- Off the Chain**  
tel: 222-6222  
1406 W 33rd Avenue
- Trek Store of Anchorage**  
tel: 743-6966  
530 E Benson Blvd, Suite 5C
- Alaska eBike Store**  
tel: 232-1246  
2225 Seward Road
- RTR Cycles**  
tel: 569-2054  
3110 E 42nd Avenue
- Webike Bicycle Repair**  
tel: 351-4545  
8160 Fairwood Circle
- The Bicycle Shop**  
tel: 222-9953  
1801 W Diamond Blvd.
- Play It Again Sports**  
tel: 272-7529  
8800 Old Seward Hwy
- Chain Reaction Cycles**  
tel: 336-4383  
1146 N Aurora Road
- Paramount Cycles**  
tel: 336-2453  
1320 Huffman Park Drive
- Arctic Cycles**  
(October - March)  
tel: 351-4545  
South Anchorage
- Powder Hound Ski Shop**  
tel: 783-2525  
232 Redding Avenue  
Girdwood
- Day Lodge Mountain Bike Hub**  
tel: 754-2283  
Day Lodge  
Girdwood
- Hotel Alyeska**  
tel: 754-1111  
1000 Alyeska Dr.  
Girdwood

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The Municipality of Anchorage publishes this map to help bicyclists navigate the streets and trails of Anchorage, Eagle River and Girdwood. Be aware that potential hazards and obstructions may exist on the routes shown, and the Municipality of Anchorage in no way warrants the safety or fitness of the suggested routes.

Look for roads with bicycle lanes, shoulders or paths, or less busy roads. Evaluate routes based on your individual bicycling ability and experience.

To improve your bicycling skills and safety, go to [www.bikealaska.org/learnmore](http://www.bikealaska.org/learnmore) to find local classes and instructors qualified by the League of American Bicyclists.



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## Sharing the Road

### Biking on Streets

**Ride in a straight line.**  
Avoid weaving between parked cars. Ride in a straight line at least 4 feet away from parked cars to avoid the Door Zone (see below).

**NEVER**  
Ride Against Traffic!

**Never ride against traffic.**  
Riding against traffic is dangerous and illegal. Motorists and pedestrians are not looking for cyclists riding the wrong way down a street or sidewalk.

**Watch for the 'Right Hook'**  
When drivers are turning right but looking left, ALWAYS make eye-contact & yield if you're unsure that you have been seen.

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**To cross an intersection, use the lane farthest to the right that points to where you are going.**  
Follow lane markings to cross an intersection. If you can't change lanes to turn left, ride across the street to the other side and align your bike with traffic.

Exercise caution when merging with vehicles and use hand signals to indicate your direction.

**The Door Zone**  
is the 4-foot area along the side of a parked car where an opening door can hit and seriously injure a cyclist. When riding in a bike lane, ride on the left side of the lane—at least 4 feet from any parked cars.

**Be Aware of traffic pulling out as well as behind you, so you'll know whether you have enough room if you must swerve suddenly out of the Door Zone.**  
A mirror is a great aid to help see traffic behind you.



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Download this map to your phone!

## IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT CYCLISTS

- Providing more width for cyclists on shared facilities improves accessibility
- Separating bicycles when there is high pedestrian demand prevents conflicts
- Slowing down turning vehicles and increasing separation from roadway improves quality of pedestrian environment





# QUESTIONS?

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