2021 WEST SEATTLE AND DUVAMISH VALLEY BIKE MAP

We want riding a bike to be a comfortable part of daily life for people of all ages and abilities.

In 2014, we updated our Bicycle Master Plan - it sets out a 20-year vision for making it easier for more people to bike as our city grows. With over 100,000 new residents and jobs headed our way in the next 20 years, we need to provide safe, affordable, and connected transportation options for people who live, work, and play in Seattle. We know that riding a bike is an affordable, healthy way to get around and that building a connected network of protected bicycle lanes, neighborhood greenways, and multi-use trails will attract new riders and contribute to an even greater Seattle.

SAFETY FIRST

In Seattle, our goal is to end traffic deaths and serious injuries on our streets by 2030. Building protected bike lanes and neighborhood greenways improves safety for all travelers. Help us reach zero by following the rules of the road, whether you’re driving, biking, or walking.

SAFETY TIPS

- Make eye contact with people driving.
- Ride at least 3 feet from parked cars.
- Be especially careful near trucks.
- Use hand signals to communicate with other travelers.

SEATTLE BICYCLING LAWS

- Yield to people walking, especially on the sidewalk. Use your voice or a bell before passing.
- Never ride against traffic.
- Helmets are required by law in Seattle.
- People biking are not allowed to ride more than 2 abreast.
- People biking are required to use lights and reflectors at night.
- When approaching a stop sign, slow down and look around. If no one is at the intersection, slowly continue through the intersection. You must come to a complete stop at stop signs and stop signs on school buses and at railroad crossings.

SCOOTER LAWS

- Scooters may only ride on roads, bike lanes, and multi-use trails; scooters may not ride on sidewalks unless it is part of the connected bike network.
- If not parking in a designated bike or scooter parking area, do not block the sidewalk, building access, or bus access.*

*Learn how to park correctly and keep people with disabilities safe. https://sanearights.org/accessible-bike-lane-parking-done-the-right-way/

A GUIDE TO SEATTLE’S BIKE FACILITIES

Want to know more about the different types of bikeways here in Seattle? We’ve got you covered.

WHAT IS A PROTECTED BIKE LANE?

Also known as a cycle track, a protected bike lane is physically separated from traffic and the sidewalk. Similar to a trail, protected bike lanes are often more comfortable for people who prefer not to ride with traffic.

HOW DO I USE IT?

Yield to people crossing to access a bus stop or parked cars. Watch for turning vehicles at driveways and intersections.

WHAT DOES THE GREEN MEAN?

Green pavement highlights areas where people biking and driving cross paths. The green pavement alerts both travelers to pay extra attention.

HOW DO I USE IT?

Be alert and look for vehicles crossing green pavement areas.

WHAT ARE NEIGHBORHOOD GREENWAYS?

On streets with low car volumes and speeds a neighborhood greenway can improve safety, help people cross busy streets, discourage cut-through traffic, and get people to where they want to go like parks, schools, shops and restaurants.

WHAT IS A BIKE DETECTOR?

Bike detectors tell the traffic signal when a person on a bike is waiting for the light to turn green. Markings indicate where to position your wheels on the pavement in order to change the signal.

HOW DO I USE IT?

Place your bicycle on the bike detector symbol to trigger the green light.

WHAT IS THE SAFEST WAY TO CROSS TRAIN TRACKS?

Because the track groove is just slightly wider than the typical bike tire, your wheel can easily get stuck. The key to staying safe is to cross as close to a 90 degree angle as possible.

When it’s raining, it’s often better to walk your bike across as the tracks can be slick.