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2025/2026 SEATTLE BIKE MAP

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

SAFETY TIPS



Make eye contact with people driving



Ride at least 3 feet from parked cars



Yield to people walking, especially on the sidewalk. Use your voice or a bell before passing.



Yield at red traffic signals and stop signs to make sure there is no oncoming cars or trucks



Never ride against traffic



Helmets are encouraged in Seattle



Be especially careful

near trucks

Cross train tracks at a 90 degree angle. If raining, walk your bike across the tracks



Use hand signals to

communicate with other

travelers



People biking are not allowed to ride more than 2 abreast



People biking are required to use lights and reflectors at night

More information

- A list of Seattle's bike laws can be found at
- seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/bike-program/rules-of-the-road.
- Register your bike at www.bikeindex.org, it may help recover your bike if stolen.
- And if you are a new rider, a wealth of helpful information can be found in our Seattle By Bike booklet, available here: seattle.gov/documents/Departments/SDOT/BikeProgram/2022_BikeGuide_Booklet.pdf

BIKE AND SCOOTER SHARE

Scooter share and bike share let you rent electric foot scooters and electric bikes for quick errands, trips to Link light rail, climate-friendly commute trips, and more. You rent the nearest available scooter or bike, ride it to where you want to go, and leave it responsibly parked for the next person to ride.



Bike and scooter share parking

Follow the company's instructions to lock the bike and end your trip. You can park the rental in the designated rental parking corrals, or landscaping/furniture zone of sidewalks, as long as that space is more than three feet wide. Some important guidelines for parking:

- Leave at least six feet clear for pedestrians to pass.
- Do not park on corners, driveways, or curb ramps.
- Do not block access to buildings, benches, parking pay stations, bus stops, hydrants, etc.
- Shared scooters and bikes may park at bike racks.
- Park the rental upright.
- Be courteous to others don't park in somebody else's way, and don't hide the bike somewhere that the next user can't get to it.

To use bike and scooter share, download the company's smart phone app. The app will show you a map with all the rentals closest to you. Scan the QR code on the rental to unlock it and start your trip. Check with each company for prices and ways to rent a rental without a smartphone. For more information please visit the website below:

Bike and scooter share information: seattle.gov/scootershare

TAKING BIKES ON PUBLIC TRANSIT

Bus

You can load your bike to the front of the bus bike rack. Let your bus driver know before loading it onto the bus.





Link: m.youtube.com/watch?v=sihDzMDERSU





Link: m.youtube.com/watch?v=LzGbeqE2Pmc

Link light rail trains

Link light rail can accommodate 4 bikes per train car. There are also bike storage racks and/or lockers at all stations.

In each train car, there are two bicycle hooks for hanging bikes vertically. This hook area is for both luggage and bicycle storage, and is first come, first served. If the hooks are in use, one bicyclist may stand in each adjacent aisle.

To use the hook, maneuver your bicycle so that the front wheel is facing the hook area. Lift the front wheel up to a vertical position, place your knee on the saddle, and use your leg to help lift the bike onto the hook. Look out for others around you as you hang your bike.

To stand with your bicycle, stand by the doors near the hook area, restrain your bike with one hand and hold on to a secure pole or strap with the other. It may be necessary to move your bicycle around to allow other riders to get on and o or move about the train.

BIKE LOCKS

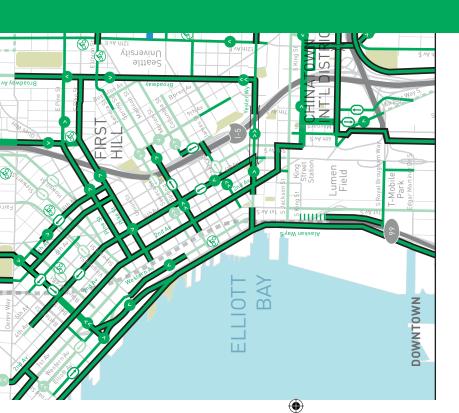
- If a bike has quick release wheels, make sure to get a lock that is large enough to secure them to the bike.
- Always make sure you've looped the lock through the frame, wheel, and bike rack.
- Considering purchasing another lock to secure the seat.



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A GUIDE TO SEATTLE'S

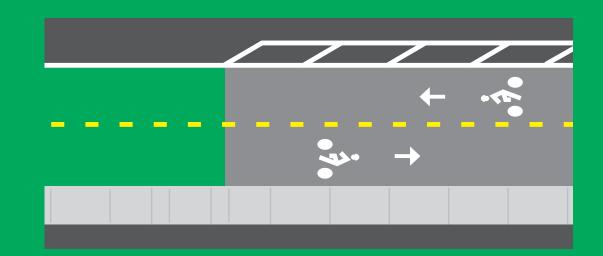
BIKE FACILITIES

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.

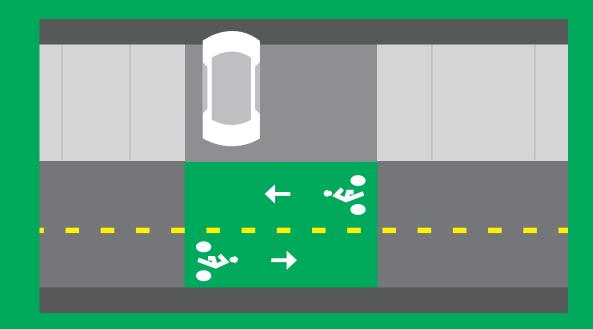


WHAT DOES THE GREEN MEAN?

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?

These are a network of neighborhood streets, designed for low speed and low traffic in order to prioritize pedestrian and bike use. They include safer crossings and wayfinding.



WHAT ARE SHARROWS?

Shared lane markings or "sharrows" guide people biking to the best place on the street to ride. They also remind people driving to share the lane with cyclists. Sharrows also mark Neighborhood Greenways routes and can be used for wayfinding.



How do I use it?

Use the sharrow to guide where you ride within the lane. Remember not to ride too close to parked cars. Follow the rules of the road.

WHAT ARE BIKE DOTS?

Bike Dots guide riders to where they should go to follow the safest bicycling route. Oftentimes, intersections and transitions in the bike network can be a bit confusing, so the bike dots are there to help you stay on route.

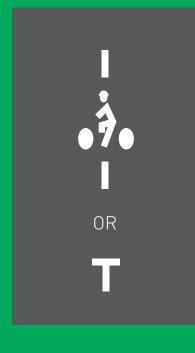


How do I use it?

Keep an eye out for painted bike dots on the street to guide where you should go next to stay on the bike route.

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 A BIKE BOX? A green painted space at

intersections with a white bike symbol. This allows bikes to enter the intersection ahead of vehicles, while making bikes more visible and predictable to drivers.



How do I use it? Ride your bicycle onto the box

and follow traffic signals to cross the intersection ahead of traffic.

