

**About This Map**  
 This map was produced collaboratively by the City of Aurora and the League of Illinois Bicyclists. It is intended to encourage bicycling as a healthy and enjoyable form of recreation and an energy-efficient, economical, and non-polluting form of transportation.

The map identifies off-road trails and suggests on-road routes for bicycle travel throughout Aurora. The roads shown in the network are rated using three relative levels of cyclist comfort. These ratings are to be used by adult cyclists, who have at least a moderate level of traffic tolerance. (Other cyclists may choose other routes appropriate for their abilities.)

As much as possible, roads with lower traffic volume and speed, ample width, and fewer stop signs are identified as preferred routes. Intersections with stoplights were preferred for crossing the busiest streets (circled intersections indicate difficult, unsignalized crossings). Though many of the streets are less than ideal, local cyclists judged them as the best available in an area.

The map also indicates which of the City's busier roads have sidewalks for pedestrians, or "sidepath" bicycle trails, on at least one side of the road. Sidewalk status is also shown for those preferred bike routes that fall below the highest comfort rating. Sidewalks along quieter roads are not shown.

Map users are encouraged to read the safety tips included, to help become a more skillful, confident, and safer bicyclist.

**NOTICE AND DISCLAIMER:** Illinois traffic laws (625 ILCS 5/11-1502) apply to persons riding bicycles. Bicyclists shall be subject to all duties applicable to drivers of a motor vehicle.

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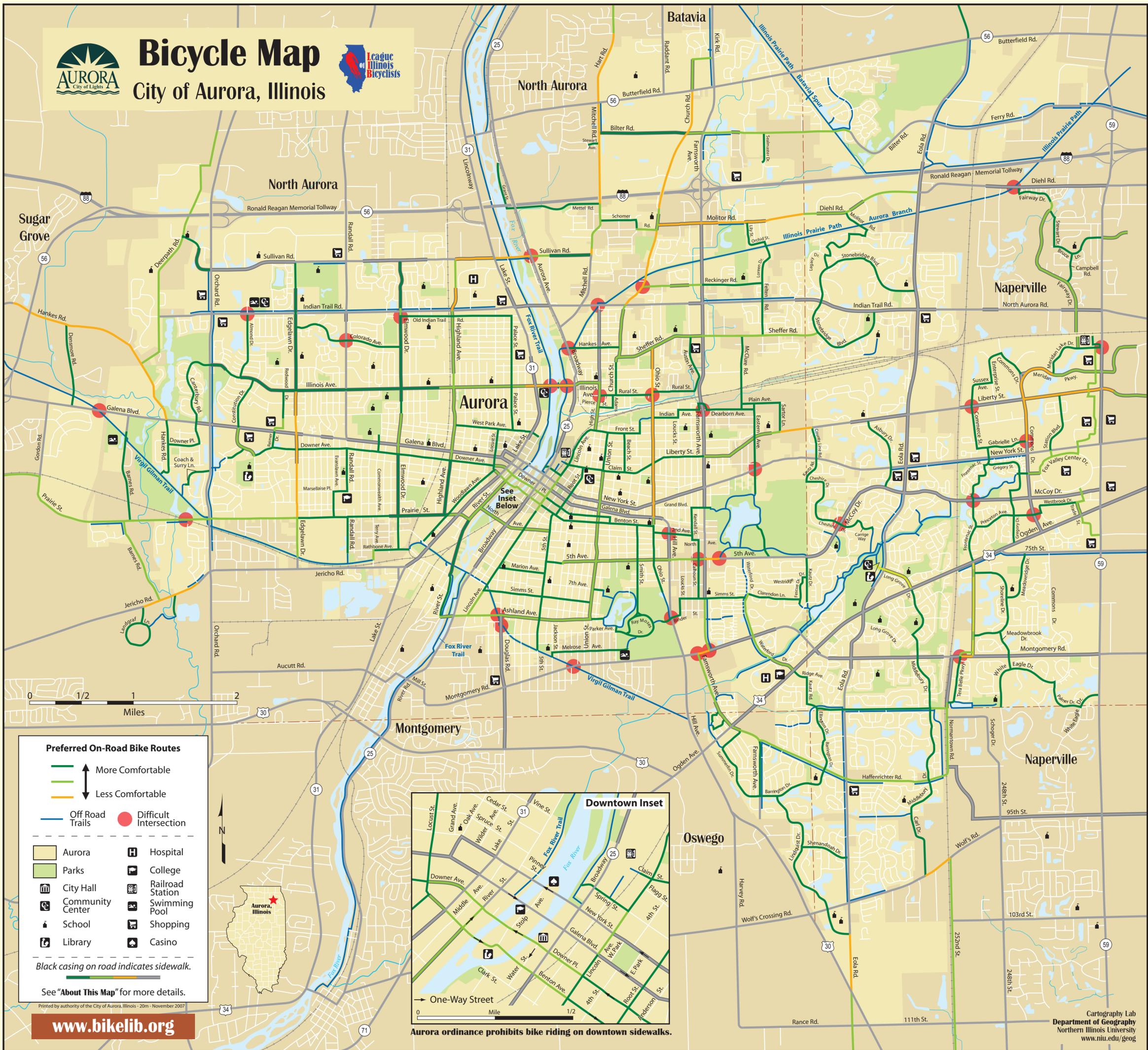
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**Explore Aurora On Two Wheels**

**City of Aurora, Illinois Bicycle Map**



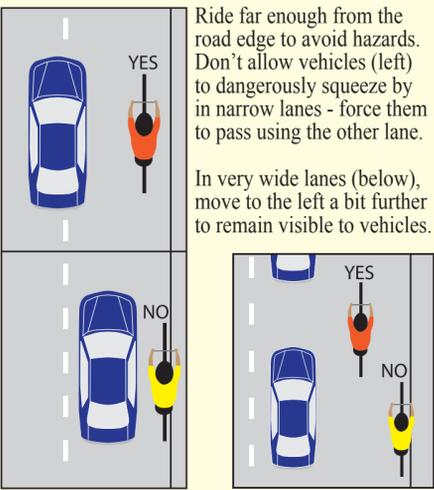
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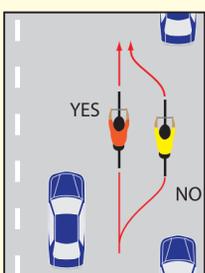
### Lane Positioning

Always ride on the right with the traffic flow. You'll be more visible to cars and safer, especially at intersections. And - it's the law.

Be predictable - ride in a straight line. Learn how to look behind you without swerving.



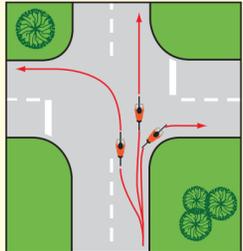
Ride in a straight line. Avoid dodging between parked cars (right). Be aware of people in parked cars who might open a door in your path.



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### Intersection Positioning

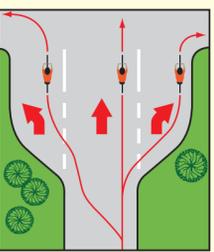
At intersections without turn lanes:



- 1) To turn left, merge into the left part of the lane.
- 2) To go straight, move slightly toward the center of the lane.
- 3) Stay right for a right turn.

You may also make a "pedestrian-style" left turn. Go straight through the intersection, stop, turn your bike left 90 degrees, then proceed as if you were coming from the right.

Whether there are turn lanes or not, always use the right-most lane going to your destination.



Use bike racks where provided. No trees, please!

### Bikes On Transit: Pace

PACE Buses - For route information, call 630-836-7000 or visit [www.pacebus.com](http://www.pacebus.com)

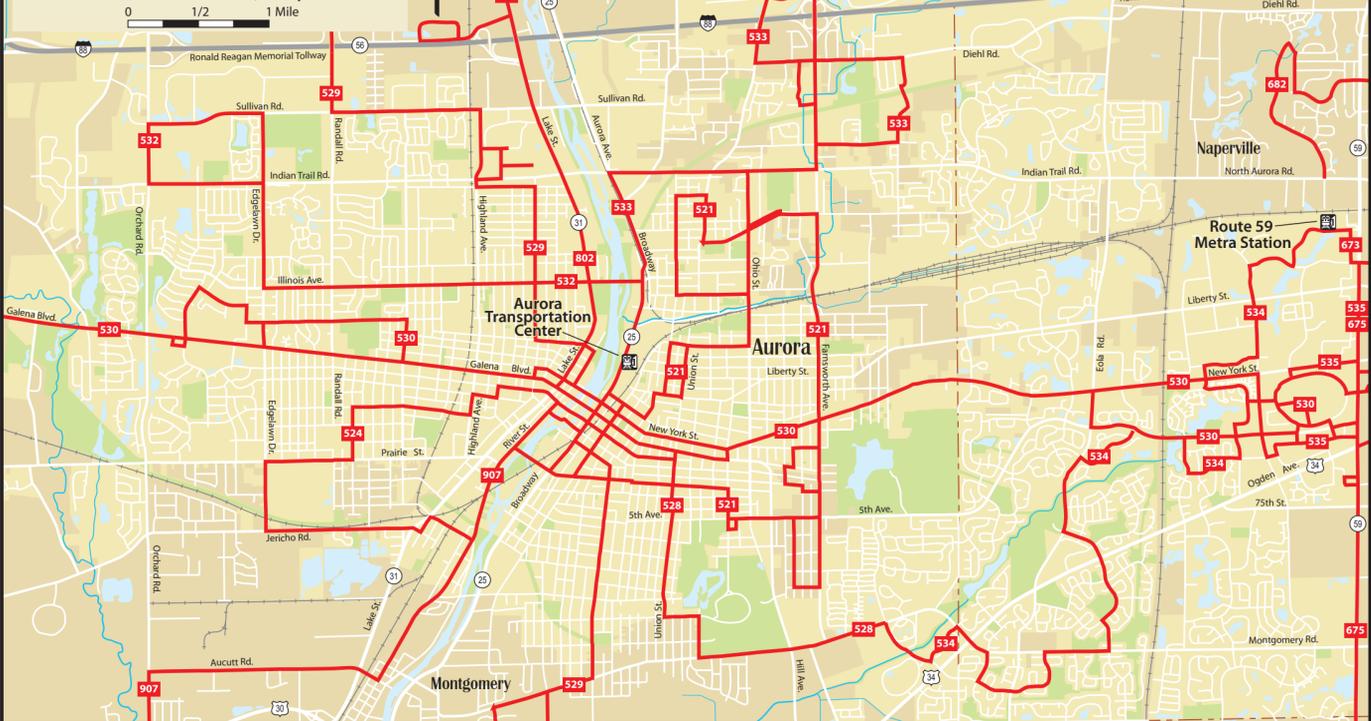
All Pace buses are equipped with a front bike rack capable of holding two bikes. Remove large accessories from your bike before loading your bike. If you're concerned about theft of your bicycle, lock your bicycle's front wheel to your frame before the bus arrives. See the following instructions to the right.



- 1 Alert the bus operator that you need to lower the rack. Lower the rack by squeezing the handle. If another bicycle is in position, the rack will already be lowered. If the bicycle rack is full, wait for the next bus.
- 2 Lift your bicycle so it sits in the empty wheel well. If yours is the first bicycle to be loaded, place it in the position nearest the bus, with the front wheel facing the curb. If yours is the second bicycle to be loaded, place it with the rear wheel facing the curb.
- 3 Swing the bicycle support arm over the front tire to hold the bicycle in place. Locks may not be used to secure the bicycles to the racks.

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Bus Routes Summer 2007  
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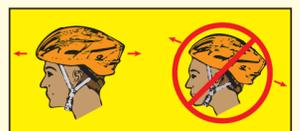
Same Roads, Same Rules, Same Rights

### Other Information

**Status on Roads** - By state law, bicyclists are granted all the rights on the road and are subject to all the rules for motorists. Traffic laws apply to cyclists - ignoring them hurts our public perception! Cyclists fare best when we act and are treated like other vehicles on the road.

**Riding Side by Side** - Riding two abreast is permitted as long as the normal and reasonable movement of traffic is not impeded.

**Wear a Helmet** - your brain is worth protecting! Wear the helmet low in the front to protect the forehead.



- Adjust for a snug fit:
- 1) EYES - should see helmet edge when you look up.
  - 2) EARS - straps should form a "Y" just under your ears.
  - 3) MOUTH - straps loose enough for a finger between buckle and jaw, but tight enough that the helmet pulls down on top your head when you open your mouth wide.
- See, Be Seen and Be Heard.** Use lights at night or in poor visibility. A white headlight and rear red reflector are required. Flashing lights are very effective. Use bike reflectors, reflective clothing, and a bell.

**Be Predictable** - signal your intentions. Also use eye contact to communicate with drivers.



**Trail Etiquette** - Keep right, pass on the left. Announce intentions to pass. Move off trail when stopped. Yield to other users as shown on this sign.



**Preventing Potential Accident Situations:**

- 1) **Motorist's Failure to Yield** - As you approach an intersection, don't hug the curb. If you are going straight, ride where a car's right wheel would be if it were going straight. Put your hands on the brake levers and watch closely. Be prepared to maneuver.
- 2) **Cyclist's Failure to Yield** - Wait for traffic to clear. Stop for traffic signals. Don't turn left unless you have checked for traffic and it is clear.
- 3) **Wrong Way Riding** - Ride with traffic, it's the law.
- 4) **Being Hit from Behind** - Become proficient at looking over your shoulder without swerving. Get a rear view mirror. Occasionally check traffic to the rear to help you blend better with the flow of cars, buses, trucks, and other bikes.
- 5) **Opening Car Doors** - Never ride closer than 3' to a parked car.
- 6) **Being Hit at Driveway or Intersection while on a Sidewalk** - Avoid riding on sidewalks unless necessary.
- 7) **Interactions at Intersections** - Use hand signals and eye contact to signal your intentions to drivers.



### Resources & Websites

- Emergencies - call 911**
- [www.bikelib.org](http://www.bikelib.org) - League of Illinois Bicyclists (statewide bicycle advocacy - 630-978-0583)
  - [www.aurora-il.org](http://www.aurora-il.org) - City of Aurora
  - [www.biketraffic.org](http://www.biketraffic.org) - Chicagoland Bicycle Federation (regional bicycle advocacy and bike map)
  - [www.co.kane.il.us/dot/COM/bicycle](http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/COM/bicycle) - Kane County bike map and bike/ped coordinator
  - [www.dupageco.org/bikeways](http://www.dupageco.org/bikeways) - DuPage County trail map and trail system coordinator
  - [www.dot.il.gov/bikemap/bikehome.html](http://www.dot.il.gov/bikemap/bikehome.html) - IDOT bike maps and state bike/ped coordinator
  - [www.bikelib.org/mapstrails](http://www.bikelib.org/mapstrails) - other bike maps, and listings of Illinois trails
  - [www.bikelib.org/video](http://www.bikelib.org/video) - LIB's video on sharing the road, for motorists
  - [www.bikelib.org/education/kidsheets.htm](http://www.bikelib.org/education/kidsheets.htm) - safety sheets for kids and their parents
  - [www.fvbsc.org](http://www.fvbsc.org) - Fox Valley Bicycle and Ski Club
  - [www.napervillebicycleclub.com](http://www.napervillebicycleclub.com) - Naperville Bicycle Club
  - [www.lepirtle.com/lib/rides/events.cfm](http://www.lepirtle.com/lib/rides/events.cfm) - public rides/events by bike clubs, others

### What is LIB?

The League of Illinois Bicyclists (LIB) is the statewide advocacy group for Illinois cyclists, promoting bicycle access, education, and safety. Staff and volunteers work on issues including promotion of better roads and policies, more trails and funding, education of cyclists and motorists, and favorable legislation. LIB works closely with municipalities, including the City of Aurora.

LIB relies heavily on dues from bicyclists like you. Check out the website at [www.bikelib.org](http://www.bikelib.org), and look through the latest newsletter. Support LIB's efforts by becoming a member at [www.bikelib.org/join](http://www.bikelib.org/join)



### Illinois Bicycle Laws

(paraphrased from Illinois' Vehicle Code 625 ILCS) Bicyclist's Status- Traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles. Bicyclists riding on a highway are granted all of the rights and are subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle, with certain exceptions. [5/11-1502]

**Lane Positioning** - When riding on roadways and bicycle paths at less than normal traffic speed, ride as close as practicable and safe to the right-hand curb or edge of roadway except:

- 1) When overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction; or
- 2) When preparing for a left turn; or
- 3) When reasonably necessary to avoid fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, motorized pedal cycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or substandard width lanes that make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge. A "substandard width lane" means a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.
- 4) When approaching a place where a right turn is authorized.
- 5) When riding on a one-way highway with two or more marked traffic lanes, bicyclists may ride as near the left-hand curb or edge of the roadway as practicable. [5/11-1507]

**Left Turns** - Bicyclists may choose between a vehicular-style left turn or a pedestrian-style left turn [5/11-1510]. For vehicular-style left turns, proceed as if driving a vehicle, moving to the left lane or the left side of a single lane prior to the intersection [5/11-801]. For pedestrian-style left turns, cycle on the right side of the roadway, cross the intersecting roadway, and stop as much as practicable out of the way of motor traffic. Cyclist will then yield to traffic and proceed in the new direction, while obeying traffic control devices and/or police officers. [5/11-1510]

**Riding Two Abreast** - Riding two abreast is permitted as long as the normal and reasonable movement of



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