

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.

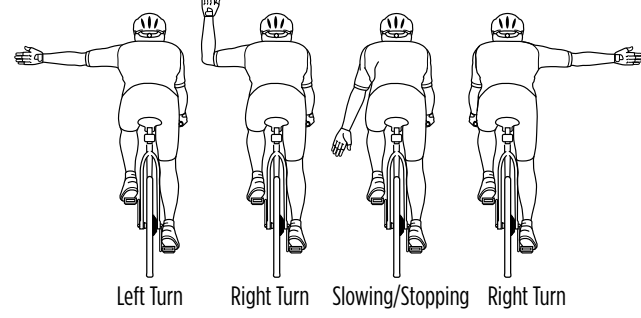
BE SEEN

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.

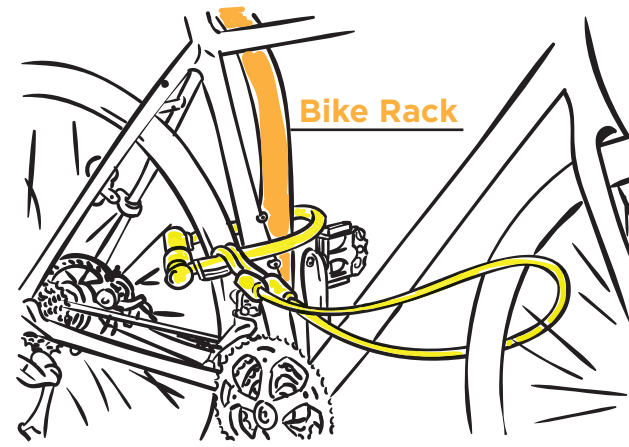
SIGNAL YOUR MOVEMENTS

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



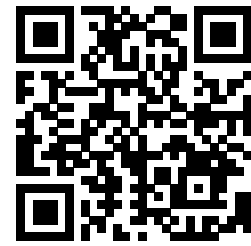
LOCKING AND REGISTERING YOUR BIKE

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.

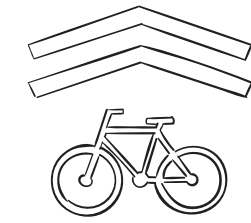


SHARE THE ROAD

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 fcmoves@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.



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.

(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.

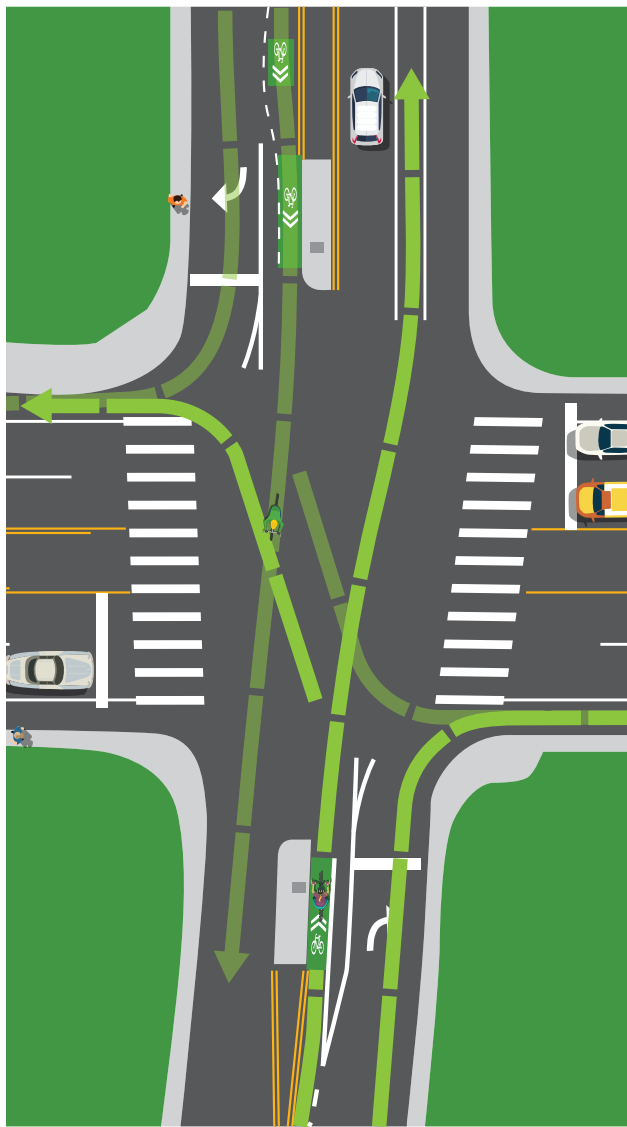
BIKE BOXES

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

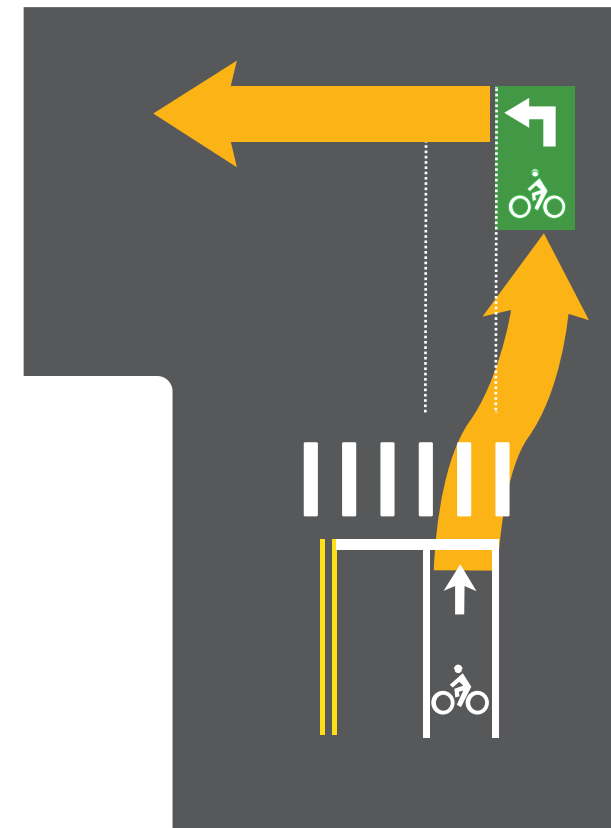
Most Transfort buses are equipped to carry three to four bicycles, offering a convenient way to increase your travel options.

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.



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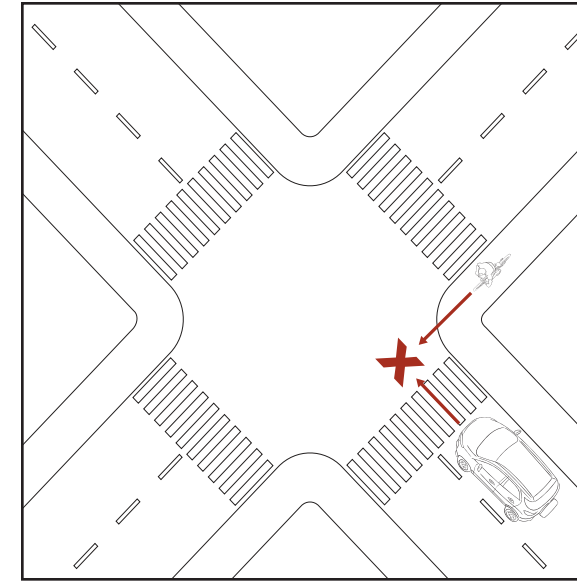
For your safety and the safety of others, be sure to obey traffic-control signs in construction zones, and follow signed detours on our roads and trails.

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

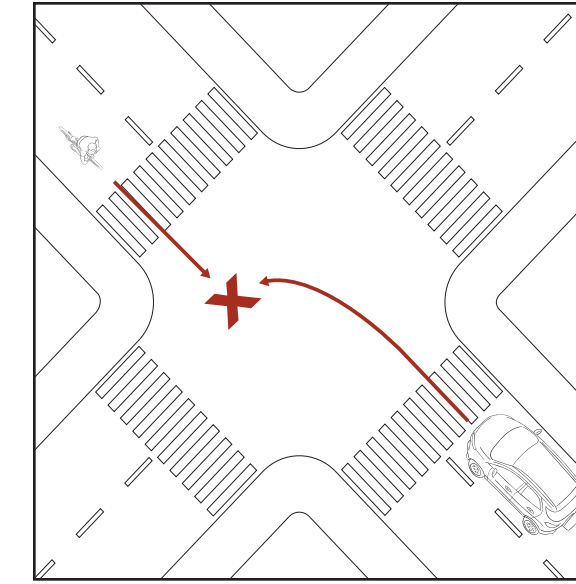


AVOID FORT COLLINS' MOST COMMON BICYCLE CRASHES:



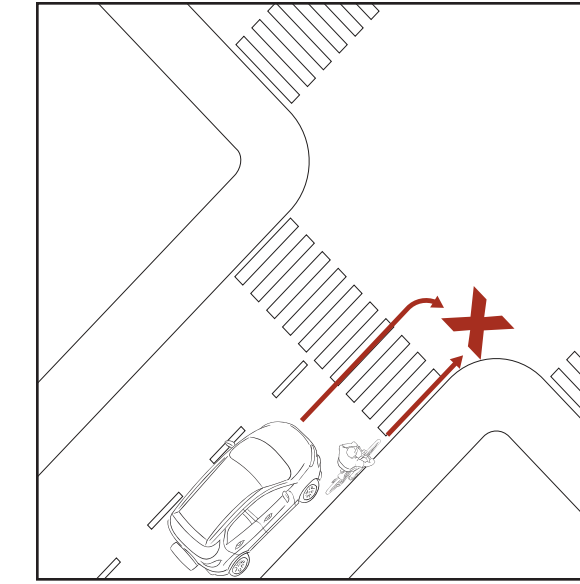
RIGHT ANGLE

- 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

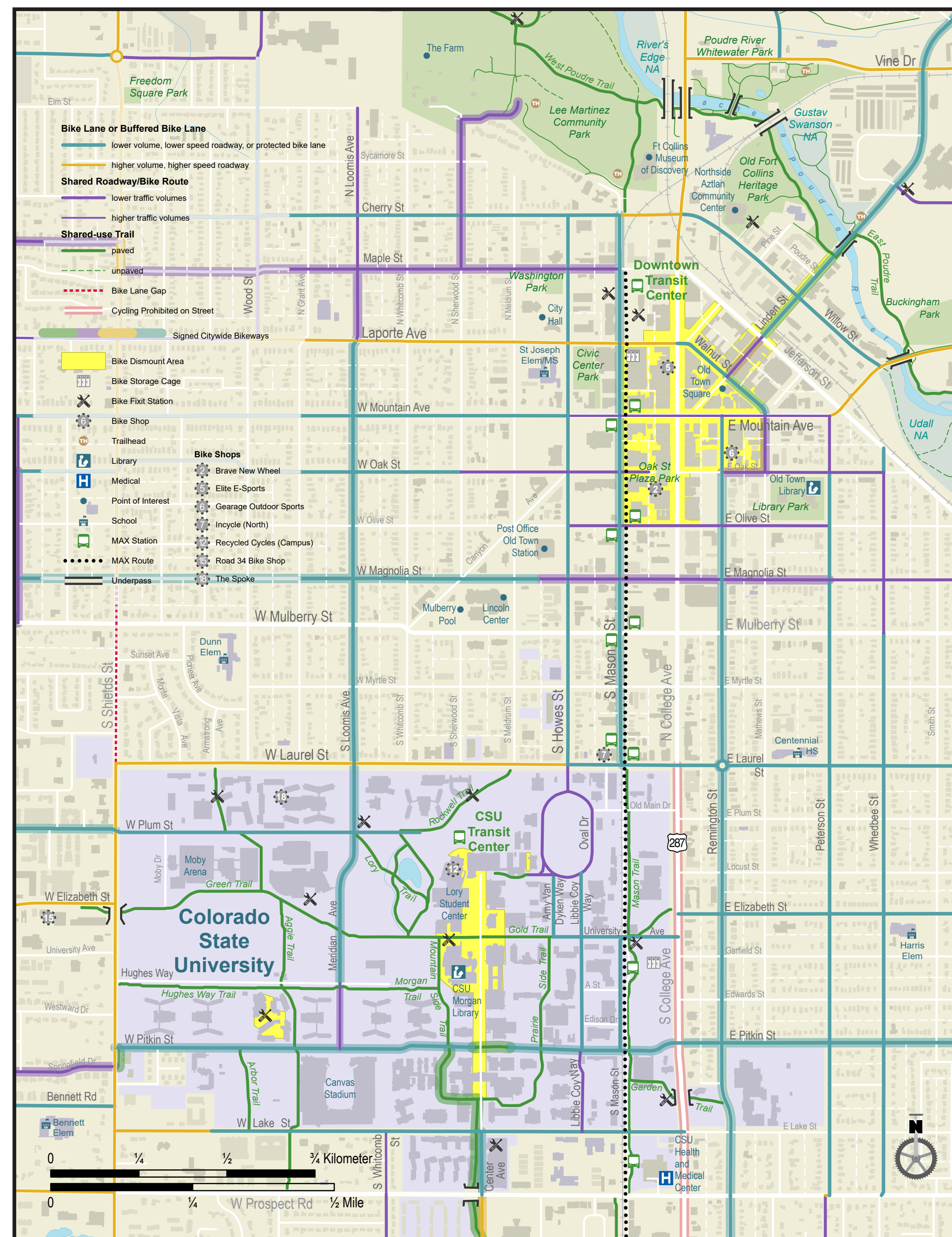
- Bicyclists can be hidden by larger vehicles, which can make it difficult for other motor vehicle drivers to see people on bikes. Making eye contact with drivers ensures you are seen while riding.
- If necessary, take the lane and move closer to the centerline of the lane so left-turning motorists can 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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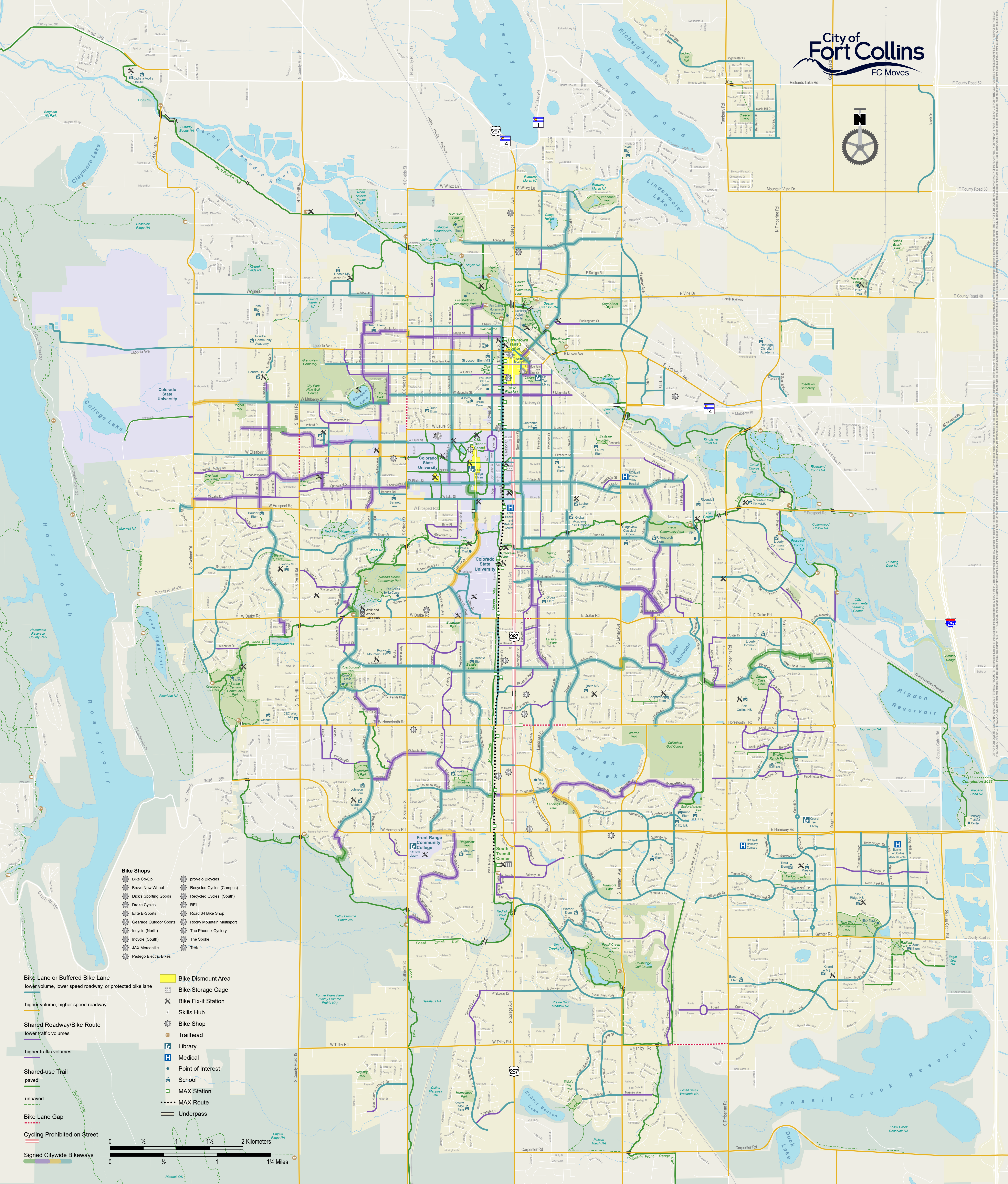
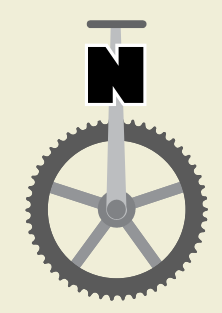
Resources
 City of Fort Collins, FC Moves
 970-476-2477, fcgov.com/fcmoves
Street and Trail Maintenance
 Report potholes or maintenance needs:
 970-221-6614 or visit [Access Fort Collins](http://AccessFortCollins) to
 submit an online report or download the
 mobile app: fcgov.com/AccessFortCollins
Police Contacts
 Report a bicycle theft:
 911 (emergency) (report a crash)
 Report your bike: fcgov.com/BikeRegistry
 Colorado State University Police: 970-491-6425
 Larimer County Sheriff: 970-498-5100
 Colorado State Patrol: 970-224-3027
 All Transfort buses are equipped to carry
 three to four bicycles, offering you a
 convenient option to expand your trip. Visit:
ridetransfort.com/abouttransfort/bike-n-ride



2023
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Bicycle Clubs and Organizations
 Fort Collins Bicycle Co-op: fcbikecoop.org
 Send Town Bike Club:
sendtownbikeclub.com
 Bike Fort Collins:
bikerfortcollins.org
 Fort Collins Cycling Club:
fortcollinscycling.com
 Overland Mountain Bike Association:
overlandmoba.org
 Team BOB (Babes on Bikes):
columbiabob.com
 Fort Collins Cycling Team:
fortcollinscycling.com
 CSU Rams Cycling Club:
rams.cyclingclub.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:
 970-476-2477, fcgov.com/fcmoves
 Spin-E-Bike Share:
fcgov.com/fcmoves/spin
 Bicycle Ambassador Program:
bicyclembaassadorprogram.org
 Safe Routes to School:
 970-476-2557, fcgov.com/safesroutes
 Fort Collins Bicycle Advisory Committee:
fcgov.com/bac



- Bike Shops**
- Bike Co-Op
 - Brave New Wheel
 - Dick's Sporting Goods
 - Drake Cycles
 - Elite E-Sports
 - Gearage Outdoor Sports
 - Incycle (North)
 - Incycle (South)
 - JAX Mercantile
 - Pedego Electric Bikes
 - proVelo Bicycles
 - Recycled Cycles (Campus)
 - Recycled Cycles (South)
 - REI
 - Road 34 Bike Shop
 - Rocky Mountain Multisport
 - The Phoenix Cyclery
 - The Spoke
 - Trek

- Bike Lane or Buffered Bike Lane
lower volume, lower speed roadway, or protected bike lane
- Shared Roadway/Bike Route
lower traffic volumes
- Shared-Use Trail
paved
- Shared-Use Trail
unpaved
- Cycling Prohibited on Street
- Signed Citywide Bikeways
- Bike Dismount Area
- Bike Storage Cage
- Bike Fix-it Station
- Skills Hub
- Bike Shop
- Library
- Medical
- Point of Interest
- School
- MAX Station
- MAX Route
- Underpass

