

FORT COLLINS, CO A Platinum **Bicycling Community**

TIPS FOR THE ROAD

Ride bright! Wear bright clothing, and use a front white light and red taillight when bicycling at night.

Be predictable! Bicyclists fare best when they act and are treated as drivers of motor vehicles.

Watch the road. Ride in a straight line at least 3 feet from parked cars, and always scan the road for obstacles, other users and people opening

car doors. Stay far enough away from the curb to avoid hazards.

Use the full travel lane if there is insufficient room for motorists to safely pass.

Sharrows designate a lane shared by bikes and motor vehicles.



Bike smart! Avoid talking on your cell phone, texting or using earphones when riding a bicycle.

Establish eye contact. Make eye contact with other road users to ensure you are seen.

Pedestrians have the right of way. In the crosswalk or not, bike riders and drivers should yield to pedestrians.

Stop behind the crosswalk. Leave crosswalks free and clear for pedestrians. Always stop behind the line.

Always use caution if bicycling on a sidewalk, crossing driveways, or in crosswalks – motorists

are not expecting you! **Use a helmet to protect your brain!** Your helmet

should be snug but not tight. It should sit level on your head (not tilted back) with the front edge no more a width of approximately 2 fingers above your eyebrows.

Pass with respect! When passing trail users, pedestrians or other cyclists:

- Be heard, use a bell or audible signal such as "on your left" (\$25 fine)
- Pass on the left
- Slow down

Cross railroad tracks at a 90 degree angle (perpendicular). Tracks are slippery when wet.

Bike-N-Ride. All Transfort buses are equipped to carry up to four bicycles, offering you a convenient option to expand your trip.

Ride right! Ride in the same direction as traffic.

Video Detection. Did you know that bicyclists are detected at most intersections in Fort Collins? Look for the white camera on the traffic signal arm and wait for the light to turn green!

Be aware of the sun. The low-angle sun in the fall and spring can make it difficult for motorists to see you.

Tips for locking your bike

- Lock your bike with a U-lock or heavy cable - Lock your wheels to your frame
- Avoid locking to trees and objects that
- are not secure
- Lock your bike in a well-lit area or where people are present
- Register your bike you will have a better chance of getting it back in the event of theft: fcgov.com/BikeRegistry

It's OK to leave the bike lane and take

- the travel lane if: - You feel safer outside the bike lane
- To avoid the door zone
- There are hazards in the bike lane – You are changing lanes to complete a turn

TRAFFIC LAWS

In Colorado, a person riding a bicycle has all the rights and duties of a driver of a motor vehicle.

- Bicycling on the sidewalks in downtown is prohibited. (\$75 fine)
- People driving or bicycling are required to provide at least 3 feet when passing a person on a bicycle. (\$75 fine)
- Bicycling is prohibited in the Colorado State University Plaza and Downtown Dismount Zones.
- Stop at stop signs and red lights. (\$100 fine)
- Bicycling is prohibited on College Ave. between Laurel St. and Harmony Road (consider using the Mason Trail instead).
- · Yield to pedestrians, wheelchair users and equestrians. (\$25 fine)
- A front white light and rear red reflector attached to the bicycle are required when bicycling in Fort Collins. (\$25 fine)
- Always ride in the direction of traffic (bicycling the wrong way on the road is illegal). Riding the wrong way on the sidewalk is unsafe.
- Avoid bicycling while under the influence of alcohol. Alcohol-related violations are the same for cyclists and motorists.
- Provide an audible warning when passing a pedestrian, bicyclist or equestrian when on recreational trails. (\$25 fine)
- Hand signals are required when bicycling. (Unless it's unsafe to make the signal.)

NAVIGATE THE ROAD





Hand signals for turning

Mason St. and Laurel St. intersection









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Bike boxes can be found at Plum St. & Shields St. and College Ave. & Laurel St.





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to submit an online report or download the 970.221.6614 or visit Access Fort Collins Report potholes or maintenance needs: Street and Trail Maintenance Resources

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Bicycle Ambassador Program 970-419-1050, fcbikelibrary.org Fort Collins Bike Library:

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