

WELCOME to the Walk & Wheel Skills Hub — 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 open to the public and can be used by people of all ages.

Check out fcgov.com/fcbikes and fcgov.com/saferoutes to learn about class offerings hosted at the Skills Hub and other information about bicycling and walking in Fort Collins.



TIPS FOR THE SKILLS HUB & THE ROAD

BICYCLISTS RIDE SMART

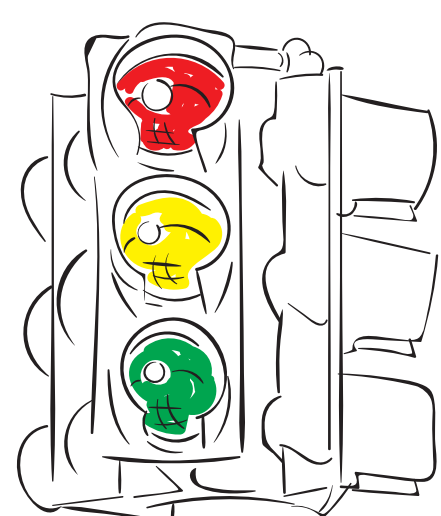


PROTECT YOUR BRAIN

Your helmet should sit level on your head with the chin strap fastened — snug but comfortable.

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. Take advantage of the brief stop to catch your breath and say “Hi” to fellow cyclists.

GIVE YOURSELF SOME SPACE

Take the full travel lane when warranted and move back over to the right as soon as it is safe to do so. Ride no more than two abreast, and single up if faster moving traffic is backing up behind you.

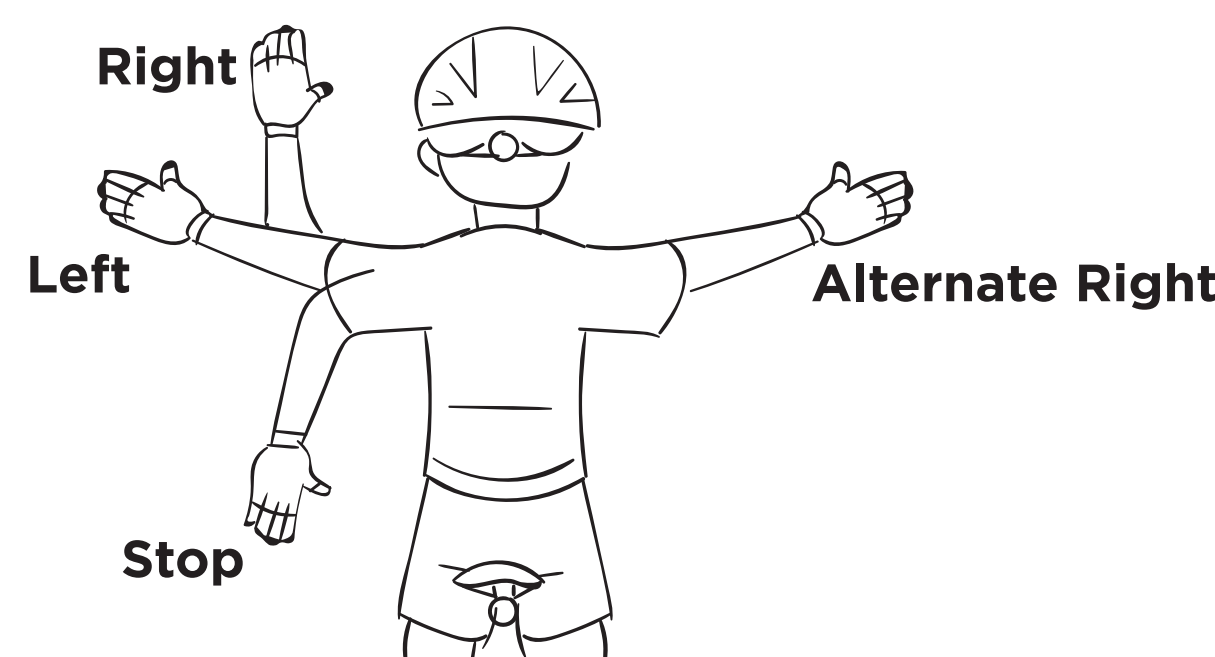


LEAVE SIDEWALKS TO PEDESTRIANS

It's best for cyclists to use roadways unless the sidewalk is the only option. If using a sidewalk, avoid riding against traffic. When entering streets, driveways and crosswalks, slow down and watch carefully for motorists who might not see you. Dismount and walk through marked dismount zones.

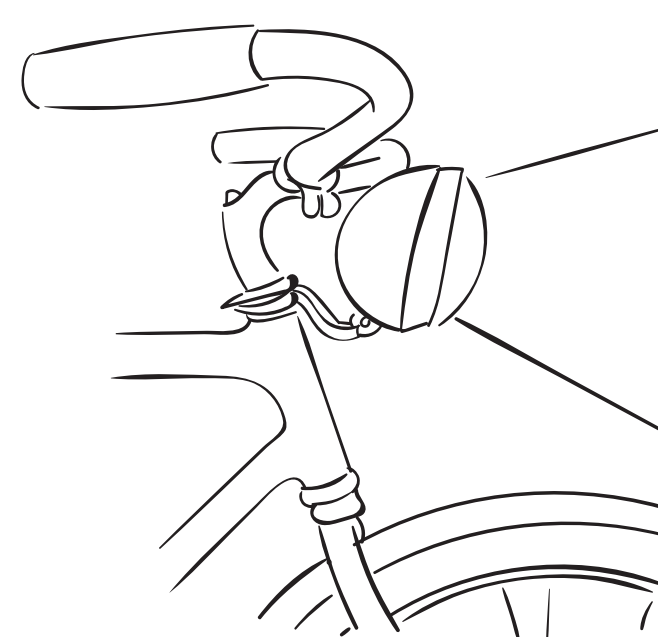
SIGNAL YOUR MOVEMENTS

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



LINE UP

Don't try to squeeze between parked or moving cars. If there is no bike lane approaching an intersection, or when turning vehicles are in the bike lane, you need to wait in line with the cars rather than squeezing through on the right.

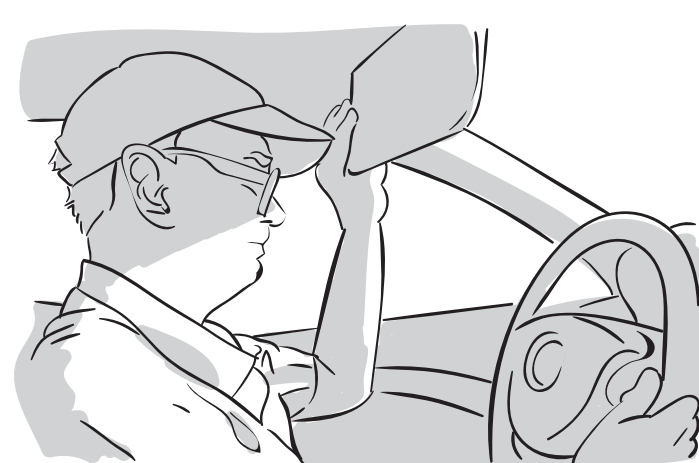


RIDE BRIGHT

At night or when visibility is poor, cyclists are required to use a front white light and rear red reflector. A red taillight and bright clothing with reflective elements are recommended.

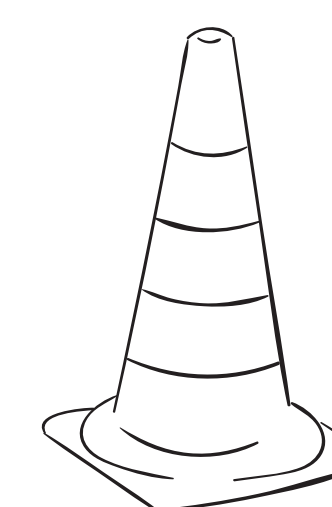
DRIVE YOUR BIKE

Your bike is a vehicle; as the driver you must follow the laws and ride predictably to help other road users know what to expect.



BLINDED BY THE LIGHT

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



RESPECT THE CONE

Obey traffic control signs in construction zones, and follow signed detours.

DO THE "RIGHT" THING

Use rightmost lane that serves your destination. This may be the left-turn lane if you are turning left.

HAPPY TRAILS FOR ALL

Share the trail — slow down, indicate you are passing with a bell or your voice, and pass on the left when safe to do so.

WALKERS GO FIRST

Yield to pedestrians at intersections, mid-block crossings, and on sidewalks and trails.

PEDESTRIANS WALK SMART

BE VISIBLE

Wear bright clothing when walking at night.

BE SEEN

When walking and bicycling, it's best to make eye contact with other road users to ensure you are seen, and always act predictably to avoid confusion.



WALK TOGETHER

Younger children should walk with adults so that they learn how to navigate streets safely. For schoolchildren of all ages, it's safer to walk in groups rather than alone.

CHOOSE A SAFE ROUTE

Whenever possible, use sidewalks, multi-use trails and streets that have less traffic and lower speeds.

CROSSING BUSY STREETS

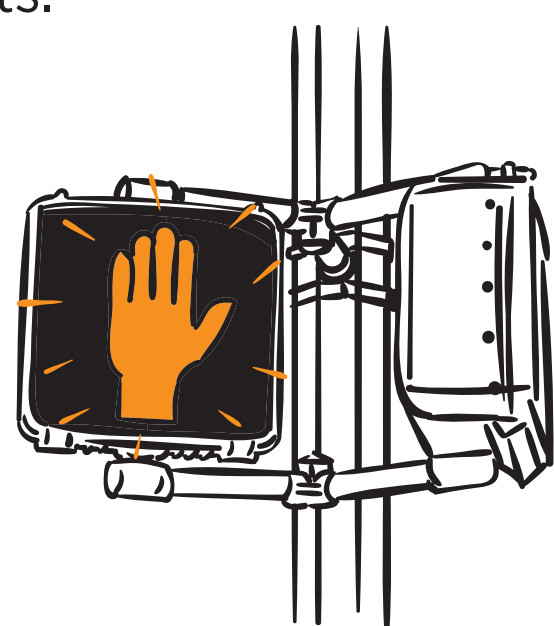
Use crosswalks and intersections with walk signals. Stop at the curb and look for traffic in all directions (left, right, in front of and behind you).

NEVER DART INTO A STREET

If your ball or pet goes into the street, stop at the curb and look for cars before going after it. Always walk — not run — across streets.

MIND THE HAND

Always wait for the white pedestrian indication to start walking. Don't enter a crosswalk when the orange hand is flashing or solid.



TRAVEL SMART

Avoid talking on your cell phone, texting or using earbuds when walking or riding a bike.

MORE TIPS BE SMART

BIKE-N-RIDE

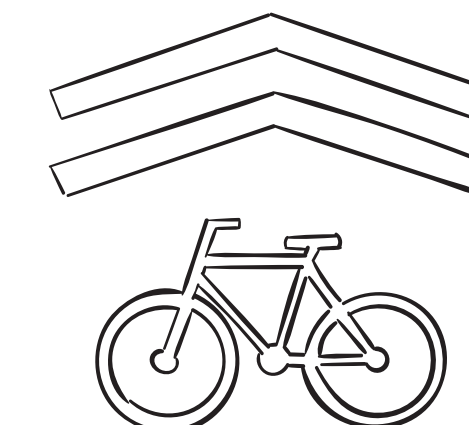
All Transfort buses are equipped to carry three to four bicycles, offering a convenient option to expand your trip.

VIDEO DETECTION

If you see a small white camera on the traffic signal arm at intersections, this is a special device that detects bicyclists. Wait for the signal to turn green!

SHARROWS

These pavement markings indicate a shared lane for bicycles and automobiles and indicate proper bicyclist positioning in the lane.

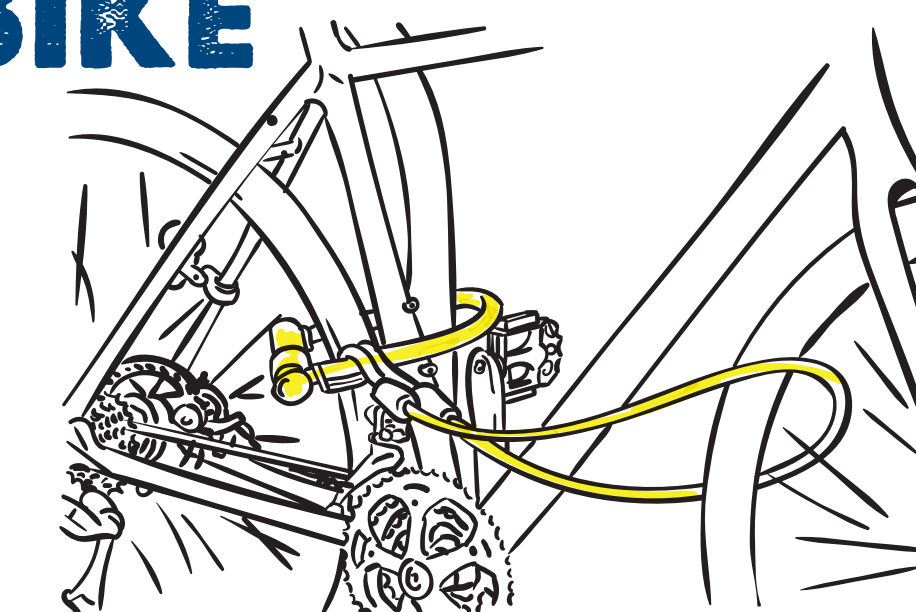


REPORT ROAD HAZARDS

Use the Access Fort Collins app on the fcgov.com website or your smartphone to report potholes, broken glass, missing utility covers and other road hazards.

LOCKING 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. And 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.



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