

#### Class I

Class I facilities are off-street trails that can either be paved or unpaved. These are suitable for all riders.

# Class II

Class II bikeways are on-street bike lane facilities that separate bicycles from vehicle traffic by paint. These are suitable for more experienced riders or those traveling in groups.

#### Class III

Class III routes do not provide any separation from vehicle traffic as bicycles may use the full lane when riding. These routes are suitable for the most experienced of riders.

#### **Public Access Path**

Public Access Paths are small pathways or openings in walls or fences that often connect two neighborhoods by providing a more direct route for bicycle and pedestrians. These paths are suitable for all riders.

Bicyclists are permitted to ride on all streets in the City of Sunnyvale except Hwys 101, 237, and 85. In order to aid in route selection, all major streets in Sunnyvale have been rated to indicated the level of competence recommended for safe bicycle travel.

# Beginner

Streets with low traffic volumes and speeds. Suitable for bicyclists with limited cycling ability and some knowledge of safety rules and the rights and responsibilities of cyclists and motorists.

# Intermediate

Streets with moderate speeds and traffic volumes. Bicyclists must share the road with vehicles; however, there is typically enough room for this to be accommodated comfortably. Suitable for riders with knowledge of safety rules and responsibilities and a basic level of cycling competency.

# **Advanced**

Streets with high speeds and traffic volumes. Bicyclists must share the road with vehicles in situations of limited roadway width and with parked vehicles. Suitable for bicyclists capable of riding on major roadways, in high traffic volume with very little difficulty, and knowledgeable of all safety rules and responsibilities.

**BIKE/TRANSIT CONNECTIONS** Bicycles can be accommodated on all public transportation in the Bay Area except on the San Francisco Muni Metro and on historic streetcars and cable cars.

# Caltrain

Bicycles are welcome on all trains at all all times as long as there is space. Gallery train cars are limited to 32 bicycles and Bombardier cars (Baby Bullet) can accommodate 16 bicycles. Look for the yellow sticker which designates the proper car. Call 800.660.4287 for helpful destination tags for your bike.

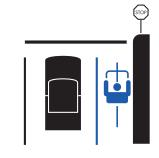
# **VTA Buses**

All VTA buses are equipped with an exterio bike rack that can accommodate up to two bikes. If the rack is full, up to two bikes will be allowed inside the bus subject to the driver's discretion.

# **VTA Light Rail**

All light rail vehicles are equipped with interior bike racks. Up to six bicycles are allowed inside a light rail vehicle. Bikes must be board through the center doors and are restricted to the designated area.

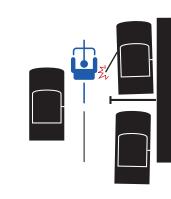
# **Obey All Signs & Traffic Lights**



**Safety Tips** 

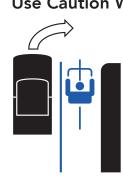
Bicycles must be driven like other vehicles if they are to be taken seriously by motorists. Never ride against traffic no matterwhere you are riding.

# Ride Consistently & Avoid the Door Zone



Ride as close as practical to the right except when travelling at the normal speed of traffic, avoiding hazards, preparing to make a left turn, or using a one-way street. The Door Zone is the 4 feet along the left side of a parked car where an opening door can hit and seriously injure a cyclist.

# **Use Caution When Passing**



Motorists may not see you on their right, so stay out of the driver's "blind spot". Be very careful when overtaking cars while in a bike lane; drivers don't always signal when turning. Also be alert for car doors opening and cars pulling out from side streets or driveways.

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# **Use Hand Signals**



 $\Leftarrow$  LEFT RIGHT  $\Longrightarrow$ 

Hand signals tell motorists what you intend to do. For turn signals, point in the direction of your turn. Signal as a matter of courtesy and safety, and as required by law.

### **Get A Green Light**



If you come to a red light and see this symbol on the street, position your bike directly over it. Wait, and soon the light will turn green! If a car is already there, it will activate the light for you.

# Go Slow On Shared Paths

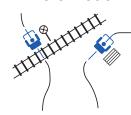


Pedestrians have the right of way on paths and walkways. You must give an audible warning when you pass. Cross driveways and intersections at a walker's pace and look carefully for traffic.

#### **Avoid Road Hazards**

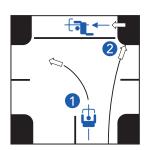
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Bike to Work Day



Watch for sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, oily pavement, gravel, and ice. Cross railroad tracks at right angles. For better control as you move across bumps and hazards, stand up on your pedals.

# Choose The Best Way To Turn Left



There are two ways to make a left turn: 1) Like an auto: look back, signal, move into the left lane, and turn left. 2) Like a pedestrian: ride straight to the far-side crosswalk, then walk your bike across or queue up in the traffic lane.

# Ride A Well-Equipped Bike



Outfit your bike with a good bike lock, tool kit, fenders, and bike bags. Wear a hard-shell helmet whenever you ride (required by law for cyclists under 16 years old).

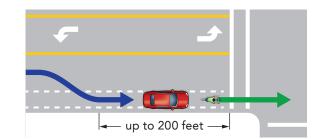
#### See and Be Seen At Night

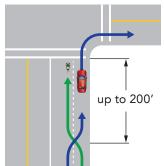


Use bike reflectors, reflective clothing, and a bell. Equip your bike with a powerful front headlight (visible from 500') and rear reflector (visible from 600') for riding at night or when visibility is poor. Flashing lights are especially effective.

# It's the Law: Merge **Right to Turn Right**

#### **Legal Right Turn Options**





other traffic already in the lane. Turn from the curb rather than across the bicycle lane. Optional: ONLY if it is

The safe and proper way

to make a right turn:

Merge right into the

standard traffic lanes,

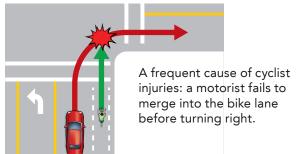
yielding to bicyclists and

bicycle lane as you

would with other

# safe to do so.

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# **ABC Quick Check**

#### A is for AIR

Inflate tires to pressure listed on the sidewall of the tire. Use a gauge to ensure proper pressure.

# B is for BRAKES

Brake pads should not be worn too thin or rub against your wheel or tire. Brake levers should not pull all the way down to your handlebars.

#### C is for CRANKS AND CHAIN

Your cranks (the arms your pedals are attached to) should be bolted tightly. Make sure your chain connects smoothly to your gears and doesn't skip.

# QUICK is for QUICK RELEASE LEVERS

Make sure your quick release levers are tight. They are usually found on your hubs (in the center of the wheel) and your seat post.

# **CHECK is for CHECK IT OVER**

Check the bike over for loose or broken parts. Take a test ride to check braking and shifting. Source: The League of American Bicyclists For more information visit www.bikeleague.org

# **Bicycle Organizations and Resources** 511 Bay Area Travel Guide

bicycling.511.org

Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition www.svbcbikes.org | 408.867.9797

California Bicycle Coalition www.calbike.org | 916.446.7558

League of American Bicyclists www.bikeleague.org | 202.822.1333

Sunnyvale BPAC www.sunnyvale.ca.gov | 408.730.7415

**Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee** www.vta.org | 408.321.5680

# **Locking Your Bike**

# **Bicycle Parking Tips**

Bicycle theft is a common problem. Never leave your bike unlocked, not even for a second! Always use a high quality U-Lock or chain.

Always lock the frame and front wheel to a secure rack or post, since wheels can often be easily removed from a bike (see Illustration 1). For extra security remove the front wheel and lock it with the frame and rear wheel (see Illustration 2).

When leaving your bike for long periods or overnight, bring your bicycle indoors or lock in a secure location. Remove components that could easily be stolen such as lights or speedometers.





Illustration 2

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The **Sunnyvale Bicycle Map** was developed to encourage more people to bicycle by identifying a network of the best streets and paths for bicycling, to educate bicyclists about their rights and responsibilities as roadway users, to inform bicyclists about access to public transit, and to recognize bicycling as a legitimate form of transportation.

All roadways in Sunnyvale are accessible to bikes except Highways 101, 280, 85, and 237.

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The Sunnyvale Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is a group of Sunnyvale residents appointed by the City Council to recommend bicycle and pedestrian project priorities and priorities for implementation of Sunnyvale's Bicycle Program. The BPAC works closely with the Department of Public Works and other City Departments in the formulation of enhanced education and bicycle safety programs.

The seven-member advisory committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the West Conference Room, City Hall, 456 West Olive Avenue. The meetings are open to the public.

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