

Bicycle Facility Types



CLASS I

Shared-Use Path

- Paths completely separated from motor vehicle traffic used by people walking and biking.
- Comfortable for people of all ages and abilities.
- Typically located immediately adjacent and parallel to a roadway or in its own independent right-of-way, such as within a park or along a body of water.



CLASS II

Bicycle Lane

- A dedicated lane for bicycle travel adjacent to traffic.
- A painted white line separates the bicycle lane from motor vehicle traffic.



CLASS IIB

Buffered Bicycle Lane

- A dedicated lane for bicycle travel separated from vehicle traffic by a painted buffer.
- The buffer provides additional comfort for users by providing space from motor vehicles or parked cars.



CLASS III

Bicycle Route

- A signed bike route that people biking share with motor vehicles.
- Can include pavement markings.
- Comfortable facility for more confident bicyclists.
- Recommended when space for a bike lane may not be feasible.



CLASS IIIB

Bicycle Boulevard

- Calm, local streets where bicyclists have priority but share roadway space with motor vehicles.
- Shared roadway bicycle markings on the pavement as well as traffic calming features such as speed humps and traffic diverters keep these streets more comfortable for bicyclists.
- Comfortable facility for bicyclists with wider range of abilities.



CLASS IV

Separated Bikeway

- An on-street bikeway separated from motor vehicle traffic by a curb, median, planters, parking delineators, or other physical barrier.