



Share the Road

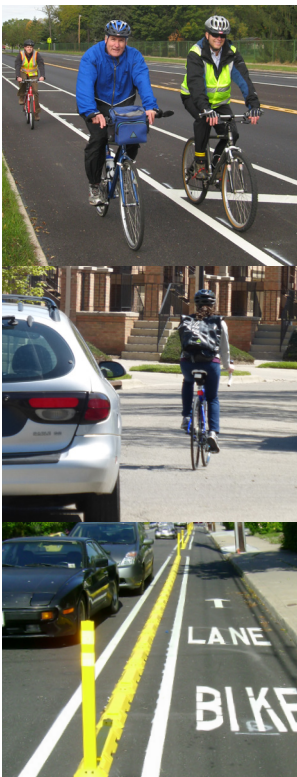


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Under Ohio law*, adult bicyclists belong on the road. While the law tells bicyclists to normally ride to the far right, they may lawfully use a full lane to avoid obstacles, make left turns, or when roadways are too narrow for a motorist to safely pass a bicyclist.

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) promotes collaboration among communities, stakeholders, and residents to advance regional priorities. MVRPC developed Share the Road to make our Region's roads safer for everyone – motorists and bicyclists. Share the Road is a part of the Miami Valley Bike Plan Update. This Plan:

- Provides a long-term vision for the development of a bicycle network consisting of off-street trails and on-street bike facilities, complemented by education and encouragement programs;
- Promotes active, safe and healthy transportation choices; and
- Makes the Miami Valley a more attractive and bikeable place for residents and visitors.



The Miami Valley Region is investing in more bike facilities to increase bicycle use and make bicycling safer. This includes a wide range of improvements:

- Bike lanes are a part of the road for bicycles only. Some bike lanes may have green pavement to make it easier for cars and bicyclists to see them.
- Buffered bike lanes are bike lanes with additional space between bicycles and cars.
- Shared-use paths are also called bike paths. There are two main types – a side path, close to the roadway, or a path in a park like setting or through woods.
- Bicycle boulevards are low-volume, low-speed streets optimized for bicycle travel using traffic calming and traffic reduction treatments, signs and pavement markings and intersection crossing treatments.
- Shared lane markings, also called sharrows, indicate that a lane on the road is for both cars and bicycles.
- Shoulder bikeways, also called paved shoulders, are road shoulders that are paved to make it easier for bicyclists to use.
- Bike boxes are marked parts of road intersections showing that bicyclists can move to the front of the intersection and that cars need to yield to them.
- Signs to direct bicyclists along paths and roads.

While many cyclists prefer these facilities, cyclists are not required to use them. Bikes are legal vehicles in Ohio and can be expected on any street or road except limited access highways.

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TIPS FOR BICYCLISTS

- Obey all traffic laws, including stopping for red lights and stop signs.
- Ride with traffic; never against it.
- Try to make eye contact with motorists.
- Wear a properly fitting helmet, even on the shortest of rides.
- Ride in the street. Refer to your local city code for guidance about sidewalks.
- Keep your bike in working order, especially your brakes and chain.
- Ride predictably. Use proper hand signals for turning and stopping.
- Ride respectfully, single file or no more than two abreast.
- Ride outside the “door zone” of parked cars, even if there is a bike lane or traffic trying to pass you.
- Ride far enough from the curb to avoid potholes, debris and storm grates.
- Be visible, wear bright clothing.
- Use a bicycle headlight and taillight at night and in inclement weather.



TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

Under Ohio law*, adult bicyclists belong on the road, not on the sidewalk.

- Pay attention. Expect bikes and motorcycles on the road, and pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Pass with care. Allow at least three feet between you and bicyclists.
- Wait until it's safe to pass bicyclists.
- Try to make eye contact with bicyclists.
- When making left turns, yield to oncoming bicyclists.
- Before making right turns, check for approaching bicyclists on your right. Yield as you merge carefully into the turn lane.
- Use your mirrors! Look for approaching bicyclists before opening your car doors.
- Watch for and yield to bicyclists when pulling out of a driveway.

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Remember, call the Local Police Dispatch if you see an immediate issue, violation or accident. Or call 9-1-1 in case of an emergency.