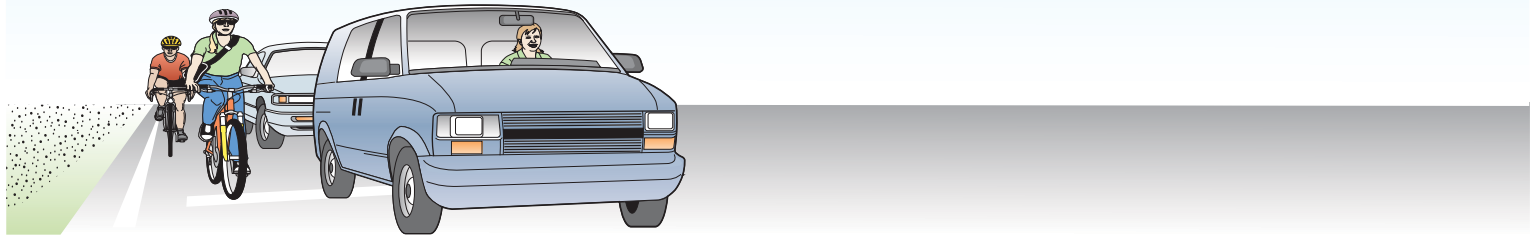


Sharing the Road Safely

Please take a moment to read through these tips to learn more about cycling safely in our great region. Be polite and be smart. Show respect for all users of the road, and you'll get respect back as a result. Cyclists & Drivers: Same roads, same rules, same rights and responsibilities.

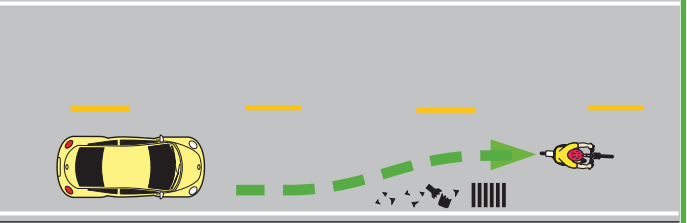


Be polite and be smart

Use hand signals to show your intentions and ride in a predictable fashion. (A.R.S. 28-756) Obey all traffic laws, signs and signals.



Take the lane when appropriate

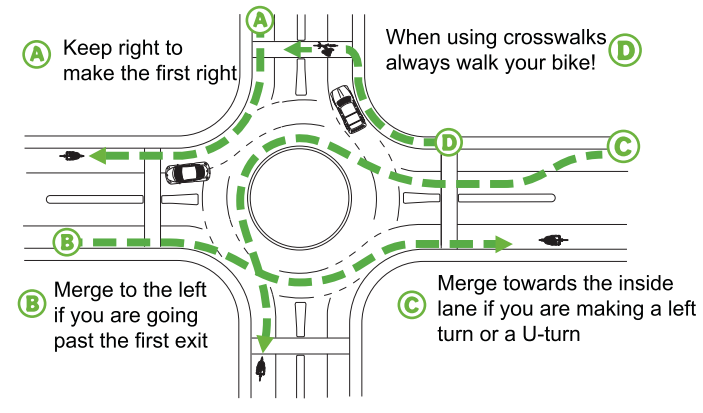


Remember that you may "take the lane" if the lane is not wide enough for both a car and a bike (A.R.S. 28-815). Check behind to make sure it's safe, signal your intentions, and take the lane by riding 1/3 to 1/2 of the way into the lane. When safe and possible, move to the right to allow a following vehicle to pass.

Arizona Bicycle Laws - See AZ Statutes Title 28, Article 11

- A person riding a bicycle on a roadway or on a shoulder adjoining a roadway is granted all of the rights and is subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle
- A person riding a bicycle on a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except under any of the following situations
 - If overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle
 - If preparing for a left turn
 - If reasonably necessary to avoid hazardous conditions
 - If the lane in which the person is operating the bicycle is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane

Persons riding bicycles on a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast



What to do in a Roundabout

Ride Like a Car:

- If you are comfortable riding in traffic, you may ride on the circulatory roadway of the roundabout like a car.
- As you approach the roundabout, merge into the entry lane before the shoulder or bike lane ends. It is generally safest for bicyclists to claim the lane.
- Obey all of the same driving instructions as for cars. Watch out for vehicles crossing your path to enter or exit the roundabout.
- Communicate your intentions to drivers by pointing to your destination.

Walk Like Pedestrians:

- If you are uncomfortable riding in traffic, dismount your bicycle at the crosswalk and move to the sidewalk. Once on the sidewalk, walk your bicycle like a pedestrian. Obey all of the same instructions as for pedestrians.

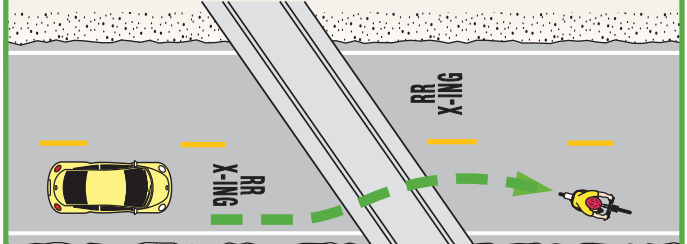
Protect your head!

Helmet and bicycle mirrors improve your overall awareness and allow you to see following vehicles.



According to national studies, 85% of brain injuries can be prevented by wearing a helmet.

Cross tracks carefully



Watch ahead for hazardous railroad and trolley tracks. Look behind you to make sure it's safe, signal your intentions, then cross tracks as close to a right angle as possible (A.R.S. 28-815).

SANTA CRUZ VALLEY BIKE MAP

Green Valley - Sahuarita and Surrounding Areas

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