

Cycling on Minneapolis Trails and Sidewalks

Riding on sidewalks is illegal downtown, in business districts, and on the U of M campus. Use caution and yield to pedestrians when riding on sidewalks elsewhere.

When necessary, advise others when passing.

When a trail or sidewalk parallels a street, look ahead and especially over your shoulder for cars turning onto a street you are about to cross.

Trails in Minneapolis may be either separated or shared. Where they are separated, use only trails designated for bicycles. Look for pavement markings and signs and yield to pedestrians and slower traffic.

Trail crossings. Obey traffic signs and markings on streets and trails.

Keep to the right. Yield to pedestrians and slower moving traffic except when passing. Slow down when there are lots of users on the trail.

Park Board trails have a 10 mph speed limit.

Cycling on Minneapolis Streets

Obey all traffic regulations.

Ride in a straight line. Avoid weaving.

Never ride against traffic.

Use entire travel lane:

- when it's too narrow for motorists to safely pass you, or
- when you're moving the same speed as traffic

Avoid the Door Zone, the 4-foot-wide area along the side of a parked car.

Scan for oncoming and turning vehicles.

Scan right at intersections, alleys, and driveways.

Don't pass a truck or bus on its right side.

Use left-turn lanes to make left turns. Use a two-step box turn to make a left turn on busier streets.

Use extra caution around trucks and buses. Many trucks have a blind spot on their right side. Watch for turn signals.

Pay close attention at intersections.

Rear Wheel Track

Classic Left

Box Turn