

BICYCLE SAFETY: TIPS FOR RIDERS OF ALL AGES



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HIDALGO COUNTY METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION
&
RUN RIDE SHARE



JOIN THE HCMPO BIKE/PED TASK FORCE

The Bike/Ped Task Force consists of citizens across the Valley; some represent themselves or various advocacy groups and organizations. Members discuss and make suggestions on how to make Hidalgo County roads & streets safer and accessible for cyclists and pedestrians. They also plan community events with a health or transportation initiative.

BIKE/PED MEETS EVERY 2ND MONDAY OF THE
MONTH AT 6PM. LOCATIONS VARY.

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SAFE PASSING ORDINANCE



GIVE 3FT

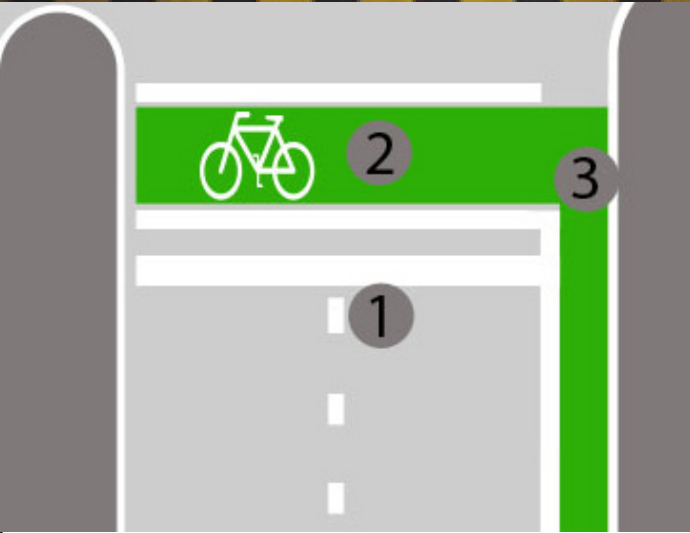


OF SPACE



ALAMO	ALTON	AUSTIN	BEAUMONT	BROWNSVILLE
CORPUS CHRISTI	DENTON	EDCOUCH	EDINBURG	EL PASO
FORT WORTH	HARLINGEN	HELOTES	HOUSTON	MCALLEN
MISSION	NEW BRAUNFELS	PALMHURST	PHARR	PLANO
SAN ANTONIO	SAN JUAN	SAN MARCOS	WESLACO	

All non-commercial vehicles MUST give cyclists and other vulnerable road users 3 ft. of safe distance while passing; 6 ft for large commercial vehicles. A vulnerable road user is defined as a pedestrian, a person on horseback, cyclists, and/or motorcyclists, including the disabled and highway/construction workers with legitimate business in or near the road or right-of-way.



BIKE BOXES:

1. MOTOR VEHICLES MUST STOP HERE ON RED LIGHTS
2. GREEN BOX IS FOR CYCLISTS WISHING TO TURN LEFT OR GO STRAIGHT AT THE LIGHT.
3. MOTOR VEHICLES MAY NOT TURN RIGHT ON RED. MUST WAIT BEHIND CYCLISTS

RUN RIDE SHARE

The Run Ride Share Safety Awareness Committee was formed in April 2014 in response to the deaths of 4 cyclists in the McAllen / Edinburg area. It is committed to bringing awareness to the RGV and continue to press for greater safety for cyclists, runners, motorcycles, etc.



STAY VISIBLE:

- Bicycles are legal vehicles and must follow the same rules as motorists.
- Wear bright or reflective colors, especially at dawn and dusk.
- Bicycle must be equipped with a white lamp in the front visible from 500 feet & a red lamp or reflector at the back visible from 300 feet

RIDE RESPONSIBLE:

- Ride in designated bike lanes or shoulders where existant.
- Ride in a relatively straight line, as far right as safely possible. Do not weave dangerously between parked vehilces.
- Signal your intentions for a turn (right or left turns) to other cyclists and motorists.
- Ride with the flow of traffic and obey all traffic signs and signals.

WATCH FOR MOTORISTS:

- Watch for motorists turning left who may fail to see cyclists in oncoming traffic
- Watch for motorists turning right as they may turn into and across the path of a cyclist
- Watch for motorists pulling away from a stop sign as they may fail to yeild the right-of-way to cyclists.

BE PREPARED:

- Be sure to keep your bicycle in proper working condition.
- Check for weather conditions and dress accordingly.
- Carry water and other fluids to prevent dehydration. Rest before the point of exhaustion.
- Know how to make emergency repairs on your bike, or keep enough change for a bus fare to get home.

STAY ALERT:

- Make eye contact with motorists, pedestrians, and other cyclists, especially as you enter or cross an intersection.
- If riding near on-street parking, watch for opening car doors.
- All right-of-way rules apply to motorists and cyclists at intersections
- Do not drive impaired. Ride sober and free from distractions. Do NOT talk or text, blast music through your earphones, or ride under the influence of alcohol.
- Continuously scan the road for potential hazards like debris, large objects, drainage grates, etc.

BIKE FRIENDLY BUSINESS PROGRAM (BFB)

The BFB Program was initiated by the HCMPO in recognition of the growing needs of the cycling community. To encourage safe cycling, the HCMPO has developed a bicycle map for cyclists of all skill levels as a tool for planning routes based on comfort. The map also displays businesses recognized as "bike friendly" to promote businesses that cater to cyclists' needs.

To be recognized as a BFB and be included on the BFB Bicycle Map, please visit our website: <http://www.hcmpto.org/home/bikefriendlybusiness>

or email Karina Maldonado at kmaldonado@hcmpto.org.

