

## Cycling in Vancouver

Vancouver has a vision to make cycling safe, convenient, comfortable and fun for people of all ages and abilities.

### All Ages and Abilities Network

Vancouver has an extensive bike network that has evolved over the years. Depending on your ability level, you may find some routes to be more comfortable than others.

Routes designated for All Ages and Abilities (AAA) are comfortable and low-stress for everyone, including children, the elderly, and new riders. On busy streets, they are physically protected from motor vehicle traffic.

### For more information

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 Website: vancouver.ca/bikevancouver  
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## Bikes and Transit

TransLink, the regional transportation authority, provides bus, SkyTrain, SeaBus and West Coast Express services across Metro Vancouver.

All buses are fitted with bike racks. Bikes are also welcome on all other services, although some restrictions apply in busy periods. TransLink also operates secure bike lockers at many of their facilities.

For more information about bikes and transit go to any station or contact TransLink online at translink.ca or by phone at 604-953-3333.

For cycling routes outside the City of Vancouver, visit translink.ca

## Bridges and Other Crossings

### Crossing Burrard Inlet

- A SeaBus (AAA)**  
People cycling may take bicycles aboard SeaBus for no additional charge.
- B Lions Gate Bridge**  
People cycling must use the shared cycling and walking path.
- C Iron Workers Memorial Bridge**  
People cycling must use the shared cycling and walking path.

### Crossing False Creek

- Most comfortable:*
- B Burrard Street Bridge (AAA)**  
People cycling must use the designated bike lanes.
  - E Cambie Street Bridge (AAA)**  
People cycling may share the east sidewalk with people walking or they may use the roadway.
  - F Passenger Ferry (AAA)**  
Bikes permitted on some ferries.
- Less comfortable:*
- G Granville Street Bridge**  
People cycling must share the roadway with motor vehicles.

### Crossing the Fraser River

- Most comfortable:*
- H Canada Line Bridge (AAA)**  
A dedicated walking/cycling section is provided, fully protected from motor vehicles and trains.
- Less comfortable:*
- I Oak Street Bridge**  
People cycling must use the sidewalks.
  - J Knight Street Bridge**  
People cycling must use the sidewalks.
  - K Arthur Laing Bridge**  
Painted bike lane next to curb in both directions.



## Legend

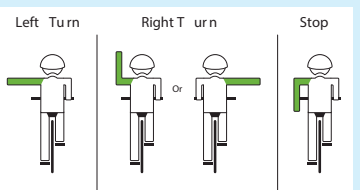
- AAA Network**  
Most comfortable for people who cycle of all ages and abilities.
- Protected Bike Lanes & Off-Street Paths**  
People cycling are protected from motor vehicles by a physical barrier. Note: Some off-street paths located in parks may not be paved.
- Local Street Bikeways**  
People cycling share the roadway with motor vehicles on relatively quiet neighbourhood streets.
- Painted Bike Lanes**  
A painted bike lane typically located between a parking lane and a moving vehicle lane.
- Shared Use Lanes**  
A relatively busy street with painted markings that indicate where people cycling should position themselves (see sharrows in Symbols to Know section overleaf).
- Moderate Uphill Route**
- Steep Uphill Route**
- One Way Bike Route**
- H Hospital**
- C Community Centre**
- S School**
- T SkyTrain / Bus Loop**
- SeaBus**
- Passenger Ferry**
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## Ride Safe

Follow the rules of the road: People who cycle have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers. The Motor Vehicle Act and City by-laws apply to people who cycle too.

### Remember

- Walk your bicycle on a sidewalk unless signs say cycling is allowed.
- Obey all traffic regulations and speed limits.
- Yield to all pedestrians crossing at intersections and zebra-marked bike path crossings.
- Yield to a bus when it is leaving a stop.
- Signal before turning.
- You must use front and rear lights on your bicycle after dark.
- All bicycles must have a warning bell.
- Helmets are mandatory.

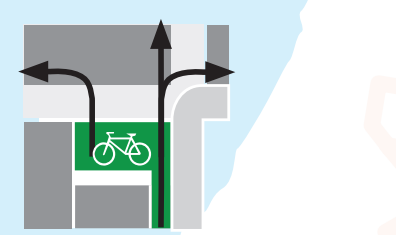


## Symbols to know

- Bicycle:** Indicates that you are on a bicycle route.
- Dedicated bicycle lane:** Motor vehicles, buses, and motorcycles are not permitted to travel or stop in this lane unless making a right turn onto a cross street. Transit buses may stop at designated stops for passengers.
- Special vehicle lane:** Reserved for specified vehicles (buses, carpools, bicycles). People cycling may ride in these lanes.
- Bicycle with arrow:** Indicates that the direction of a bicycle route is changing.
- Sharrow (Shared Roadway):** Indicates where people cycling should generally position themselves while sharing the roadway with other vehicles.
- Shared pathway:** Indicates an off-street pathway shared by people walking and people cycling. People cycling must yield.
- Bicycle with vertical lines:** Indicates that the traffic signal is activated by sensors and shows people cycling where to line up wheels to trigger the signal change.
- Bicycle signal:** Dedicated light signals for people cycling.

**Green paint:** Used to identify potential conflicts with vehicles such as at street and driveway crossings. Watch for turning, crossing or merging motor vehicles.

**Crossbike (Elephants Feet):** Indicates crossings where people cycling are permitted to ride. Crossbikes may or may not be exclusive to people cycling; they are sometimes shared with people walking.



**Bicycle box:** Indicates area where people cycling may position themselves at a red signal, allowing them to turn left, right or go straight in advance of other vehicles.

**Turning left from protected bike lanes:** People cycling can use bike boxes to make two-stage left turns. (1) Go straight through the intersection when the signal is green and wait in the turn box. (2) Proceed left across the intersection when the signal changes. Always go with the green! More information and graphics on protected bike lanes are available online at: vancouver.ca/cycling



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