THE STREET-SMART BICYCLIST

THE BASICS

HELMET SAFETY
- Helmet should fit flat and snug on head.
- Strap should form a “V” just below each ear. Only two fingers should fit beneath chin and strap.

USEFUL ACCESSORIES
- Bright clothing (increases visibility)
- Water Bottle
- Front/Rear Wheel Reflector
- Reflective Ankle Straps
- Bell or Horn
- Rack
- Saddle Bag/ Pannier

HOW TO SIGNAL
- LEFT
- STOP
- RIGHT
- (either may be used)

PREVENTING THEFT
- Always use a high quality u-lock or chain.
- Always lock the frame and front wheel.
- For extra security, remove the front wheel and lock it with the frame and rear wheel.

Register your bike with the Denver Police Department for free at www.denvergov.org/BikeRegistration

DENVER’S BIKEWAYS

RULES OF THE ROAD & COURTESY ON TRAILS

Colorado Statute 42-1-102 (6) People on bikes “...have all of the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle.” Obey stop signs and traffic lights.

Stay off sidewalks. People on bikes are prohibited from riding on sidewalks UNLESS:
- Sidewalk is part of a designated bike route
- They are within one block of a determined-to-park (speed limit 6 mph)
- Engaged in delivering newspapers

Riding Two abreast. People on bikes may ride two abreast unless it impedes the normal and reasonable movement of traffic. When there is motorized traffic, switch to single file as a courtesy. Ride single-file on trails.

When riding at night. People on bikes are required to have a front white light and a minimum of rear red reflector.

Safe speeds on Trails. Please ride 15 mph or less on off-street trails. Be cautious on hills, under/over bridges, and in corners.

On multi-use trails & sidewalks. Yield to pedestrians and keep right, except to pass on the left. Call out or ring bell when passing.

LOADING BIKES ON BUSES

1. Square handle to release rack
2. Lower rack
3. Place front wheel on side labeled “front wheel”
4. Pull support arm over wheel

LOADING BIKES ON LIGHT RAIL

- Load bike at the front or rear of train (except near occupied driver’s cab) and lean bike up against platform.
- Stand with bike and leave room for passengers to clear doorway at all times.

LOADING BIKES ON COMMUTER RAIL

- Bikes can be rolled on to commuter rail trains.
- Locate the vertical bike storage racks on the large multi-purpose cargo storage area. Store your bike in the large multi-purpose cargo area if space allows, or secure your bike with the provided elastic straps and ratchet straps when using the vertical racks.
- Take a seat after securing your bike. Unlike light rail, you do not need to stand near your bike.

HOW TO USE ENHANCED BIKEWAYS

Bike signals are similar to traffic lights for cars, and they give bicycles their own time to move across the intersection.

A bike detection lane indicates the traffic light that a person on a bike should be following for the signal to turn green. A person on a bike should position their bike on the green pavement marking.

Green pavement markings indicate bicycle facilities and increased awareness of people on bikes.

“D” signage marks regional routes.

BICYCLE BOX
- “Bike boxes” allow bicyclists to move ahead of motorized traffic when the light is green and have priority on light is green.

MIXING ZONE
- Mixing zones are areas where motorists are sharing the road at an intersection. People in cars must yield to people on bikes and are encouraged to look left before entering the shared space.

TURN QUEUE BOX
- “Turn queue” boxes position a person on a bike ahead of the crosswalk of the intersecting street to make a right turn from a bike lane on the left side of the street. A person on a bike should position bike in the turn queue box in the intended direction of travel and then proceed through intersection after light is green.

ADVANCED STOP BAR
- Advanced stop bars allow bikes to stop slightly ahead of stopped cars at an intersection. This way, a person on a bike becomes more visible to a person in a car or intending to make a right turn.

DENVER BIKE MAP

The City and County of Denver continues to strive toward making Denver a world-class bicycling city. By the end of 2017, there will be over 150 miles of on-street bikeways throughout the City, which is an estimated annual growth of 10%. Denver is continuing to expand the network of low-stress bicycle facilities, including protected bicycle lanes on Lawrence St, Arapahoe St, and Stout St. Denver will install its first neighborhood bikeway in 2017. Denver Public Works continues encouraging bicycling community wide.

DENVER B-cycle

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Visit BikeDenver.org for more information.

Bike Sharing

1. Purchase 24-hour access at any B-station, or buy longer access on-line
2. Choose any bike from any B-Station
3. Ride! Remember to keep bikes under 30 minutes to avoid usage fees
4. Dock your B-cycle back into any station
5. Repeat

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