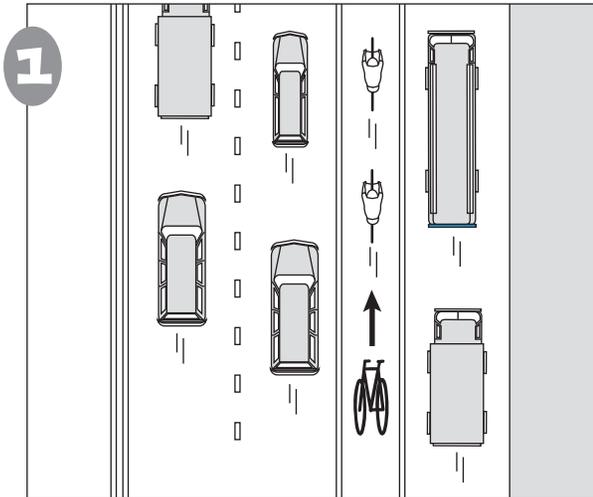


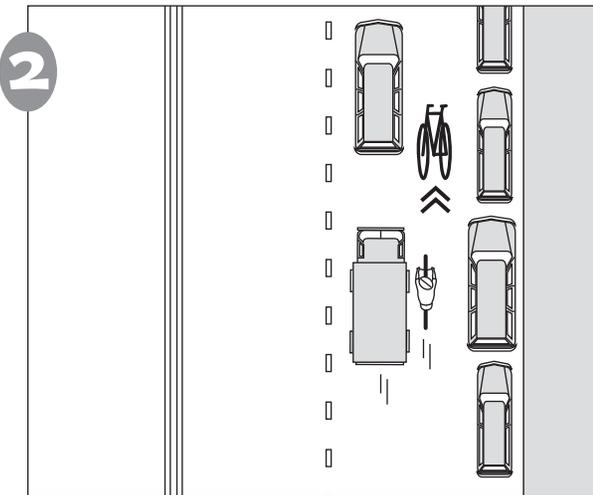
Other routes for bikes

Bike lane between two traffic lanes



When the bike lane ends, watch for vehicles merging from the right.

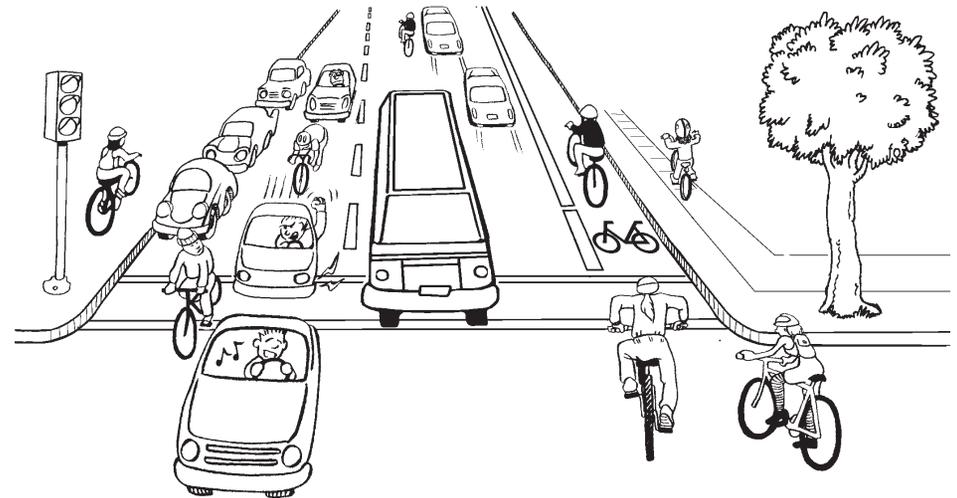
Unstriped bike routes



Ride on unstriped bike routes (identified with signs and pavement markings) just to the right of motor-vehicle traffic.

Using the Bike Lane

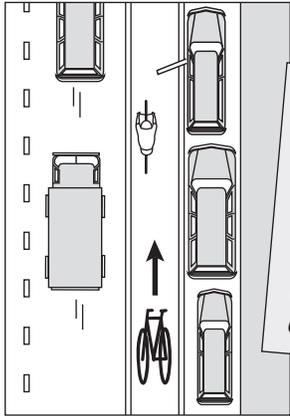
Tips to Make Your Bike Rides Safe and Easy



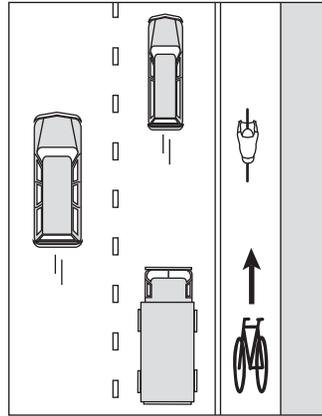
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How should you position yourself in the bike lane?



tip
Look through car windows for drivers' heads. You will be able to see if you should move out of the way before they open their door.

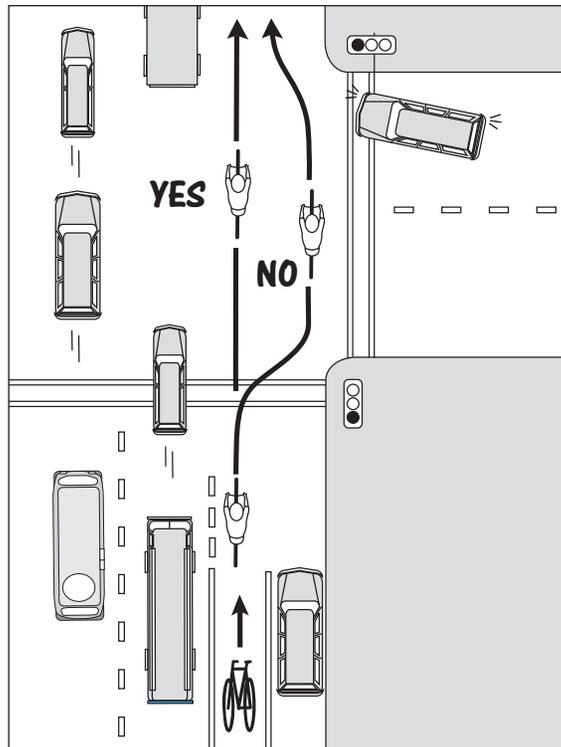


RIDE IN THE MIDDLE of the bike lane when there are no cars between you and the curb. This way, you are visible to motorists and you avoid debris that gathers at the curb.

RIDE ON THE LEFT in the bike lane if there are parked cars on your right. This way you can avoid doors or pedestrians that suddenly appear in your path.

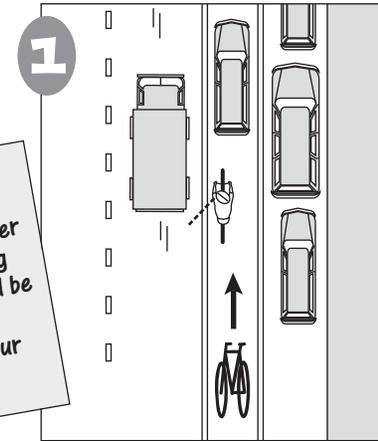
What should you do when the bike lane ends?

- Try to move in the straightest possible line to where you will ride on the other side of the intersection.
- Do not veer into the right-turn lane. If you stay away from the curb, motorists can see you better.

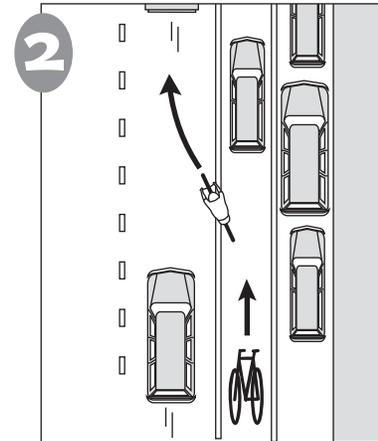


What should you do if a car is parked in the bike lane?

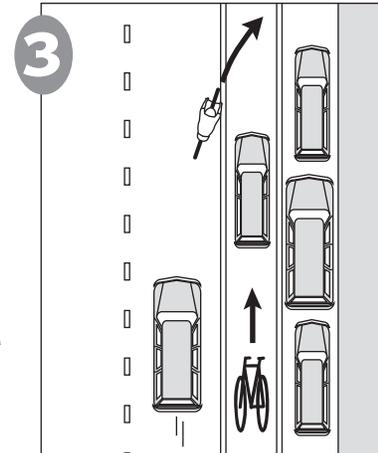
tip
Practice looking over your shoulder without swerving your bike. It will be easier to pass obstacles in your path.



First, check behind you to make sure you can safely move out into traffic.



When there is room to pass the car, pass far enough away so you do not get doored.



Once you pass the car, move back into the bike lane.

tip
Do NOT ride against traffic in a bike lane.