

# Fresno Clovis Bikeways - Rules of the Road

## Follow the Law

Your safety and the image of bicyclists depend on you. You have the same rights and duties as drivers. Obey traffic signals and stop signs. Ride with traffic; use the rightmost lane headed in the direction you are going.

## Be Predictable

Make your intentions clear to everyone on the road. Ride in a straight line and don't swerve between parked cars. Signal turns, and check behind you well before turning or changing lanes.

## Be Conspicuous

Ride where people can see you and wear bright clothing. Use a front white light, red rear light and reflectors when visibility is poor. Make eye contact with others and don't ride on sidewalks.

## Think Ahead

Anticipate what drivers, pedestrians, and other people on bikes will do next. Watch for turning vehicles and ride outside the door zone of parked cars. Look out for debris, potholes, and other road hazards. Cross railroad tracks at right angles.

## Ride Ready

Check that your tires have sufficient air, brakes are working, chain runs smoothly, and quick release levers are closed. Carry tools and supplies that are appropriate for your ride. **Wear a helmet.**


Summarized in these Rules of the Road are select California Vehicle Codes (CVC) for bicycling. For the full text of each vehicle code, search on the DMV website at [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov) for the CVC number referenced.

Also summarized are the City of Fresno and Clovis Municipal Codes regulating bicycles. For the full text: <http://www.fresno.gov> and <https://www.ci.clovis.ca.us>


The City of Clovis provides an online bicycle registration at: <http://www.ci.clovis.ca.us>

## BASICS

### Ride on the Street


 You have a right to ride on the street. You are NOT required to ride on the sidewalk. **CVC 21200** Exception: Freeways and some bridges may have signs posted forbidding bicyclists.

### Obey All Signs, Street Markings, and Signals

 Bicycle riders must obey the same rules as vehicle drivers. This includes stopping at red lights and stop signs. **CVC 21200**

## PEDESTRIANS


### Avoid Riding on Sidewalks

 Each city in California has its own rules about riding a bicycle on the sidewalk. Some cities allow sidewalk riding, some don't. **CVC 21206**

**The City of Fresno Municipal Code, Chapter 14, Article 17 contains regulations for bicycles. Riding on the sidewalk is restricted but not prohibited under certain circumstances.**


**City of Clovis Municipal Code Chapter 5.8, Section 12 also restricts bicyclists from riding on sidewalks or in public parks or squares.**

### Yield to Pedestrians

 Pedestrians have the right of way in crosswalks (marked or unmarked) and on sidewalks. Bicyclists are also required to "exercise due care" for the safety of pedestrians in the roadway who are not in a crosswalk. **CVC 21950, CVC 21952, CVC 21954**

## CARS

### Ride With Traffic, Not Against It


 Ride With Traffic, Not Against It - You must ride on the right half of the roadway, with the flow of traffic. **CVC 21650** Exception: you can ride on either the left or right side of one-way streets.

### Look and Yield Before You Go

 You must yield to traffic before entering the roadway. **CVC 21804**  
**Motorists Must:** give the bicyclist and its operator at least three feet of clearance when passing. **CVC 21760**


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### Ride Outside the Door Zone


 It's the responsibility of motor vehicle drivers to make sure it's clear before opening a door. Despite this, a practical guide is to ride at least three feet from parked cars. **CVC 22517**

## MOVING TO THE LEFT


### Pass Motor Vehicles and Other Bicycles on the Left

 You can move left when passing a vehicle or another bicycle traveling in the same direction, or to avoid hazards like fixed or moving objects, bad surface conditions, animals, glass, etc. **CVC 21202 (a)(1)**

### You Can Turn Left Like a Car


 You can turn left from the left turn lane. You cannot turn left from the right side of the roadway. **CVC 21202 (a)(2) CVC 22100, CVC 22107**

### Move Left to Avoid Intersection Conflicts


 You can move left wherever a right or left turning vehicle might cross your path. **CVC 21202 (a)(4)**

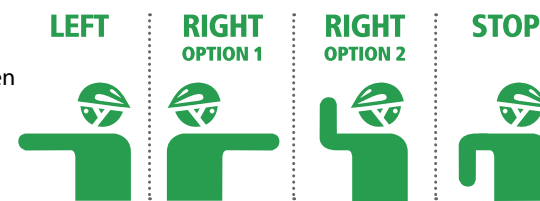
## BE PREDICTABLE

### Use the Bike Lane, But Leave It When Needed

 When riding slower than the normal speed of traffic, you must ride in the bike lane in the same direction as adjacent traffic. You can leave the bike lane to pass another bicyclist or a vehicle in the lane, to turn left, to avoid debris or hazards, or where a right-turning vehicle might cut you off. **CVC 21208**


### Signal and Yield When Moving Left or Right

 Use hand signals to indicate when you are turning, changing lanes, or stopping. Move left or right only when it's clear to do so. **CVC 22107, CVC 22111**




## EQUIPMENT


### Use Lights at Night

 A white headlight and reflectors are required by law if riding when it's dark. **CVC 21201**

### Ride with a Brake

 Your bike must be equipped with a brake that enables you "to make one braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement." **CVC 21201**

### Wear a Helmet


 Bicyclists under the age of 18 must wear a helmet that meets minimum accepted standards. **CVC 21212**

## BE ALERT


### The three distinct types of bikeways identified on this map are:

1. Off-street multi purpose trails (Class I)
2. On-street bike lanes (Class II)
3. On-street bike routes (Class III)

### Use Only One Earplug


 You may not wear earplugs in both ears, nor headsets that cover both ears. **CVC 27400**

### Don't Ride Under the Influence


 You can be cited for riding under the influence of alcohol or drugs. **CVC 21200.5**

## BIKING ON THE ROAD

### Ride to the Right, But Within Limits

 When riding slower than the normal speed of traffic, you are required to ride as far right as "practicable" (meaning safe). You are not required to ride as far right as possible, which may not be safe. You are allowed, but not required, to ride on the shoulder. **CVC 21202, CVC 21650, CVC 21650.1**

### Take the Lane

 If a travel lane is too narrow to safely share side by side with a motor vehicle, you can prevent unsafe passing by riding near the center of the lane. On two-lane roads where it's illegal or unsafe to pass, you must turn off the roadway at a designated or safe location to allow a line of 5 or more vehicles behind you to pass. **CVC 21202 (a)(3), CVC 21656**

# Fresno-Clovis Bikeways Map



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Shared Use Path (Class I) —  
 Bicycle Lane (Class II) —  
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