

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 Conscious
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.

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

BASICS

On-street bike routes (Class I)

On-street bike lanes (Class II)

Off-street multi purpose trails (Class III)

Avoid Riding on Sidewalks
Bicyclists must obey the same rules as vehicle drivers. This includes stopping at red lights and stop signs. CVC 21200

Bicyclists Must: yield to traffic before entering the roadway. CVC 21804

PEDESTRIANS

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

You can move left wherever it's clear to do so. CVC 22101

CARS

Ride With Traffic, Not Against It
You must ride on the right half of the roadway, with the flow of traffic. CVC 21650

Exception: Freeways and 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

Avoid Riding on Sidewalks
Bicyclists Must: yield to traffic before entering the roadway. CVC 21804

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

Moving to the Left

Use Lights at Night
A white headlight and reflectors are required by law if riding when it's dark. CVC 21201

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

BE PREDICTABLE

EQUIPMENT

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 headphones that cover both ears. CVC 27440

Don't Ride Under the Influence
You can be cited for riding under the influence of alcohol or drugs. CVC 21200.5

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

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 passages 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

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

Each city in California has its own limits.

The City of Fresno Municipal Code, Chapter 5.8 limits bicycle use on public sidewalks or in parks.

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