

# FORT COLLINS BIKE MAP

## LAWS AND TIPS

### RIDE WITH THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC

Wrong-way riding on the road is against the law and is a leading cause of crashes.

### LEAVE THE SIDEWALKS TO THE PEDESTRIANS

It is best for bicyclists to use roadways unless the sidewalk is the only option. If using a sidewalk, avoid riding against traffic. When entering streets, driveways, and crosswalks, slow down and watch carefully for cars that might not see you. Making eye contact with drivers is a powerful way to communicate and negotiate.

### RIDE TO THE RIGHT

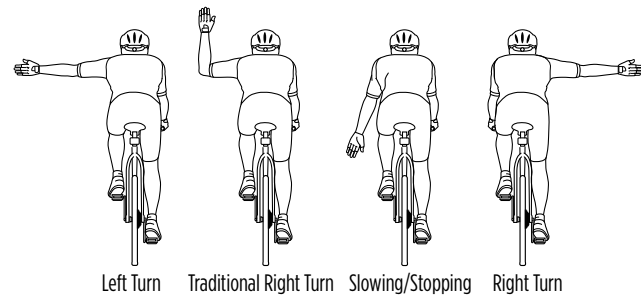
Use the rightmost lane that serves your destination. This may be the left turn lane if you are turning left.

### BE SEEN

At night or when visibility is poor, bicyclists are required to use a white front light and a rear red reflector. A red light and bright, reflective clothing can help to increase visibility. The low-angle sun in the fall and spring can also make it difficult for motorists to see you. Ride defensively and don't assume others can see you.

### SIGNAL YOUR MOVEMENTS

Bicyclists are required by law to use hand signals to indicate when they intend to change lanes, turn, or stop.



### SHARE THE ROAD

Take the full travel lane when necessary and move back over to the right as soon as it is safe to do so. You can ride side by side, but you should single up if traffic is backing up behind you.

### GET IN LINE

Don't try to squeeze between cars. If there is no bike lane approaching an intersection, or when there are turning vehicles in the bike lane, you need to wait in line with cars rather than squeezing through on the right. Right-turning vehicles should be turning right from the bike lane.

### WALKERS GO FIRST

Yield to pedestrians at intersections, on crosswalks, on sidewalks and on trails.

### BE PREDICTABLE

On the road your bike is a vehicle, and riding predictably can help other road users know what to expect.

### SHARE THE TRAIL

Ride on the right side of the trail, making sure to not go over the 15 mph courtesy speed limit. When passing, slow down, let other trail users know your intent to pass by using a bell or your voice, and then pass on the left when it is safe to do so.

### THINK WHEN YOU DRINK

Cycling under the influence is against the law. Get a ride from a friend, take a bus, or use a ride service. The fine for a DUI on a bike is the same as for a DUI in a motor vehicle. The same applies to cannabis use.

### LOW-STRESS NETWORK & SIGNED BIKEWAYS

The low-stress network routes have lower traffic speeds and lower traffic volumes to make for a more comfortable ride. Signed bikeways feature additional infrastructure like protected bike lanes and bike boxes to guide you on your ride. Signed bikeways and low-stress networks are highlighted on the map.

### BIKE-N-RIDE

Most Transfort buses are equipped to carry 3-4 bicycles, offering a convenient way to increase your travel options.

### PROTECT YOUR BRAIN

Wearing a helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by up to 85%. Your helmet should sit level on your head with the front about two fingers above your eyebrows. Make sure the straps surrounding your ears form a "V" with the point of the "V" positioned at the base of your earlobe. Fasten the chin strap and make sure the helmet is snug but comfortable. If you don't have a helmet, the City can give you one for free! Send an email to [fcmoves@fcgov.com](mailto:fcmoves@fcgov.com) to let us know you need one.



### NO RIDE AND DISMOUNT ZONES

Bicycling is prohibited on College Ave. between Laurel St. and Harmony Rd. Consider using the Mason Trail or one of our signed, on-street bikeways instead. Look for signs and markings on the ground that let you know you are in a dismount zone. Dismount zones in Downtown and on the CSU campus are shown on the map and apply to scooters as well.

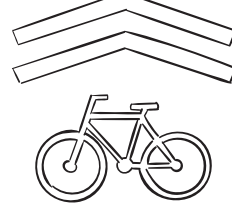


### VIDEO DETECTION

You might see a small sensor near the stoplights at an intersection. This is a special device that detects all road users and starts the process that changes the light from red to green.

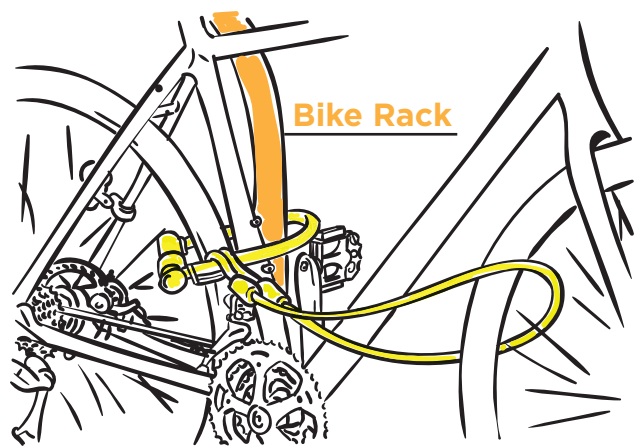
### SHARROWS

These pavement markings remind us that both bicycles and motor vehicles will be sharing the same lane.



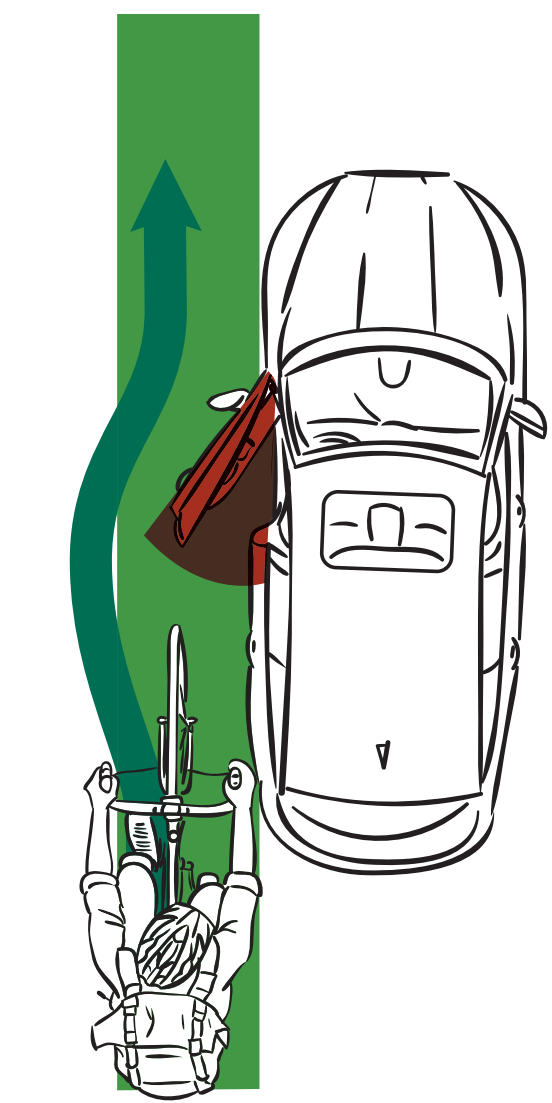
### LOCKING AND REGISTERING YOUR BIKE

It's best to use a U-lock and/or heavy cable to lock your bike frame and wheels to a secure object. Don't forget to register your bike- you will have a better chance of getting it back in the event of theft: [fcgov.com/BikeRegistry](http://fcgov.com/BikeRegistry)



### DOOR ZONE

Beware of doors opening as you pass parked cars, even when you are in a marked bike lane. Ride outside the "door zone" at least 5 feet from a parked car wherever possible. Scan parked cars for people who may open their doors unexpectedly.



### NAVIGATING ROUNDABOUTS

**Bicyclist:** Yield to pedestrians and vehicles in the roundabout, then safely merge with traffic and "take the lane," or use the ramps and crosswalks at pedestrian speed. Be sure to make eye contact with other road users and anyone in the crosswalk.

### RESPECT THE CONE

For your safety and the safety of others, be sure to obey traffic control signs in construction zones and follow signed detours on our roads and trails.

### BIKE BOXES

At red lights, riders can group up in the box in front of motor vehicles, making people on bikes more visible. This allows bicyclists to travel through the intersection first when the light turns green.

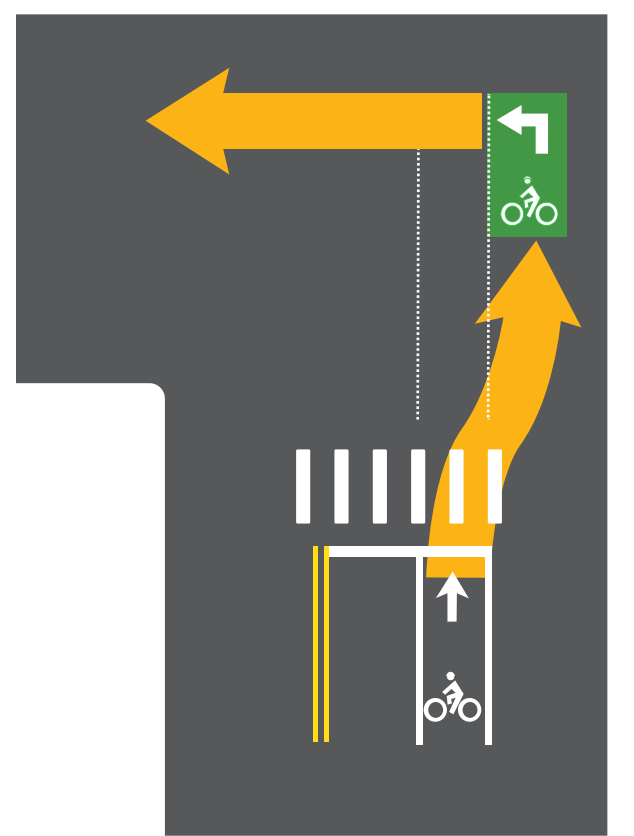


### TWO-STAGE TURN

If the speed or volume of traffic makes it difficult to make a left turn from the left turn lane, consider making a two-stage turn:

1. Stay on the right side of the road and proceed through the intersection.
2. Stop in the green box and turn your bike to face the direction you want to go.
3. Travel through the intersection when the signal turns green.

Look for our two-stage turn box at W. Mulberry St. and Taft Hill Rd., which can guide you through this process.



### ELECTRIFY YOUR RIDE

E-bikes are a great way to get around. Currently, Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes are allowed on our paved multi-use trails. The trails have a courtesy speed limit of 15 mph, and less when passing or where congested. One-wheels, electric skateboards, e-scooters, and other electric devices are not allowed on our trails. Exceptions are made for ADA accommodations.

### TOUCAN CROSSING

These signalized crossings help bicyclists and walkers cross busy roads without having to interact with motor vehicle traffic. When you approach an intersection with one of these crossings, follow the signs that tell you where to go, press the button, and wait for the bike signal to turn green or for the walking signal to cross the road.



### WALK & WHEEL SKILLS HUB

Did you know Fort Collins has a community bicycling and walking skills course designed to help you feel comfortable and confident navigating Fort Collins on two wheels and on foot? The Skills Hub is located off the Spring Creek Trail at Drake and Dunbar and is free and open to the public. [www.fcgov.com/fcmoves/bikesafetytown](http://www.fcgov.com/fcmoves/bikesafetytown)



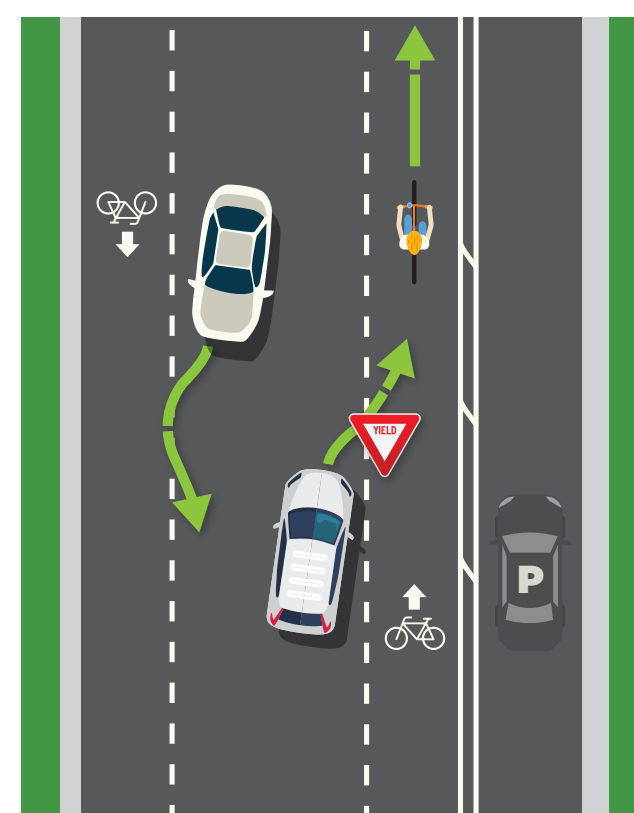
### COLORADO SAFETY STOP

According to the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Colorado Safety Stop gives people on bikes and other "low-speed conveyances" the legal option to ride slowly through stop signs without stopping first, as long as they are yielding right-of-way to pedestrians and other road users who have the right-of-way. Bicyclists and users of low-speed conveyances may also proceed at red lights after coming to a complete stop, if there is no oncoming traffic. Bicyclists and low-speed conveyance users can approach intersections at a reasonable speed and choose to apply the Safety Stop or continue to perform a traditional stop at both stop signs and red lights. Only bicyclists ages 15 and over may perform the Safety Stop. Younger riders may do so when they are with a parent or legal guardian. For more information scan the QR code.

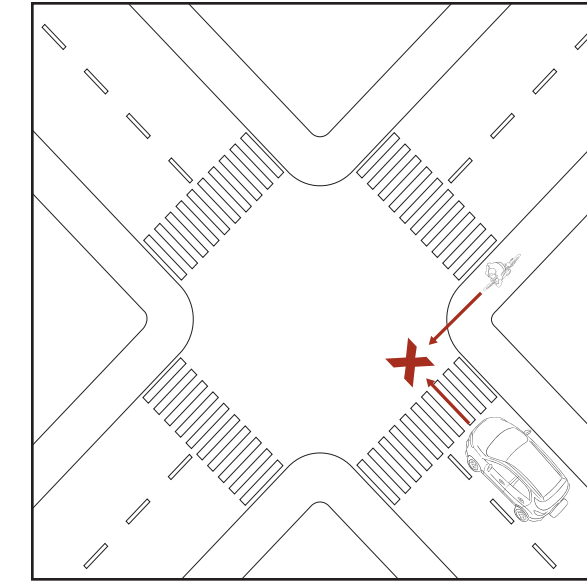


### ADVISORY BIKE LANE

This new roadway design for Fort Collins features a single center lane for two-way motor vehicle traffic and dashed bicycle lanes. Motorists travel in the center lane until they need to pass an approaching vehicle. After yielding to bicyclists, motorists can merge into the bike lanes to pass an approaching vehicle. After passing each other, motorists return to the center lane. When riding your bike in an advisory bike lane, you don't have to do anything new, just ride in the bike lane like you normally would and stay aware of roadway conditions. Check out our advisory bike lane located on Pitkin St. from Remington St. to Smith St.

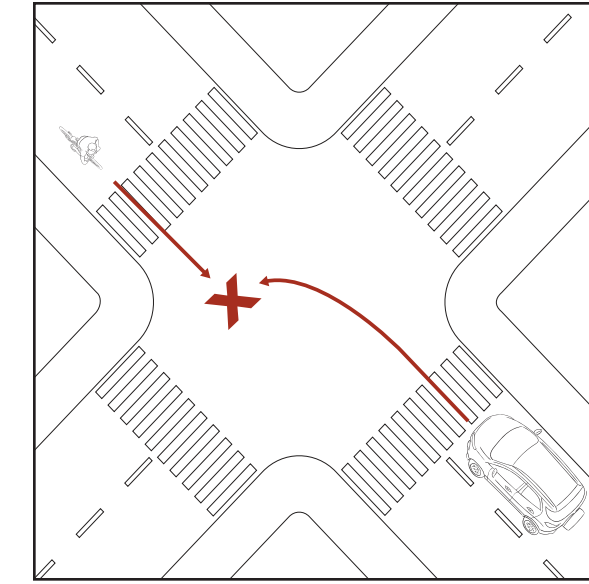


## AVOID FORT COLLINS' MOST COMMON BICYCLE CRASHES:



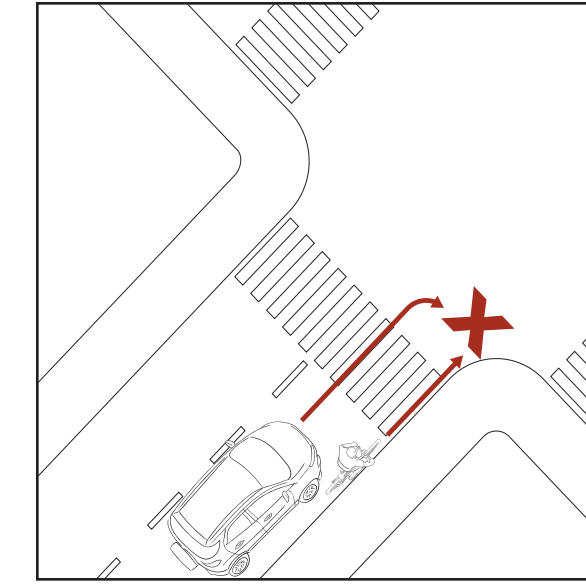
### RIGHT ANGLE

- Ride with the flow of traffic
- Make eye contact with other road users before crossing intersections and driveways
- Use caution when bicycling on the sidewalk at all driveways and intersections
- Ride in the street/in bike lanes where possible



### LEFT CROSS / LEFT HOOK

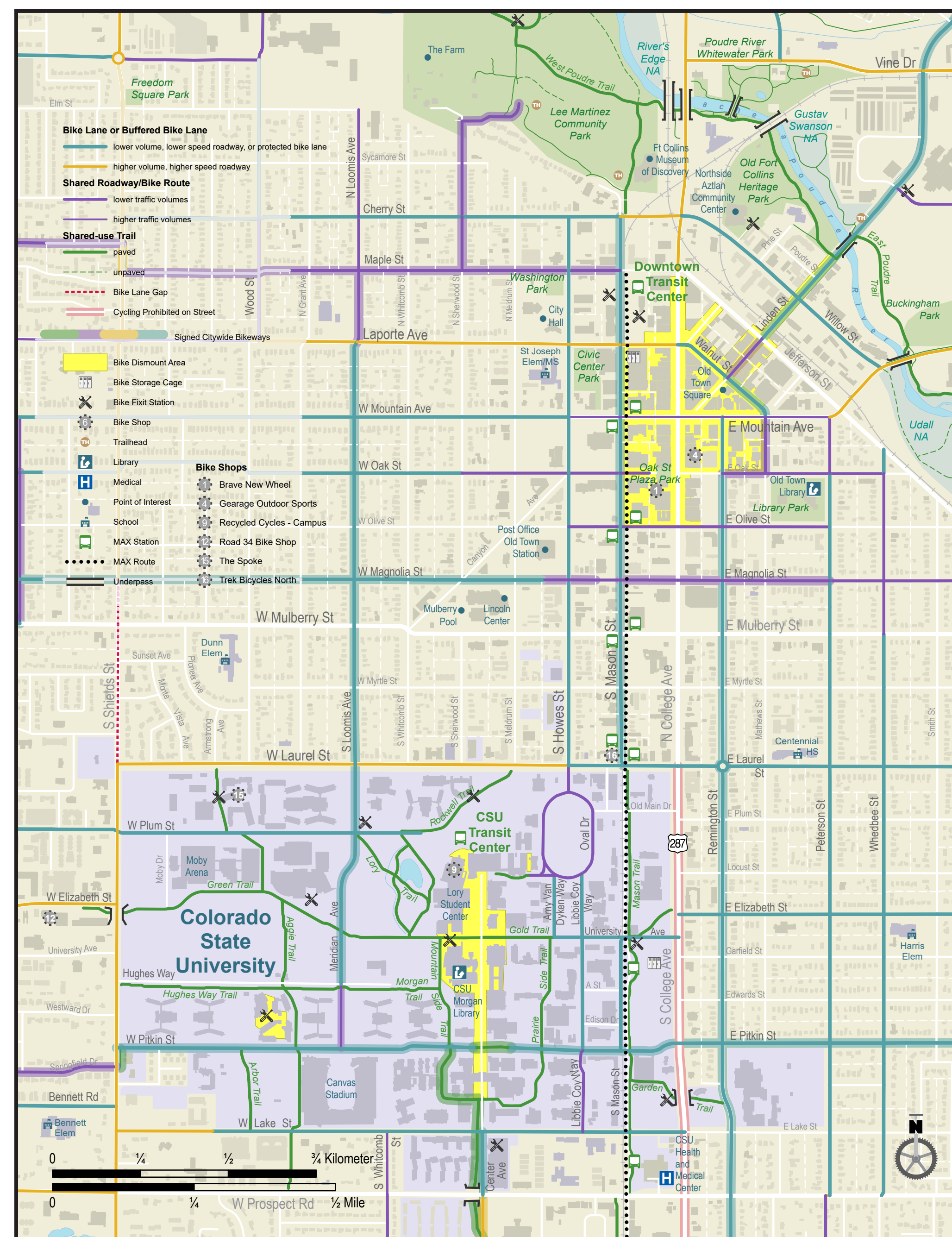
- Bicyclists can be hidden by larger vehicles which can make it difficult for other motor vehicle drivers to see people on bikes. Making eye contact with can help you be seen.
- If necessary, take the lane and move closer to the centerline of the lane so left-turning motorists can see you



### RIGHT HOOK

- Use hand signals to indicate your intent to turn, stop or change lanes
- Avoid riding in the blind spot of a motor vehicle
- Watch for turn signals on motor vehicles
- Make eye contact with drivers
- Right-turning vehicles will turn right from the bike lane or on the right side of the road, you can either wait your turn behind the right-turning vehicle or take the lane and pass on the left when it is safe

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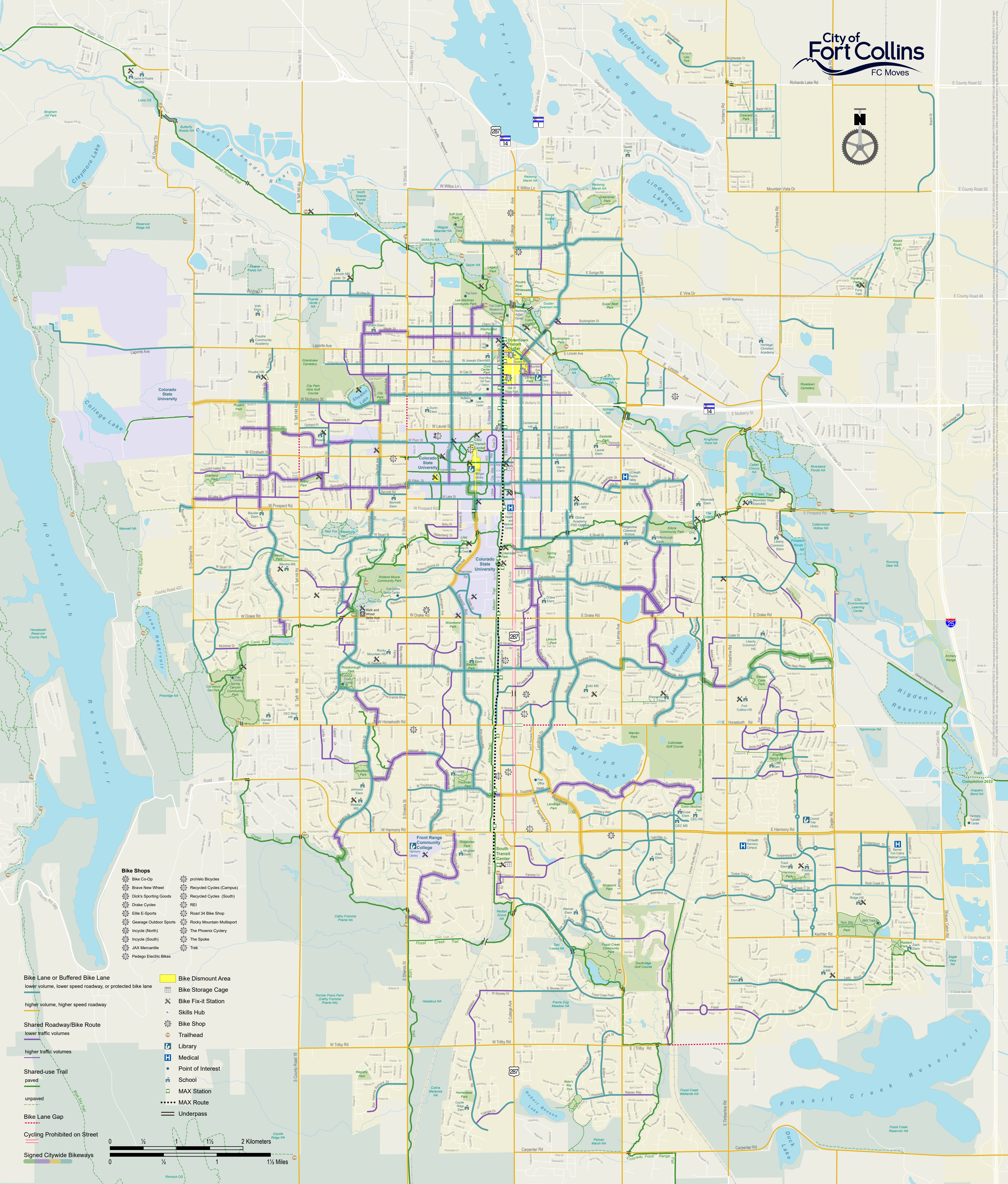
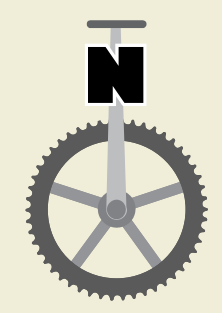
**Resources**  
 City of Fort Collins, FC Moves  
 970-416-2471, [fcgov.com/fcmoves](http://fcgov.com/fcmoves)  
 Access Fort Collins  
 Please report issues related to bicycle safety and/or street and trail maintenance by visiting Access Fort Collins at [fcgov.com/accessfortcollins](http://fcgov.com/accessfortcollins) and filing a report either online or through the downloadable app. You can also find answers to questions regarding trail use restrictions and information pertaining to other trail use restrictions such as e-bikes and e-scooters. You may also call the Streets Department at 970-221-6660 to report a trail maintenance issue.  
 Police Contacts  
 Fort Collins Police Services: 970-419-FCPD (5273) (non-emergency), 911 (emergency) (report a crash)  
 Report a bicycle theft: [fcgov.com/police/copyright-start-report](http://fcgov.com/police/copyright-start-report)  
 Register your bike: [fcgov.com/bike](http://fcgov.com/bike)  
 Larimer County Sheriff: 970-498-5100  
 Colorado State Police: 970-224-3027  
 Colorado State Patrol: 970-224-3027  
 Colorado Trail Explorer (CO-TRX)  
 CO-TRX is a free digital trail map provided by the Colorado DNR and Colorado Parks and Wildlife with up-to-date trail closure information.  
 Access CO-TRX by going to: [trails.colorado.gov](http://trails.colorado.gov)  
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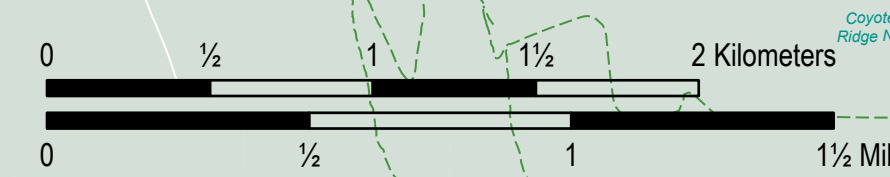
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**Bicycle Clubs and Organizations**  
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 CSU Rams Cycling Club: [ramscycling.com](http://ramscycling.com)  
 Fort Collins Bicycle Co-op: [fortcollinsbicycle.com](http://fortcollinsbicycle.com)  
 Fort Collins Cycling Club: [fortcollinscyclingclub.org](http://fortcollinscyclingclub.org)  
 Fort Folles Cycling Team: [fortfollescycling.com](http://fortfollescycling.com)  
 Overland Mountain Bike Association: [overlandmoba.org](http://overlandmoba.org)  
 Sent Town Bike Club: [senttownbikeclub.org
 Team BOB \(Babes on Bikes\): \[babesonbikes.com\]\(http://babesonbikes.com\)  
 For additional information regarding Fort Collins bicycle clubs and organizations, visit: \[fcgov.com/bicycling/links-resources\]\(http://fcgov.com/bicycling/links-resources\)  
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 City of Fort Collins, FC Moves: 970-416-2471, \[fcgov.com/fcmoves\]\(http://fcgov.com/fcmoves\)  
 Spill E-Bike/E-Scooter Share: \[fcgov.com/fcmoves/spill\]\(http://fcgov.com/fcmoves/spill\)  
 Safe Routes to School: 970-416-2357, \[fcgov.com/safeschool\]\(http://fcgov.com/safeschool\)  
 Fort Collins Bicycle Advisory Committee: \[fcgov.com/bac\]\(http://fcgov.com/bac\)](http://senttownbikeclub.org)



- Bike Shops**
- Bike Co-Op
  - Brave New Wheel
  - Dick's Sporting Goods
  - Drake Cycles
  - Elite E-Sports
  - Gearage Outdoor Sports
  - Incycle (North)
  - Incycle (South)
  - JAX Mercantile
  - Pedego Electric Bikes
  - proVelo Bicycles
  - Recycled Cycles (Campus)
  - Recycled Cycles (South)
  - REI
  - Road 34 Bike Shop
  - Rocky Mountain Multisport
  - The Phoenix Cyclery
  - The Spoke
  - Trek
- Bike Lane or Buffered Bike Lane**
- lower volume, lower speed roadway, or protected bike lane
  - higher volume, higher speed roadway
- Shared Roadway/Bike Route**
- lower traffic volumes
  - higher traffic volumes
- Shared-Use Trail**
- paved
  - unpaved
- Bike Lane Gap**
- Cycling Prohibited on Street
- Signed Citywide Bikeways**
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- Other Icons:**
- Bike Dismount Area
  - Bike Storage Cage
  - Bike Fix-it Station
  - Skills Hub
  - Bike Shop
  - Trailhead
  - Library
  - Medical
  - Point of Interest
  - School
  - MAX Station
  - MAX Route
  - Underpass



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