Riding Tips & Safety

Hand Signals:

Follow the Law: You have the same rights and duties as a driver. Always ride in the same direction as traffic, in the rightmost lane if safe to do so. Stop at red lights and make sure to look both directions before crossing intersections.

Be Visible: Use bright white lights on the front of your bicycle and bright red lights on the back along with your reflectors. Bright reflective clothing is recommended in low light conditions, but also during the day.

Plan Ahead: Check your bike to make sure your tires are properly inflated, your brakes working properly, your chain runs smoothly and check your lights. Plan your route ahead of time and avoid busy or fast streets. Ride outside the door zone and anticipate driver’s next move.

BIKES ON PUBLIC TRANSIT: Use METRO Bus or METRORail to travel with your bike. Some METRO routes are equipped with bike racks on the front bumper with enough room for two bikes. METRORail has designated bike areas on the train. There is no additional cost for this convenience. Bikes can go on METRO Bus and METRORail anytime.

Bike & Pedestrian Safety Around METRO: When riding your bicycle near the rail line, it is important to remember that METRORail trains travel along the street and are very quiet. Stay alert and always follow these safety tips:

- Never stop on the tracks.
- Cross the tracks only at designated crossings and only when it is safe to do so.
- Look both ways before crossing the tracks. Train travel in both directions.
- Avoid the operator’s blind spots. The selected place to be around locates in front of them – maintain visibility at all times.
- Listen for train whistles, bells and horns.
- Never ride or walk your bicycle around crossing gates or arms.
- Never race a train or try to beat a train to a crossing.

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