

Bicycling Myths

(Courtesy of the Genessee Transportation Council) "I'VE GOT TO STAY AWAY FROM CARS." Being in traffic isn't inherently dangerous - but entering traffic is.

How do you avoid collisions? Enter traffic as few times as possible. There is no danger in riding in a traffic lane – motorists can see you there. The motorist who can see you will avoid you.

(Collisions with cars account for only one-sixth of all bike accidents. You'rejust as likely to collide with another bike, or a dog, or fall without colliding with anything.)

"I'M MOST LIKELY TO BE HIT FROM BEHIND." Most car-bike accidents happen at intersections, when either the motorist or the bicyclist makes an unexpected turn across the other's path. In hope of avoiding a rear-end collision, some cyclists ride the wrong way - only to get in trouble at an intersection, because a turning motorist never saw them.

How do you get through intersections safely? Merge with traffic well inadvance of the intersection, and position yourself in the proper turning lane. Using turn signals beforehand informs others of your intent, so they can react appropriately.

"MOTORISTS DON'T CARE ABOUT MY SAFETY." The vast majority of motorists are rational people who will allow you right-of-way, even if it inconveniences them a little.

Make your riding predictable and courteous.

Loading Your Bike

Let the driver know you will be loading your bike. Do not step in front of the bus until the driver lets you know it is safe to do so. Bikes can only be loaded at the front end of the bus from the curbside and under no circumstances can you bring your bike inside the bus. Also, the driver can't get off the bus to help, but he or she can tell Road 22 maybe closed in Winter at the Yolo Bypass

you how to use the rack. Remember, instructions are also posted on the rack itself. It is a three-step process and generally takes no more than 30 seconds.

- If the rack is folded up, simply pull it down.
- Lift the bike up and fit it into the rack's wheel wells, which are labeled for the front and rear wheels. If no other bike is on the rack, use the space closest to the bus.
- After the bike is in the rack, simply lift the support arm up and over the front tire. This arm should be in contact with the tire, not the fender or any other part of the bike. It is a good idea to make sure the support arm is in place before boarding the bus and don't forget to pay your fare.

Class II Bikeway

No minimum width standards apply to Class III facilities.



Class I Bikeway

exclusive use of bicyclists

Safety on Rural Roadways

The three types of bikeways described by Caltrans in Chapter 1000 of the California State Highway Design manual are as follows:

Class II Bikeway

Typically referred to as a bike lane, a Class II Bikeway provides a striped, stenciled, and signed lane for one-way travel on a side street

or highway. Minimum width for bike lanes varies depending on adjacent parking, curb type, and striping. Typically, the minimum

travel width for bicycles in a bike lane is four to five feet. Sometimes, especially near intersections, the bike lane may disappear.

Cars are permitted to use the bike lane for turning and pulling into and out of parking

turn left, pass other bicyclists, or when going as fast as car traffic. Always carefully check for

traffic before leaving the bike lane.

Rural Roadways

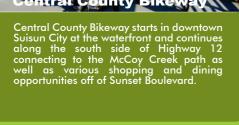
Bicycling Tips

BE PREDICTABLE

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RIDE IN THE MIDDLE OF NARROW LANES

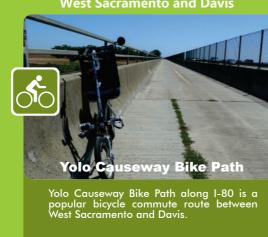
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There are many riding experiences in Solano County









SCAN THE ROAD AROUND YOU

YOU MAY LEAVE A BIKE LANE

DO NOT PASS ON THE RIGHT

BE VISIBLE AT NIGHT

CHOOSE THE BEST WAY TO TURN LEFT



Agriculture and Bicycling

The law does not require cyclists to ride to the right in narrow traffic lanes because it is at times safest to "take the whole lane." However, cyclists must be responsible for their actions. Factors such your speed, the speed and volume of other traffic, road grades, and surface quality may help you decide where to ride on rural roadways and

Bikes on Transi



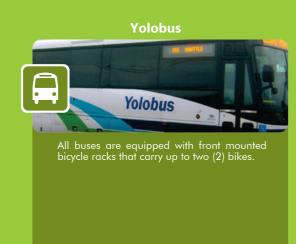
Alamo Creek Bike Route

All trains are equipped with a limited number of bike racks



All ferries allow bikes on board.





All buses are equipped with front mounted bicycle racks.

on your bike today!



Destinations

Regional transportation centers allow you to travel throughout the nine (9) bay area counties. Solano County boasts three major transportation centers:

Fairfield



Vacaville





Solano County Government Center The Solano County Government Center is located in Downtown Fairfield and is a hop, skip, and a jump away from the Suisun-Fairfield Amtrok Station. Resources in this area include the Solano County District Attorney's Office, Solano County Services and Justice Center, the Events Center, and various local

Local Farms, Ranches,

Schools &

916-340-6212 For continuation, see other side. West Sacramento Freeport Clarksburg Legend Off-Street Bike Paths Bike Lanes or Shoulders Courtland Rd Variable Shoulder Widths Moderate to high traffic volume Limited or No Shoulders Higher traffic volumes >>>>> Steep Climbs Freeway Schools Courtland Civic Buildings Rail Station Ferry Bike Shops Park and Ride AmTrak Stations Bike Lockers Libraries Recreational Areas Vorden ▲ Camping Fire Departments Police Stations Locke Walnut Grove Ryde

Long-term bicycle

parking locations

Fairfield

Transportation Center Cadenasso Drive

off of Beck Avenue Total of 16 lockers available **Rio Vista Park** and Ride Lot Main and Front Streets Lockers with capacity for 6 bicycles (707) 374-2878

(707) 469-6508 **Vacaville Transportation** Center
Allison Drive & Travis Way **Suisun City Park** (707) 469-6508 Main Street and Vallejo Park and Ride Lot Highway 12 3 lockers with capacity for 6 bicycles (800) 834-3032 Curtola and Lemon Streets

Suisun-Fairfield Amtrak Station Main Street and Lotz 8 lockers with capacity for 16 bicycles near Station 2 lockers with capacity (707) 421-7300

(707) 648-4349 **Vallejo Transit Center Vacaville Cliffside** Park and Ride 6 lockers with capacity Lo Cliffside Drive at I-80 2 Lockers with capacity



Call location for locker availability information.

Vacaville Davis Street Park and Ride Lot Davis Street at I-80 4 Lockers with capacity for (707) 449-5424 Vacaville Transit Plaza Cernon Street & East Monte Vista Avenue Drawbridge Safety:
Use caution when crossing drawbridges, as the open metal deck can be slippery. 4 Lockers with capacity for 8 bicycles (707) 648-4666 San Francisco Bay

Bikes on Bridges





ong and is located on the west side of the bridge.

The Zampa Bridge connects Vallejo to Crocket. It is 1.6 miles Work/School Week. Solano BAC

The Solano Transportation Authority, the Yolo-Solano Air Quality

Management District, and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District would like to remind you to Spare the Air. Get out and get some fresh air

STA's Bicycle Program The Solano Transportation Authority has been working with its member agencies and a number of nongovernmental groups to increase public awareness and promote bicycling as an environmentally sound, viable commute alternative

since its inception in 1990. The STA adopted its first Countywide Bicycle Plan in 1995. Much progress has been made since the original plan with the development of many regional bikeway segments. Of the county's 416 miles of regional roadway, over 130 miles now contain bike lanes and more than 16 miles of off-street multiuse paths have been developed.

Solano Napa Commuter Information
STA's Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) Program supports and promotes bicycling programs in Solano County. SNCI promotes bicycling as a commute mode, develops bicycle maps, provides bridge, transit, and shuttle information for cyclists who use bikes on transit, promotes bicycle safety and education programs, works with employers and the Bicycle Advisory Committee to develop these programs, and promotes California's Bike to

An important component of the STA's Bicycle Program is the Solano Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC), which is comprised of representatives and staff from the STA's member agencies. The BAC meets on a regular basis to review and recommend countywide

The Solano BikeLinks Map was developed by staff at the Solano Transportation Authority, Solano Napa Commuter Information, and the citizen-based Solano Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC). Many thanks to the members of the BAC and the other volunteers for their time and efforts.

For additional information about bikes on public transit, community bicycle clubs, bike safety and advisory committees; call SOLANO NAPA

COMMUTER INFORMATION at (800) 535-6883

A big thank you to our community sponsors,

Authorized Bicycles, Fisk's Cyclery, Ray's Cycle, and

The STA and SNCI recognize that: Bicycling is a viable form of transportation that can be used for commuting to work or school, running errands, and for

Bicycling improves physical health and can give a sense of independence and freedom.

Bicycling enhances our ability to experience and interact with the vibrancy of our communities, something that is very difficult to do when inside a car. Bicycling is economically efficient, costing the commuter bicyclist on an annual basis

approximately one-quarter as much as

Bicycling is a renewable form of transportation and

Bicycling reduces the consumption of fossil fuels, alleviates traffic congestion, and improves the region's air quality.

About the Solano Transportation Authority

Agreement to act as Solano

rnter-agency coordination, and programming of federal transportation funds in Solano County for its eight member agencies; Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Solano provides countywide planning for the development of roads, transit, rideshare, rail, bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Other responsibilities include the management of Solano Paratransit, Solano Express Solano Napa Commuter Information Program.

For Emergencies Call

(530) 756-3740 (530) 757-5684 Napa Co. Fire (707) 449-5200 (707) 449-5200 (707) 648-4321 (707) 648-4526 (916) 372-2044 (916) 373-5840

> Medical Services (Non-Emergency) **Kaiser Vacaville** Kaiser Vallejo **Northbay Medical**

Sutter Davis Vaca Valley Hospital (707) 446-4000

1325 Cottonwood St, Woodland (530) 662-3961

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