

All Pace buses are now equipped with a front bike rake capable of holding two bikes. Remove large accessories from your bike before loading your bike. If you're concerned about the safety of your bicycle, lock our bicycle's front wheel to your rame before the bus arrives.

. Alert the bus operator that you need to lower the rack. Lower the rack by squeezing the handle. If another bicycle is in position, the rack will already be lowered. If the bicycle rack

is full, wait for the next bus. 2. Lift your bicycle so it sits in the empty wheel well. If yours is the first icycle to be loaded, place it in the osition nearest the bus, with the front wheel facing the curb. If yours is the econd bicycle to be loaded, place it

with the rear wheel facing the curb. 3. Swing the bicycle support arm over the front tire to hold the bicycle in

place. Locks may not be used to secure the bicycles to the racks. Board the bus and pay your fare. Your picycle rides free! When you come to your stop, get off the bus at the front and tell the operator that you'll be aking your bicycle off. The operator vill make sure you're clear of the bus

## Be Seen and Avoid Injury

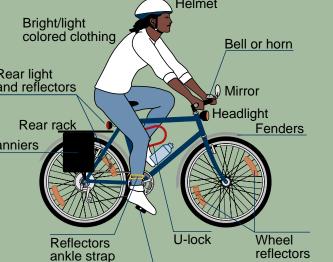
 Always wear a bicycle helmet to reduce the risk of permanent injury or death from a crash.

• The best helmets have stickers on the inside that say "Snell," "ASTM," or "Consumer Product Safety Commission." The sticker indicates that the helmet was manufactured to an acceptable standard.

 Wear bright clothing, use lights, reflectors, a bell and a mirror to see, be seen and be heard. Consider using the other equipment illustrated

below to make your ride safer and more

**BIKE PATH** 



Pedal reflectors

or pant clip

## reflective clothing and a bell. www.co.kane.il.us/dot/COM/publication

Never use earphones because you will not be able to hear what is going on around you. Using earphones is not only dangerous, it is illegal. For the safety of yourself and others, never use earphones while cycling.

The Kane and Northern Kendall Counties Bicycle Planning Map is available in PDF format at: www.co.kane.il.us/dot/COM/publications/. This map will outline existing as well as proposed regional

and local trails. Please contact Erin Willrett, County Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner, at 630-444-3142 or via email at

willretterin@co.kane.il.us for a copy of the Planning Map.

**Explore On Two Wheels** 

Communicate

Use hand signals so that drivers know where you are going.

Signal all your turns and stops ahead of time. Also, before

Make eye contact.

Confirming eye contact with motorists

helps them know that you are on the

Use lights at night or when visibility

is poor. A white headlight and rear

ed reflector are required by law.

Flashing lights are especially

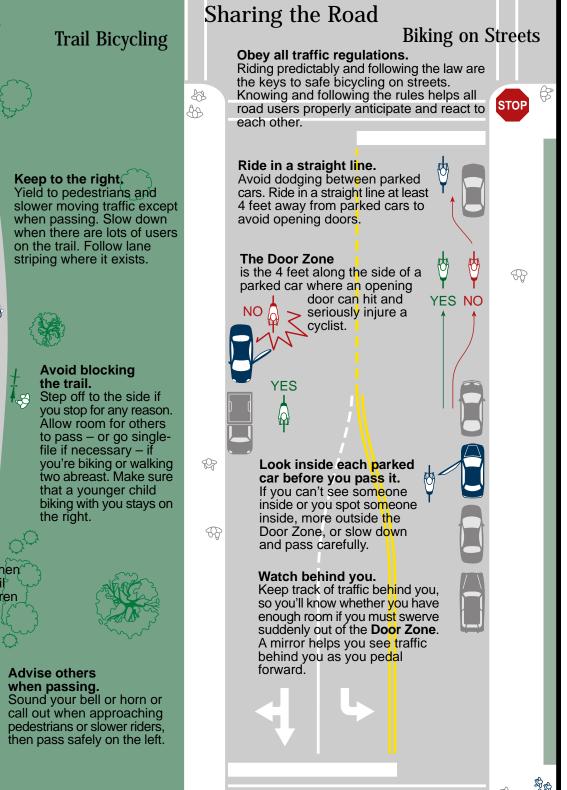
effective. Use bike reflectors,

See, be seen and be heard.

turning, look over your shoulder for any traffic. Check and

only move when it is safe to do so.

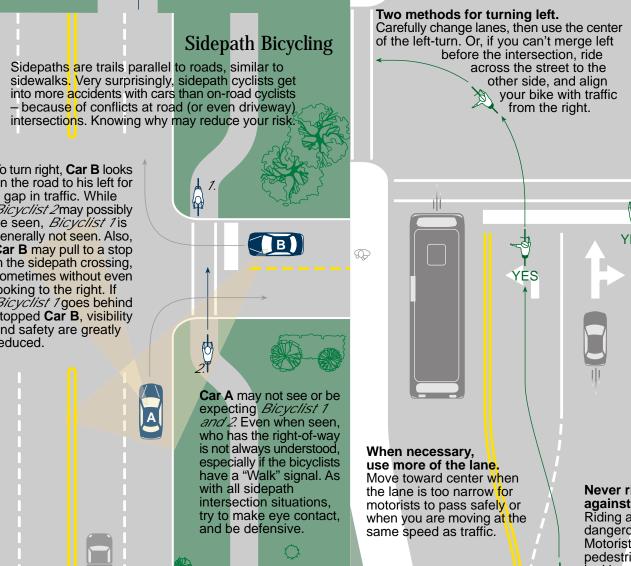
Same Roads, Same Rules, Same Rights



other side, and align

your bike with traffic

from the right.



during the turn. the same direction as parallel traffic (4) might be seen, but the bicyclist traveling against the flow (3) is much less visible. Anticipate when Car C will likely turn and assume

## Bicycle Level of Service **Explanation and Disclaimer**

To turn left, Car C looks ahead on the road for a gap in traffic, then accelerates

Sharing the Trail

Be alert for hazards

To turn right, **Car B** looks on the road to his left for a gap in traffic. While Bicvclist 2 may possibly be seen, *Bicyclist 1* is generally not seen. Also, Car B may pull to a stop

in the sidepath crossing someti<mark>mes without e</mark>ven looking to the right. If Bicyclist 1 goes behind stopped Car B, visibility and safety are greatly

bicyclist traveling in

e cautious and slow down when

<sup>y</sup>Batavia

Fox River

on the trail. Follow lane striping where it exists.

file if necessary - if

This map uses the Bicycle Level of Service (BLOS) methodology to rate key roads in the county. BLOS is a nationally recognized measure of the perceived "comfort level" of a range of experienced adult bicyclists sharing a roadway with traffic. Key factors include traffic speed, daily traffic volume, surface condition, lane width, and the presence of on-road bike lanes or paved shoulders. Scores range from "A" (most comfortable for cyclists) to "F" (least comfortable) and are based on 2006 data.

Most paved rural roads and significant urban roads (collectors and arterials) are rated on this map. Urban side streets and residential roads are excluded – these are assumed to have a high BLOS score.

In many places (like modern, non-grid style development), urban arterials and collectors are often the only way to get to specific destinations. In other places, side streets (or nearby trails) provide better alternatives. However, to be consistent, all "significant" urban roads are rated here even those with alternatives.

The BLOS ratings on this map are in no way an endorsement or recommendation of a particular road or an indication that a road is intended for use by bicyclists Rather, the ratings are only a quantified trip-planning too for the individual adult bicyclists in the selection of roads meeting his or her experience, skill, and comfort levels.

The BLOS ratings are offered only as general information for experienced adult cyclists who are comfortable sharir the road with vehicular traffic. However, comfort level will vary on a person-to-person basis (this map is not intended as a guide for children). Inexperienced bicyclists should exercise added caution and ride with more experienced cyclists. Although the ratings for roadways on this map are partially based on average and peak traffic, roads that are more comfortable at off-peak times may be more uncomfortable for cycling during rush hour. While not all information can be included, we hope the BLOS ratings are a useful guide as you plan safe and enjoyable bicycling

Users of this map should be aware that potential hazards and obstructions may exist on the routes shown and that Kane County and other relevant maintaining agencies in no way warrant the safety or fitness of the routes. This map does not expand the liability of Kane County and the other maintaining agencies beyond existing law. The user of this map bears full responsibility for his or her safety.

# Mayor Jeffrey Schielke Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors

against traffic.

Riding against traffic

dangerous and illeg Motorists and

pedestrians are not looking for cyclists riding the wrong way down a street.

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A Message From Your Kane County Leaders

Welcome to Kane County! Our communities are

working together to promote bicycling not only as

an excellent recreational activity, but also as an

economical form of transportation that improves

health, is good for the environment, and promotes

We encourage you to grab a bike, bring along this map, and discover where in Kane County our

Bikeways System can take you! Visit our cities

and villages along the four major regional trails

the four spurs of The Illinois Prairie Path.

These regional trails are connected to our

across Kane County-through our historic

Forest Preserve District of Kane County

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extensive local trail system, and can take you

downtown's, along the scenic Fox River, and by

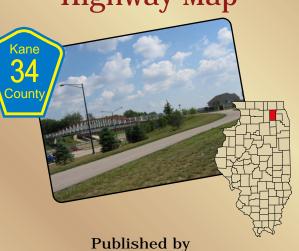
our farmlands, prairies, and open space. Venture off the trails and explore the shopping, restaurants, and attractions in many of our towns. Roll through our peaceful rural areas and discover the hiking, camping, and fishing in our 50 forest preserves. Bike to your destination in Kane County!

within Kane County: The Fox River Trail, The Great Western Trail, The Virgil Gilman Trail, and

a sense of place.



Kane County Highway Map



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Every person riding a bicycle upon a highway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to a driver of a vehicle, except those which cannot be applied to bikes.

Any person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway

 When overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction; or 2. When preparing for a left turn at an intersection

or driveway; or 3. When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions including fixed or moving objects or vehicles, ...surface hazards, or substandard width lanes that make it unsafe to continue along the righthand curb or edge. A "substandard width lane"

means a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane. Any person operating a bicycle upon a one-way highway may ride as near the left-hand curb or edge of such roadway as practicable. Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride

more than 2 abreast, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for their exclusive use. Persons riding 2 abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride within a single lane.

A signal of intention to turn right or left when required shall be given during not less than the last 100 feet traveled by the bicycle before turning, and shall be given while the bicycle is stopped waiting to turn. A signal by hand and arm need not be given continuously

if the hand is needed in the control of the bicycle. A person propelling a bicycle on a sidewalk, or across a roadway on a crosswalk, shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian. A person shall

not ride a bicycle on a sidewalk or crosswalk where prohibited by official traffic-control devices. A person propelling a bicycle on a sidewalk or crosswalk shall nave all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances. Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped

with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear which shall be visible from 100 to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

### Illinois Bicycle Laws Bicycle Resource Information

Emergencies – call 911

right-turning traffic

If you're gong straight, don't hug the

right in the intersection. When a right-

curb on the approach or veer to the

turn lane exists, merge over to the

rightmost land going straight.

**Government Contacts** Kane County Division of Transportation – County Bicycle/Pedestrian Planner – 630-444-3142

The Kane County Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner works closely with the Kane County Forest Preserve District, local municipalities, park districts, and county staff to provide picycle and pedestrian accommodations whenever possible They also act as a clearinghouse for local and regional

contacts relative to bicycle and pedestrian issues and Kane County Forest Preserve District – 630-232-5980 www.co.kane.il.us/ForestPreserve/

Illinois Department of Transportation – Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator – 217-785-2148,

### www.dot.state.il.us/bikemap/bikehome.htm, free Bike Maps - 217-782-0834, free child and adult Bike Safety Booklets – 217-524-4121

Bicycle Clubs and Advocacy Organizations The Illinois Prairie Path - www.ipp.org

Illinois Department of Transportation – Safe Route to School Program www.dot.il.gov/Saferoutes

Fox Valley Bicycle & Ski Club – www.fvbsc.org

Chicagoland Bicycle Federation – www.biketraffic.org

League of Illinois Bicyclists – www.bikelib.org Illinois Trails Conservancy – www.illtrails.com

For visitors information visit – www.foxvalleyillinois.com

ormation Found on the Kane County Bicycle and Pedestrian Website: www.co.kane.il.us/dot/COM/bike/Ped

## Bicycle parking information

Suggestion/Maintenance Requests (via e-mail)

Kane County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

 Kane and Kendall Counties Planning Map Bikes and Transit Information

 Bicycle/Pedestrian related website links Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Information