HOW TO RIDE IN TRAFFIC
BE PREDICTABLE
RIDE SO DRIVERS CAN SEE YOU AND PREDICT YOUR MOVEMENTS. REMEMBER, BICYCLISTS HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER.

BE ALERT
RIDE PREDICTABLY AND DEFensively. SCAN THE ROAD FOR HAZARDS.

BE EQUIPPED
ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET AND MAKE SURE YOUR BIKE IS IN GOOD AND PROPER WORKING CONDITION. WHEN NIGHT RIDING, THE LAW REQUIRES LIGHTS AND REFLECTORS.

- **OBED TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND LAWS**
  Bicyclists must follow the same laws as motorists. Stop at red lights and stop signs just as you would in a car.

- **USE HAND SIGNALS**
  Hand signals tell others what you intend to do. Signal before turning.

- **RIDE IN THE MIDDLE OF NARROW LANES**
  When the lane is too narrow for a car to pass you safely, ride in the middle of the lane.

- **CHOOSE THE BEST WAY TO TURN LEFT**
  Like an auto: Signal, move into the left lane and turn left. Do not turn left from the right lane. Like a pedestrian: Use the crosswalks and walk your bike across the sidewalk.

- **RIDE ON SIDEWALKS MAY BE PROHIBITED**
  Pedestrians have the right-of-way. Give them an audible warning before you pass. Watch for vehicles at driveways and intersections.

- **BE VISIBLE AT NIGHT**
  The law requires a strong headlight and rear reflector or taillight at night or when visibility is poor. Wear light-colored clothes with reflective tape.

- **RIDE WITH BOTH HANDS READY TO BRAKE**
  You may need to stop suddenly and unexpectedly. In rain, allow three times the normal braking distance.

- **DO NOT PASS ON THE RIGHT**
  When approaching an intersection or driveway, be especially cautious and do not overtake a vehicle on its right; it may turn in front of you.

- **SCAN THE ROAD AROUND YOU**
  To anticipate what other traffic is likely to do, watch for cars, people, road hazards, etc. Look back over your shoulder without loosing balance or swerving.

- **FOLLOW LANE MARKINGS**
  Do not go straight in a lane marked right turn only.

- **NEVER RIDE AGAINST TRAFFIC**
  Cyclists must ride with traffic. Approach velocities are unsafe! Motorists are looking for oncoming traffic from the left when turning right.

- **YOU MAY LEAVE A BIKE LANE**
  To avoid road hazards or any danger. You may merge WITH CAUTION into the adjacent lane to temporarily avoid an accident, gain better visibility or avoid a car turning into your path.