

STREETCAR SAFETY FOR CYCLISTS

Rail tracks require caution and special attention because:

- Bike wheels can get caught in the track
- Tracks can be very slippery when wet
- Tracks may be slightly raised

Possible solutions:

- Don't ride between tracks; ride in lanes without tracks.
- Always cross tracks as closely to a right angle as possible.
- Stay upright: don't "lean into a turn" while crossing tracks.
- Keep a moderate, steady speed – don't brake on tracks.
- Lift out of the saddle slightly, shift your weight to pedals and handlebars.
- If you're uncomfortable riding near tracks, use this map to find alternate routes.

SIDEWALKS AND BIKES

Many people consider sidewalks a safe place to ride a bicycle. Unfortunately, sidewalks aren't all that safe. Trees, parked cars and buildings can create blind spots, pedestrians can step sideways suddenly, a child or animal can run across your path. And cars do use sidewalks – at every cross street and driveway. Ride slowly on sidewalks – travel about the speed of pedestrians. **It is illegal to ride on the sidewalk in downtown Portland.**

For ADA Title II or Civil Rights Title VI Accommodations, Translation/Interpretation Services, Complaints, or for additional information, call 503-823-7699, TTY: 503-823-6868, or use Oregon Relay Service: 711.

RESOURCES

Portland Bureau of Transportation
Order free bike & walk maps:
Report a pothole:
Report pedestrian or bicycle safety concerns on Portland roadways:
PBOT Active Transportation:
TriMet (bus and MAX light rail)
General TriMet information:
Customer service & rider info line: (includes Transit Tracker arrival times and service alerts)
Use your smartphone to get transit info:
Portland Streetcar Inc.
General information:
Arrival times:

503-823-CYCL

503-823-BUMP

503-823-SAFE

503-823-5490

TriMet.org

503-238-RIDE

TriMet.org/apps

www.PortlandStreetcar.org

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The trails are intended for recreational purposes. Many of the trails are located on unimproved public right of way. The City does not maintain the trails and the footing may be uneven.

While we have made every effort to provide a high quality, accurate and useable map, the information is advisory only. Map users assume all risks as to the quality and accuracy of the map information, and agree that their use is at their own risk.

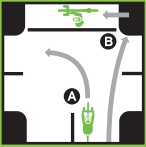
OBEY ALL SIGNS & TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Bicycles must be driven like other vehicles if they are to be taken seriously by motorists. Never ride against traffic.



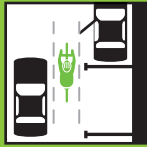
CHOOSE THE BEST WAY TO TURN LEFT

There are two ways to make a left turn:
A Like an auto: look back, signal, move into the left lane, and turn left. **B** Like a pedestrian: ride straight to the far-side crosswalk, then walk your bike across, or queue up in the traffic lane.



RIDE CONSISTENTLY

Ride as close as practical to the right. Exceptions: when travelling at the normal speed of traffic, avoiding hazardous conditions, preparing to make a left turn, or using a one-way street.



CHOOSE YOUR LANE POSITION DOWNTOWN

When there's no bike lane, riding in the center of the travel lane makes you more visible and reduces conflicts with turning vehicles and opening doors. Downtown traffic signals are set at a speed that allows cyclists to keep up with motor vehicles on most streets.



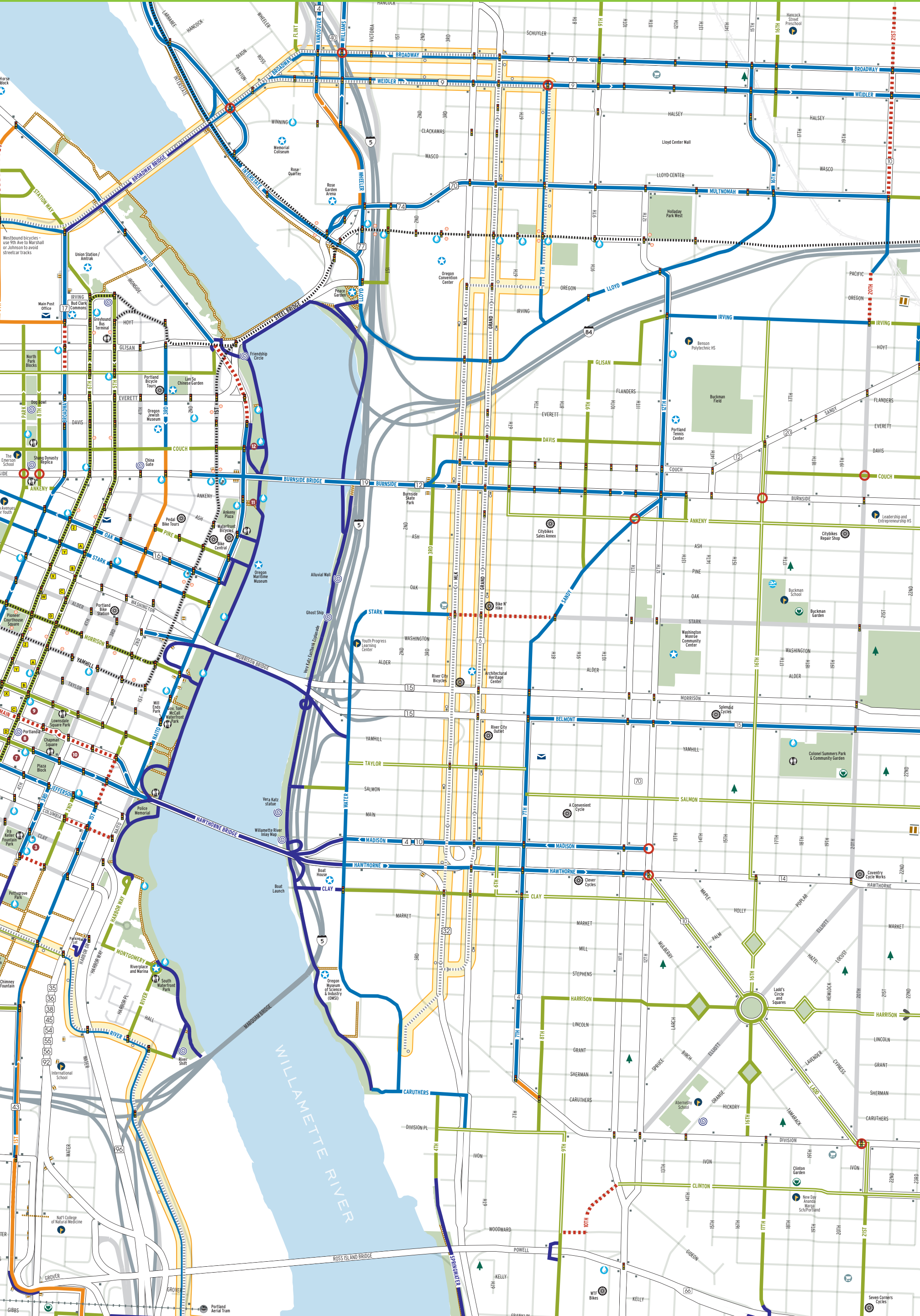
USE CAUTION WHEN PASSING

Motorists may not see you on their right, so stay out of the driver's "blind spot." Be very careful when overtaking cars while in a bike lane; drivers don't always signal when turning. Also be alert for: car doors opening and cars pulling out from sidestreets or driveways.



AVOID ROAD HAZARDS

Watch for sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, oily pavement, gravel and ice. Cross railroad tracks at right angles. For better control as you move across bumps and other hazards, stand up on your pedals.



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PORTLAND CENTRAL CITY
BIKE/WALK/TRANSIT MAP

GET IN THE **606**