Image of a map of New Orleans with various streets labeled.
**BE A SMART CYCLIST**

**BIKES ARE VEHICLES**
Bicycles on the roadway have all the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicles, (R.S. 32:199).

- **FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD**
  Cyclists must obey traffic signals. (R.S. 32:212) and come to a complete stop at stop signs. (R.S. 32:203)

- **RIDE IN THE DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC**
  Ride as near right as practicable. (R.S. 32:199)

- **RESPECT VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN RIGHT-OF-WAY**
  When exiting from a driveway or alley, cyclists should yield to pedestrians & oncoming traffic. (R.S. 32:124)

- **USE THE COPENHAGEN LEFT OR BOX TURN**
  At large intersections, instead of merging across traffic to make a left turn, ride through the intersection on the right, stop and turn your bike, and proceed with caution obeying traffic lights.

- **USE THE BUS TO EXTEND YOUR ROUTE**
  There is no additional cost or pass needed to use the bicycle racks on buses.

- **PASS SAFELY**
  When passing a bicyclist, use care and provide at least 3 feet. (R.S. 32:243)

- **BE RESPECTFUL**
  Don’t harass bicyclists by yelling or honking. (R.S. 32:203)

- **BE FRIENDLY**
  When exiting from a driveway or alley, cyclists should yield to pedestrians & oncoming traffic. (R.S. 32:203)

- **BE AWARE**
  Don’t harass bicyclists by yelling or honking. (R.S. 32:203)

- **KEEP BIKE LANE CLEAR**
  Motorists have their own lanes. Entering a bike lane is only permissible when: preparing to turn at an intersection entering or leaving a roadway to a private roadway or alley entering or leaving a street parking space if you need to enter a bike lane, yield to cyclists. (R.S. 32:203)

- **PROTECT YOUR HEAD**
  Helmets are required for people under the age of 15. — we ask them to keep bike lanes clear for bikers! (Sec 154.114)

- **BE BRIGHT!**
  Cyclists must use bike lights and reflectors at night—white for the front, red for the back. (R.S. 32:329)

- **BE PREDICTABLE**
  Use hand signals when you are turning and stopping. (R.S. 32:94)

- **BE AWARE OF BLIND SPOTS**
  Stay far enough ahead or far enough back from motorists to be visible. (R.S. 32:123)

- **RIDE TO THE RIGHT, PASS ON THE LEFT**
  Ride to the right side of the trail and pass slower trail users on their left.

**TRAIL ETIQUETTE**
Trails are a shared space with people walking, running, bicycling, skating, and more. People riding bicycles should always yield to slower trail users to create a safe and pleasant environment.

- **BE COURTEOUS TO ALL USERS**
  Trails are a shared space. Ride at safe speeds, especially in crowded areas and around slower users.

- **DON’T BLOCK THE TRAIL**
  If you need to stop, always move off the trail so you don’t block others from passing.

- **BE ALERT AT INTERSECTIONS**
  Trails often cross roadways and driveways. Remain alert at these crossings and follow any traffic signs at the intersections.

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For more information on keeping bicycling easy, safe, and fun in New Orleans, please visit these resources:

- nola.gov/mobility
- norpc.org/bike.html
- bikeeasy.org
- LABikeGuide.org