BE A SMART CYCLIST

BIKES ARE VEHICLES
Bicycles on the roadway have all the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicles. (R.S. 32:294)* R.S. Louisiana Revised Statutes Sec: New Orleans Code of Ordinances

FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD
(R.S. 32:235) and come to a complete stop at stop signs. (R.S. 32:123)

RIDE IN THE DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC
Ride as near right as practicable (only). (R.S. 32:197)

RESPECT VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN RIGHT-OF-WAY
For example, when exiting from a driveway or alley, cyclists should yield to pedestrians & oncoming traffic. (R.S. 32:174)

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

PROTECT YOUR HEAD
Helmets are required for people under the age of 12, and a smart idea for everyone else. (R.S. 32:199)

BE BRIGHT!
Cyclists must use bike lights and reflectors at night: white for the front, red for the back. (R.S. 32:329.1)

RIDE ON THE ROAD
Unless you are under the age of 15, let pedestrians rule the sidewalks – we ask them to keep bike lanes clear for bikers! (See 154-1445)

BE A PREDICTABLE
Use hand signals when you are turning and stopping. (R.S. 32:106)

SIGNAL A STOP
Extend your left arm down.

SIGNAL A LEFT TURN
Extend your left arm straight out.

SIGNAL A RIGHT TURN
Extend your right arm straight out.

BE A FRIENDLY MOTORIST

PASS SAFELY
When passing a bicyclist, use care and provide at least 3 feet. (R.S. 32:26.1)

BE RESPECTFUL
Don’t harass bicyclists by yelling or honking. (R.S. 32:201)

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 road in 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)

BE AWARE
Check for approaching bicyclists before opening your car door. (R.S. 32:283)

SHARED LANES
Expect to see bicycles, they ride here.

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.

Levee trails also serve as access roads for levee maintenance and operations. All trail users should be prepared to yield the right-of-way and stop as needed for authorized levee board vehicles.

GIVE AN AUDIBLE SIGNAL WHEN PASSING
Give a clear signal, with a bell or your voice, when approaching and passing other trail users.

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

BE AWARE OF BLIND SPOTS
Stay far enough ahead or far enough back from motorists to be visible, especially at intersections where they could turn right across your path.

USE CAUTION WHEN CROSSING TRACKS
When riding over rails, ride at a 90 degree angle.

TRAVEL IN A STRAIGHT LINE
Travel in a straight line and take the lane if need be. Be visible on the road, do not weave in and out of parked cars or ride between lanes of moving traffic.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In case of a crash, call 911.
If your bicycle is stolen, call the NOPD at 504.821.2222.

LOOK FOR MORE LOW-STRESS BIKEWAYS SOON!