

Bike Boulevard

A bike boulevard is a lower-volume, lower-speed street that has been optimized for bike traffic. The purpose of a bike boulevard is to provide bicyclists, especially those who are not comfortable riding on busy streets a safer and more relaxing place to ride. While many residential streets are already favorable to most bicyclists, a bike boulevard goes the extra step to provide safe crossings at major streets and encourage motorists to travel at slow speeds, while reducing the frequency of stop signs.

This environment is created through a variety of traffic calming and design elements such as speed humps, traffic circles, curb extensions, medians, and traffic signals. Many of the changes, especially the intersection treatments, improve safety for pedestrians and motorists, too. Bike boulevards are designated with pavement markings that include a large bicycle symbol with the text "BLVD."

When you drive:

- You are allowed to drive on and over bike boulevard pavement markings.
- If you find yourself driving behind a bicyclist and need to pass, only overtake the bicyclist at a safe speed and only if there is a legally safe passing distance of at least 3 feet.
- Motor vehicles are permitted on almost all portions of bike boulevards unless signs or pavement markings indicate otherwise. Turning from or onto a bike boulevard is restricted at some intersections.

When you bike:

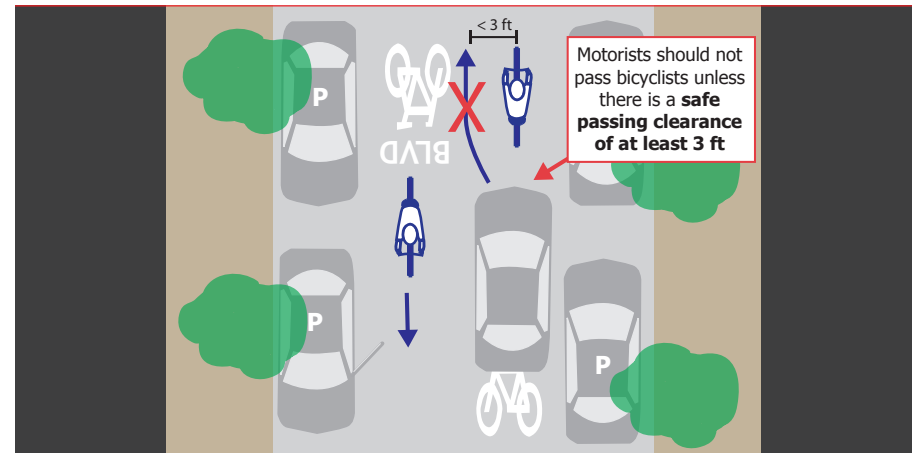
- While a bike boulevard prioritizes bicycle traffic, you must still obey all traffic signs and signals. Bicyclists must yield to pedestrians and motorists who have the right-of-way.



Bike boulevards are designated bike routes on quiet streets and are marked with large bicycle symbols with the text "BLVD".



At some intersections, turning from or onto a bike boulevard is restricted for motorists.



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