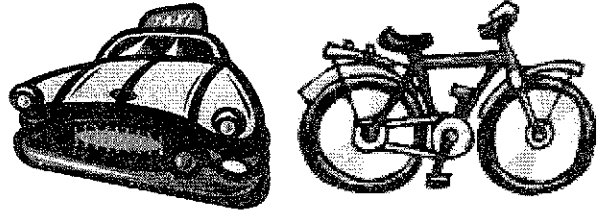


## Agenda: Item 5

### Cyclist and Taxi Cab Safety:

- a. Informational item on bicycle safety/share the road;
- b. Adding a Bike Safety section to Taxi Driver training in addition to bicycle and pedestrian safety;
- c. Mandating usage of “Look Before You Leap” and “watch for bikes” stickers;
- d. Including welcome letters in informational package new drivers receive;

*From one cab driver to another ...*



Congratulations on becoming a taxi driver in San Francisco!

As cab drivers who bike around the city and are members of the SF Bike Coalition, we want to promote good relations between bicyclists and cabs.

We think cab drivers and cyclists are natural allies. Many cyclists don't own cars and often need taxis to get around town. Bikes also take up less room on the road, reduce traffic congestion, and free up parking and loading areas for taxis.

Please take extra care when you drive around cyclists. When bicyclist's ride, we are not surrounded by the metal that protects car drivers. A few key things to remember as you drive around San Francisco:

- Bikes are allowed full use of the traffic lane for their safety
- Please don't pull over quickly in front of cyclists
- Check for cyclists before opening your door and ask your passengers to check too
- Bicyclists often have to avoid potholes, grates and trash – please give them as much space as possible when passing

We've also enclosed a flyer with helpful information about sharing the road with bicyclists. Please review it before you go out on the road.

In addition to reaching out to taxi drivers, the SF Bike Coalition is working to educate bicyclists on sharing the road responsibly. If you would like know more about the work of the Bike Coalition, visit: [www.sfbike.org/safety](http://www.sfbike.org/safety)

Again, congratulations on becoming a taxi driver. Thanks for driving safely and sharing the road. We'll see you out there!

Sincerely,

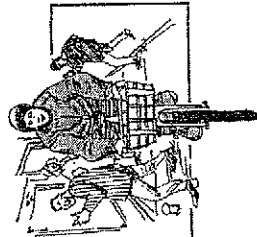
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Big Dog City Driver  
City Wide Dispatch Radio Player  
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Mike Rothstein  
Yellow Cab Driver  
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Gernot Newman  
Arrow Cab Driver

# CYCLISTS GIVE RESPECT & GET

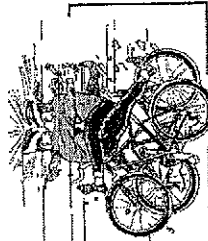
Give respect to pedestrians, motorists, and other cyclists. Why? It's the right thing to do. Bad bicycling manners make bikers targets of public anger and citations from the police. Respectful riding will help cyclists win respect; it's an investment in better biking in San Francisco.



**STAY OFF  
THE SIDEWALKS**

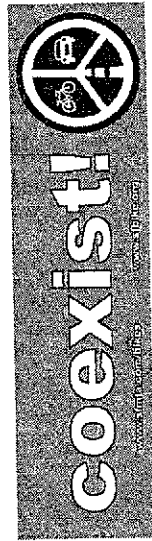


**ALWAYS YIELD  
TO PEDESTRIANS**



**RIDE WITH TRAFFIC,  
NOT AGAINST IT**

**TAKE YOUR TURN • SHARE THE ROAD  
RIDE PREDICTABLY • HAVE SOME FUN**



Thanks to Transportation Alternatives NYC for sharing

# CYCLISTS KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

As a bicycle rider, you have the right to move around San Francisco safely and use the streets like any other vehicle. The California Vehicle Code (CVC 21200) says: *Every person riding a bicycle upon a [roadway] has all the rights and is subject to all the provisions applicable to the driver of a vehicle ...*

## Bicycles Allowed Use of Full Lane

You have the right to take the lane if the street width doesn't allow cars and bikes to travel comfortably side by side. You may also take the lane to avoid hazardous conditions like debris, broken pavement, and parked cars (door hazard). Otherwise you must keep to the right unless you're riding at the normal speed of traffic (CVC 21202).

## "Dooring" is Always the Motorist's Fault

No person shall open the door of a vehicle on the side available to moving traffic unless it is reasonably safe to do so and can be done without interfering with the movement of such traffic (CVC 22517).

## You Can File a Police Report

You have the right to file a police report if you've been involved in a collision resulting in injury or property damage (SFPD General Order 9.02). Police must not unduly dissuade cyclists from making collision reports (SFPD General Order 9.02). You have the right to file a police report for cases of motorist assault (SFPD General Order 9.02; Penal Code 240).



**SFMTA**



[www.sfbike.org](http://www.sfbike.org)

San Francisco Department  
of Public Health

# Hey, SF Cabbies!

## WATCH FOR BIKES!

The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition is working to educate bicyclists on sharing the road responsibly.

Do your best to create safe streets by following these important rules for co-existence. It could save someone's life!



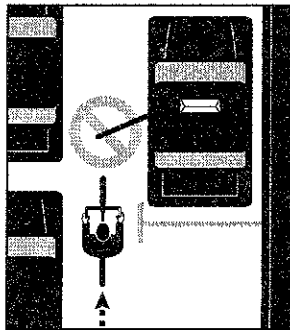
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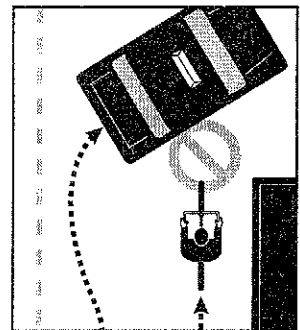
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Look for approaching bicyclists before opening car doors. Alert passengers to look first too.



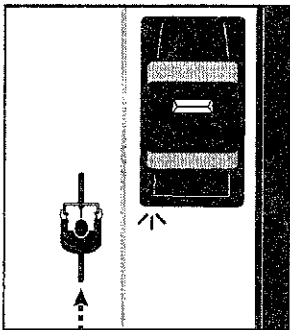
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Do not pass bicyclists if you will be making a right turn or changing lanes immediately afterwards.



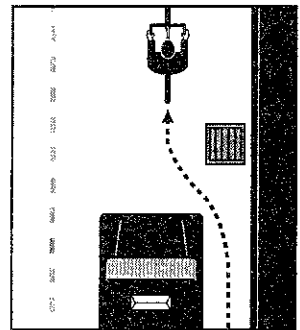
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Before pulling out into traffic or picking up a fare, check for bikes and signal.



**4**

Give bicyclists space to maneuver around grates, potholes, debris and other road dangers.



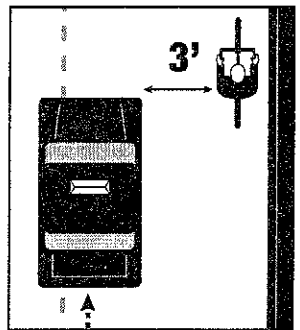
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Don't blast your horn at bicyclists – you could startle them and cause an accident.



**6**

Do NOT squeeze past bicyclists in narrow spaces. Leave at least 3 feet passing space between your vehicle and a bicyclist.



# Remember...



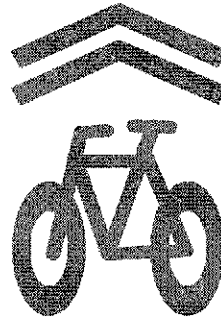
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- Please keep the bike lanes clear.
- Motorists are not allowed to park or drive in a bike lane.
- Taxis and commercial vehicles are only allowed **ACTIVE** loading and unloading in the bike lane, but never during commute hours (7-9 AM and 4-6 PM).



**8**

**It's the law:  
Bicycles are  
allowed use of  
full lane.**



**9**

**Shared lane pavement  
markings help alert  
motorists to the  
presence of bikes in  
the traffic lane.**

**According to a recent poll, 40,000 people in San Francisco bicycle for everyday transportation.**

**Thanks for watching out for bikes on the road!**





Promoting safety  
between cars & bicycles



Instructions: Peel & apply to the bottom of exterior vehicle mirror on the driver's side

.....  
**watch for bikes**





## Municipal Transportation Agency

# City of San Francisco Mirror Decals

Many people are riding their bicycle in San Francisco and do so because it is a healthy, inexpensive, and environmentally friendly way to get to work, school, or the store. Unfortunately, many collisions occur in this city every year because motorists forget to look for cyclists when opening their car doors or making a lane change. To help make our limited roadway space safer for everyone, the City of San Francisco is providing motorists with mirror decals as a reminder for drivers to "watch for bikes."

### Using the Decals

Simply place the provided decal on the bottom of your car's driver side mirror. (Note: if your car has electrically heated mirrors, please check the manufacturer's recommendations before applying the decal.)

This decal will help remind you, the driver, to check for passing cyclists before opening your car door and remind you to yield to cyclists when you turn or park.

### Important Safety Facts

- Cyclists have the right to be on the road.
- Bicycle lanes are only for bicyclists. Motorists are legally prohibited from driving in them and can be fined. You may cross the lanes to park or turn after yielding to cyclists. Cyclists can still use the regular travel lanes on streets with bicycle lanes.
- Bicyclists must follow the rules of the road, including yielding to pedestrians, riding in the direction of traffic, and stopping at red lights and stop signs. Bikes cannot be ridden on sidewalks in designated business districts. Cyclists who break the law are subject to fines.

### Suggestions & Reminders

Open your car door using your right arm, this is a sure way to look for cyclists.  
Reminder: every cyclist means one less car on the road.

For more information about the Bicycle Program or if you would like additional decals, please call (415) 585-Bike(2453).

