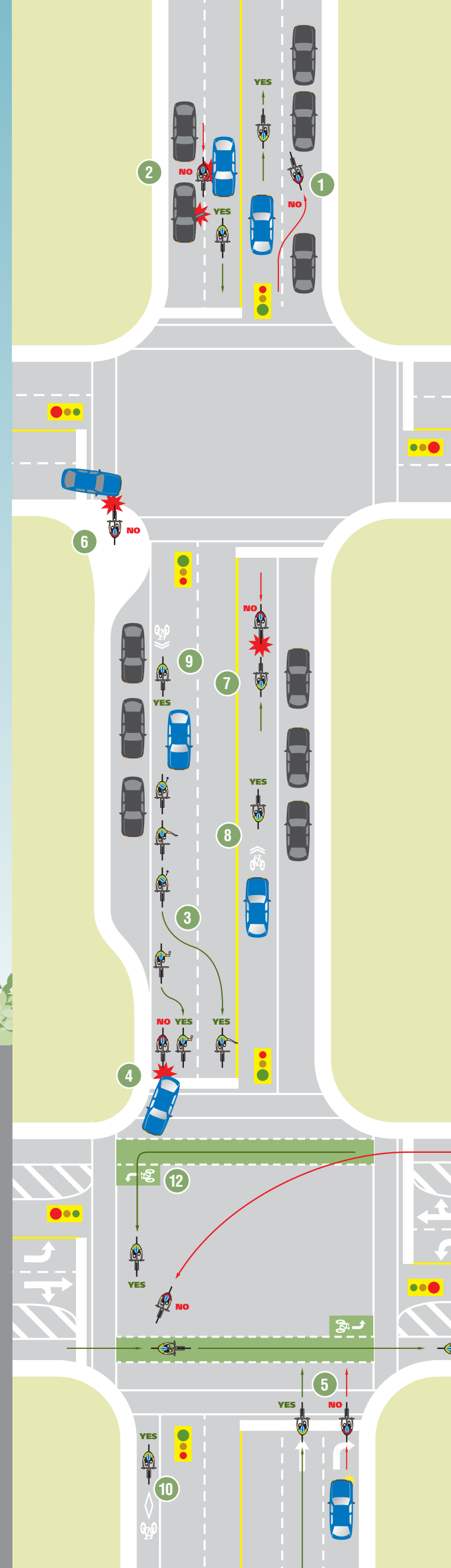


## ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The **City of Saskatoon** has published this guide to encourage cycling in Saskatoon as a healthy means of transportation and recreation. This guide rates every road in Saskatoon and shows suggested routes and facilities that have been identified by experienced local cyclists and City staff. It should not be construed as representing the absence of hazards for cyclists on any particular street; nor is it intended to suggest that cycling is only permitted on the identified streets. Cycling is allowed on all streets and roads except where prohibited.

You should use your own judgment, based on your level of experience and cycling ability in dealing with vehicular traffic when planning your route. Some of these routes may not be ideal for cyclists, but have been identified in this guide where there are no reasonable alternative routes available. Refer to the legend for routes with **High Speed** and **High Traffic Volumes**. **Extra caution is advised on these routes**. The routes in this guide are not intended as guidance for children.

Users of this map bear full responsibility for their own safety as well as the results of their own negligence.



## RULES OF THE ROAD

**Cyclists are vehicles and must follow the same rules of the road as all other vehicles. Cyclists are legally allowed to ride in the centre of any traffic lane.**

- 1 Always ride in a straight line. Do not weave in and out of parked vehicles.
- 2 Never ride between a parked vehicle and a vehicle travelling in a lane if the traffic lanes are narrow.
- 3 When turning left, signal and move toward the left lane before making your turn.
- 4 When riding a bicycle in the traffic lane or painted bike lane, only pass right turning vehicle on the left. When riding a bicycle in a protected bike lane, right turning vehicles are required to yield to cyclists proceeding through the intersection.
- 5 Do not ride in a right-turn only lane if you are going through. Move into the through lane early.
- 6 Sidewalks are only for pedestrians – except on bridges, overpasses or where signed otherwise. Riding on sidewalks is illegal. If you must use the sidewalk, walk your bike.
  - Obey traffic lights and signs.
  - Yield to pedestrians - people crossing with the light have the right of way.
- 7 Ride in the same direction as traffic and never against traffic.
  - Sharrows indicate where cyclists can best position themselves and that motorists must share the road.



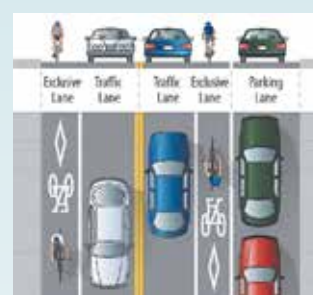
- 8 In narrow lanes, the sharrow is located directly in the centre of the roadway lane. Cyclists and motorists are to travel in a straight line.



- 9 In lanes greater than 4 metres wide, the sharrow is located on the right side of the roadway lane. Cyclists and motorists are to travel next to each other.



- 10 Exclusive bicycle lanes are created on streets that are wide enough to allow for a 1.5 metre wide additional lane. These lanes are for use by cyclists only and motorists must not drive, stop or park on them.



- 11 A Protected Bike Lane is a dedicated, marked lane for people on bikes that is physically separated from vehicles and pedestrian traffic by parked vehicles, a painted buffer and delineator posts.



- 12 Bike Boxes are green painted areas on the pavement provided at all signalized intersections where there are protected bike lanes. They are placed to facilitate two-stage left turns for people riding bikes. People riding bikes will be expected to first proceed straight through the intersection and wait in the designated left-turn Bike Box for the green signal on the cross street to complete their left turn.

### Signalling

- Use hand signals to indicate your intention to turn left, right or stop.
- Be sure to signal your turns and stops ahead of time so motorists have time to react.
- Before turning left or right, always look over your shoulder for traffic, and proceed only when it is safe to do so.



### Multi-Use Pathways

- Multi-use or shared pathways, like the Meewasin Valley Trail are for use by everyone.
- Watch for pedestrians, small children, pets, and other cyclists.
- Always travel on the right hand side of the pathway.
- Slow down when passing other pathway or trail users.
- At signalized intersections, follow "WALK / DON'T WALK" signals.
- At unsignalized intersections, yield to motorists.



### Transit Bike Racks

Most **Saskatoon Transit** buses are equipped with racks to transport your bicycle. Loading and unloading your bicycle is easy – follow the directions labeled on the bike rack, and be sure to let the driver know you will be unloading your bike before you get off the bus.

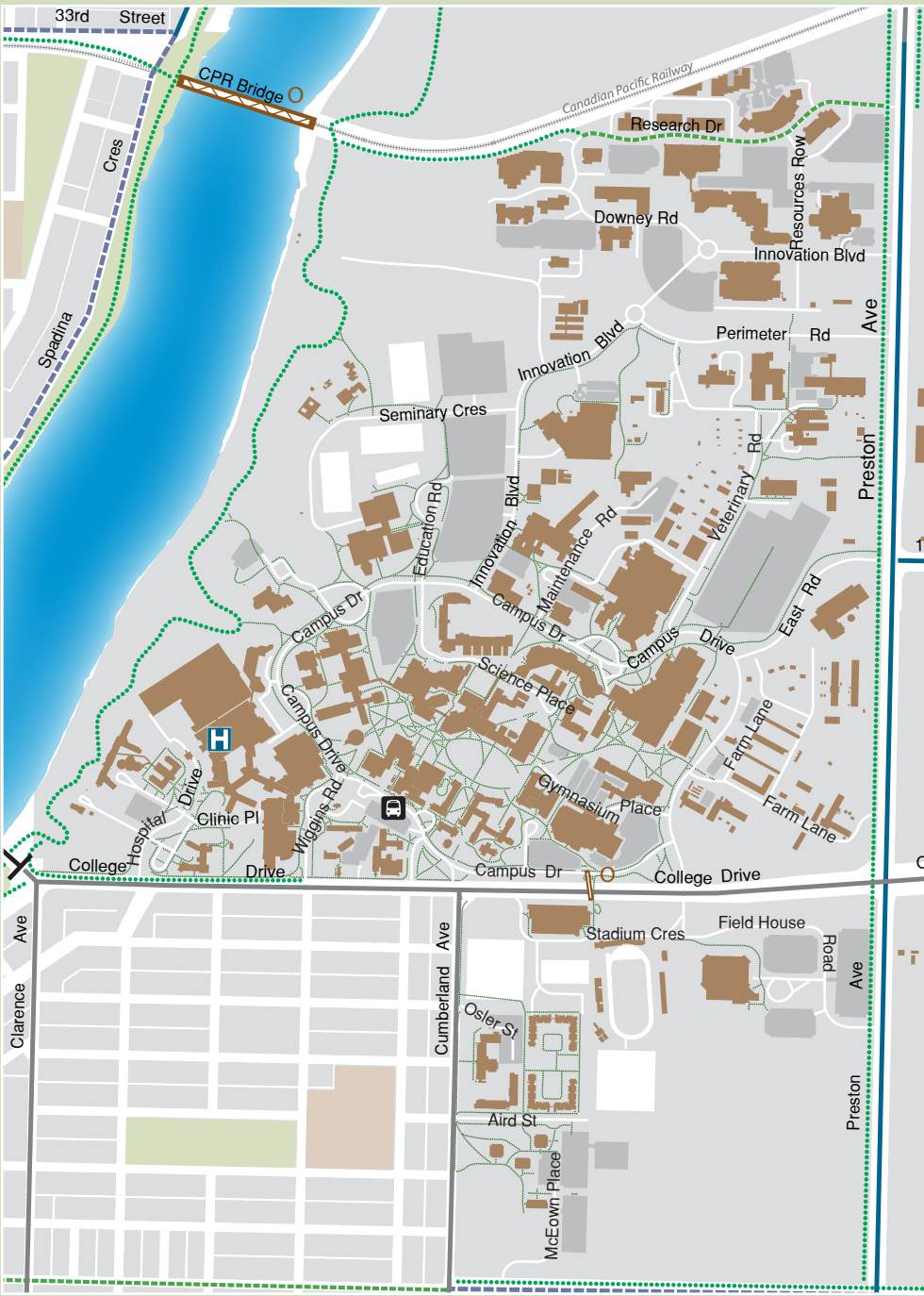
## SAFETY TIPS

- Wearing a helmet is recommended.
- Be sure your bike has a headlight and rear reflector.
- Use a horn or bell to warn pedestrians of your presence.
- Allow room on both your right and left to get around hazards or to move aside if you are passed too closely.
- Avoid riding in vehicle blind spots.
- Watch for cars entering from driveways.
- Drive defensively and be aware of your surroundings – pay attention.
- Position yourself where drivers can see you and where you can see what is happening around you.





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PRIMARY  
ALL AGES & ABILITIES

Streets with low vehicle traffic and speeds or Off-Road Pathways that are suitable for riders of all ages and abilities

- Protected Bike Lanes
- Shared-Use On-Road Cycling Lane
- Cycle Track
- Bike Boulevard
- Multi-Use Trails or Pathways
- Walkways or Parks
- Gravel or Crusher Dust Multi-Use Trails

RESTRICTED

- Restricted Cycling
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SECONDARY

Streets with medium vehicle traffic and speeds suitable for intermediate riders

- Exclusive Bike lanes
- Sharrows Wide lane and Narrow lanes
- On Road, Sharing the Road or Bike Route
- Local Roads

Streets with high speed and high volumes of traffic, novice riders use caution

- Shared-Use On-Road - High Volume and / or High Speed

- Underpass/Overpass
- Underpass/Overpass with stairs
- Bridge
- No Access
- Bus Terminal
- Hospital
- Highway
- Railway
- Schools
- Leisure Centre

