

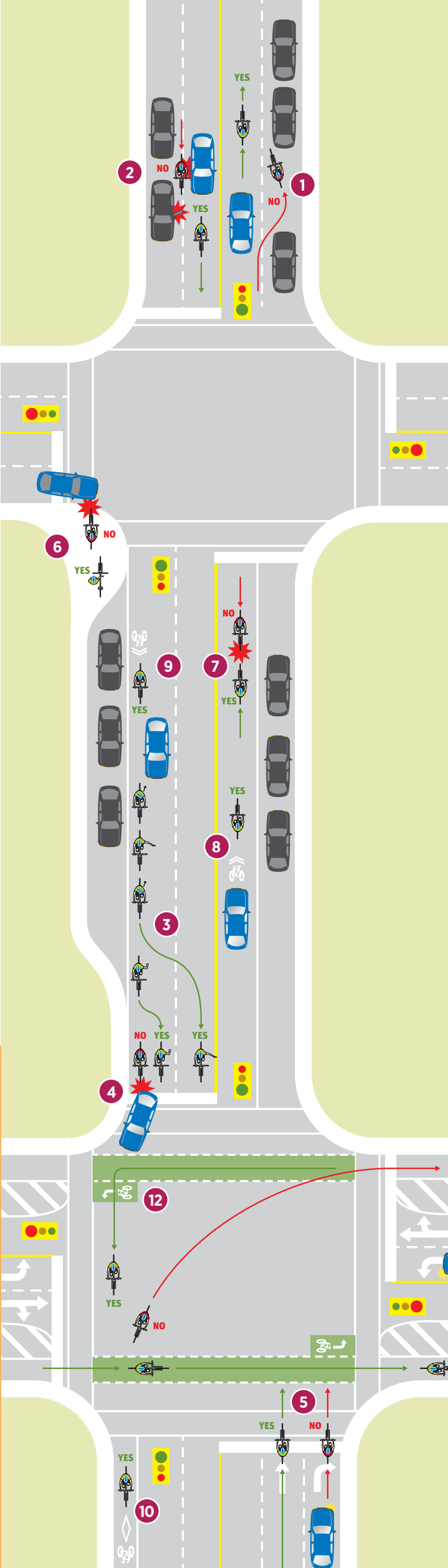
## ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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 people riding bikes 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.

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.

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. 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.



## CYCLING TIPS & WHERE TO RIDE

- 1 Always ride in a straight line, rather than weaving in and out of parked vehicles, so that drivers can see you at all times.
- 2 If the traffic lanes are narrow, ride in the centre of the lane, rather than riding between a parked vehicle and a vehicle travelling in a lane. This reduces the risk of being hit by a car door opening.
- 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 vehicles on the left. When riding a bicycle in a protected bike lane, right-turning vehicles are required to yield to the person on the bike proceeding through the intersection.
- 5 Position yourself in the right lane when there are no sharrows (shared-lane markings) or painted bike lanes. Only be in the right turning lane if you are turning, signal, then move toward the through lane safely ahead of time if necessary.
- 6 When biking, only ride on sidewalks and bridge pathways where indicated. If you're over the age of 13, walk next to your bike when it is necessary to use the sidewalk everywhere else in Saskatoon. Yield to people walking as they have the right of way.
  - Obey traffic lights and signs.
  - Yield to pedestrians — people crossing with the light have the right of way.



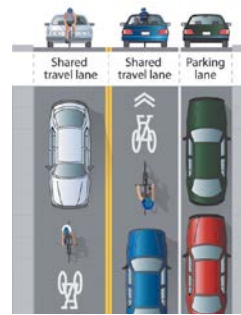
- 7 Ride in the same direction as traffic so that drivers can see you and pass at a safer distance.

On some streets, **sharrows** (share + arrow) are used to indicate where people riding bikes can best position themselves. Sharrows also alert motorists that people on bikes may be present.

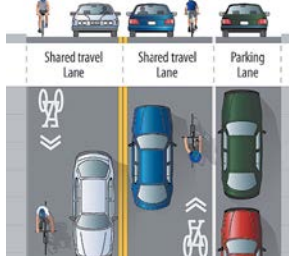


a "sharrow"

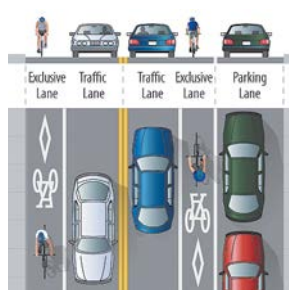
- 8 **Shared-Travel Lane:** When sharrows are present cyclists should position themselves in the centre of the marking: if the marking is in the middle of the lane, bike in the middle of the lane.



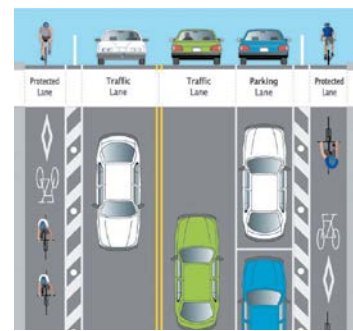
- 9 **Wide Shared-Travel Lane:** When sharrows are on the right side of the lane, you are to bike on the right side next to cars.



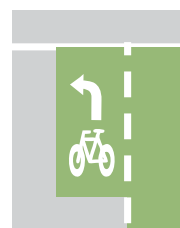
- 10 **Painted Bike Lane:** These lanes are for use by people on bikes only and drivers are not allowed to drive, stop or park on them. If continuing through an intersection, signal and move into the traffic lane and pass right turning vehicles on the left side.



- 11 **Protected Bike Lane:** A dedicated, marked lane for people on bikes that is physically separated from motor vehicles and pedestrian traffic by either parked vehicles, a painted buffer and/or delineator posts. When biking you have priority over the right turning vehicle.



- 12 Green painted areas at intersections are Bike Boxes designed to facilitate two-stage left turns for people biking. Go straight through the intersection and wait in the designated left-turn Bike Box for the green signal on the cross street to complete your left turn.



### SIGNALLING



- When changing lanes or turning at intersections, make sure to clearly indicate your intentions with hand signals, then move to the appropriate lane ahead of time to turn safely.
- Before turning left or right, always look over your shoulder for traffic, and proceed only when it is safe to do so.

### SAFETY TIPS

- Wearing a helmet is recommended.
- Be sure your bike has a headlight and a red rear reflector or light.
- 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.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Always keep your head up and be alert.
- Position yourself where drivers can see you and where you can see what is happening around you.

From Saskatoon's residential neighbourhoods, to the downtown and the scenic Meewasin Valley Trail, Saskatoon is full of spaces and places to ride! Before you hop on your bike, check out our Cycling Tips and Where to Ride to learn how to safely bike around town.

### SHARED-USE PATHWAYS

- 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 and be considerate when passing other pathway or trail users.
- At signalized intersections, follow "WALK / DON'T WALK" signals.
- At unsignalized intersections, yield to motorists.
- When approaching other people biking or walking, ring your bicycle bell. A bell can be used to warn other roadway users of your presence if you need to do so.



### TRANSIT BIKE RACKS

All **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.

Visit [saskatoontransit.ca/byxe](https://saskatoontransit.ca/byxe) for a how-to video on using the bus bike rack.

Information on transit routes and schedules can be found at [saskatoontransit.ca](https://saskatoontransit.ca).

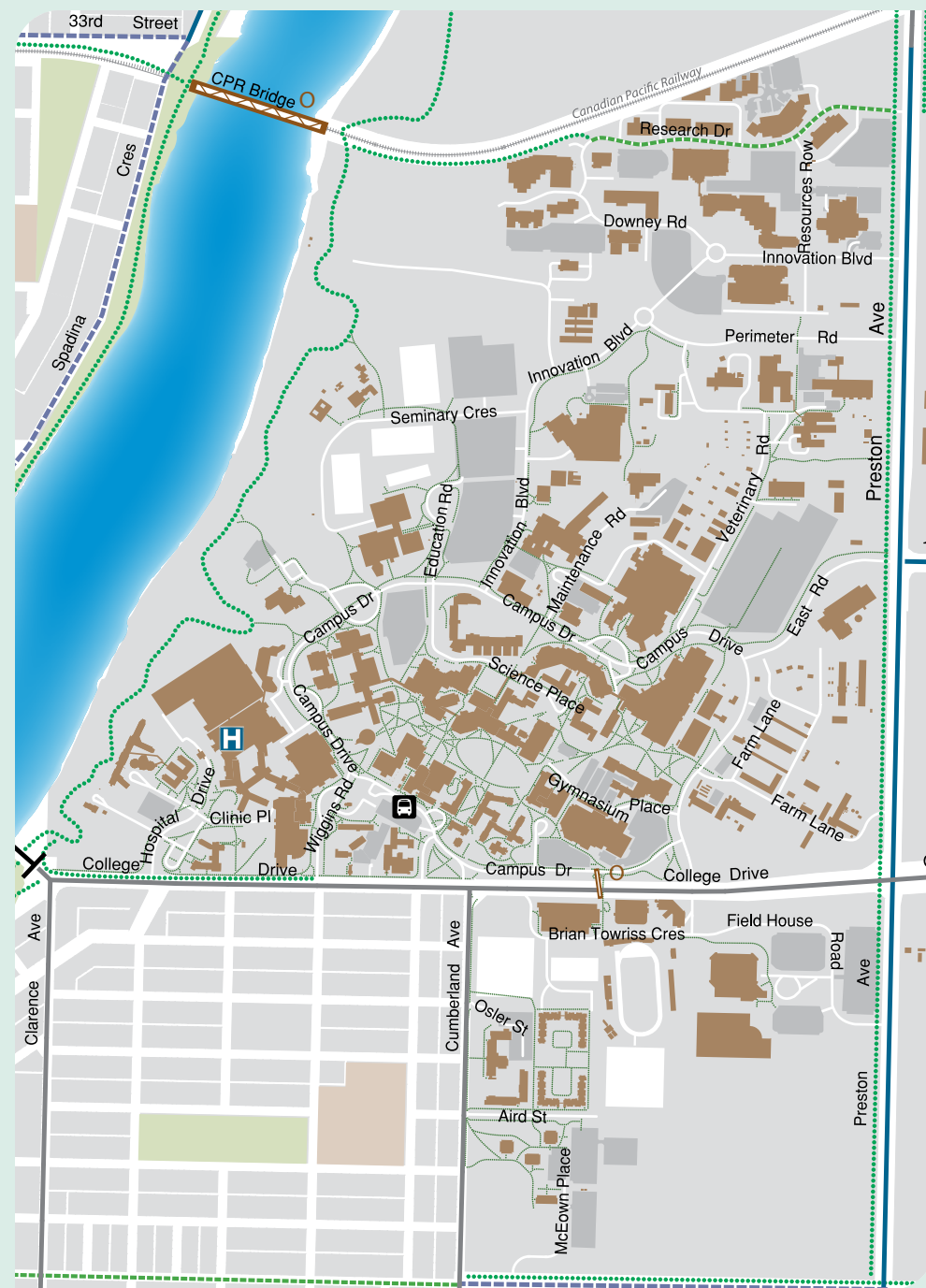
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Check out the online app at:  
[saskatoon.ca/byxe](https://saskatoon.ca/byxe)





### 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
- Cycle Track
- Bike Boulevard
- Multi-Use Trails or Pathways
- Walkways or Parks
- Gravel or Crusher Dust Multi-Use Trails

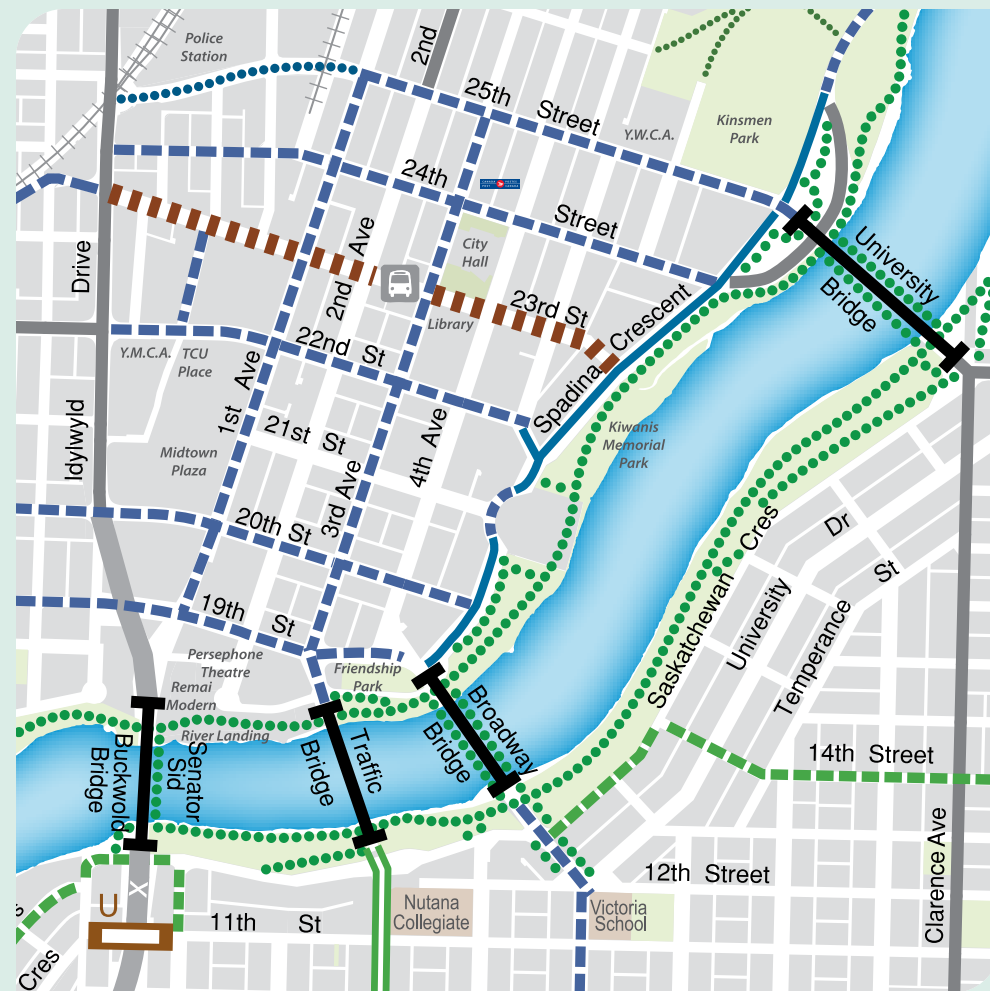
### RESTRICTED

- Restricted Cycling
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### SECONDARY

Streets with medium vehicle traffic and speeds suitable for intermediate riders

- Painted Bike lanes
- Shared-Use On-Road Cycling
- On Road, Sharing the Road or Bike Route



- Street Network
- Underpass/Overpass
- Underpass/Overpass with stairs
- Bridge
- No Access
- Bus Terminal
- Hospital
- Highway
- Railway
- Schools
- Leisure Centre
- Bicycle Repair Station

