

2016 CYCLING GUIDE

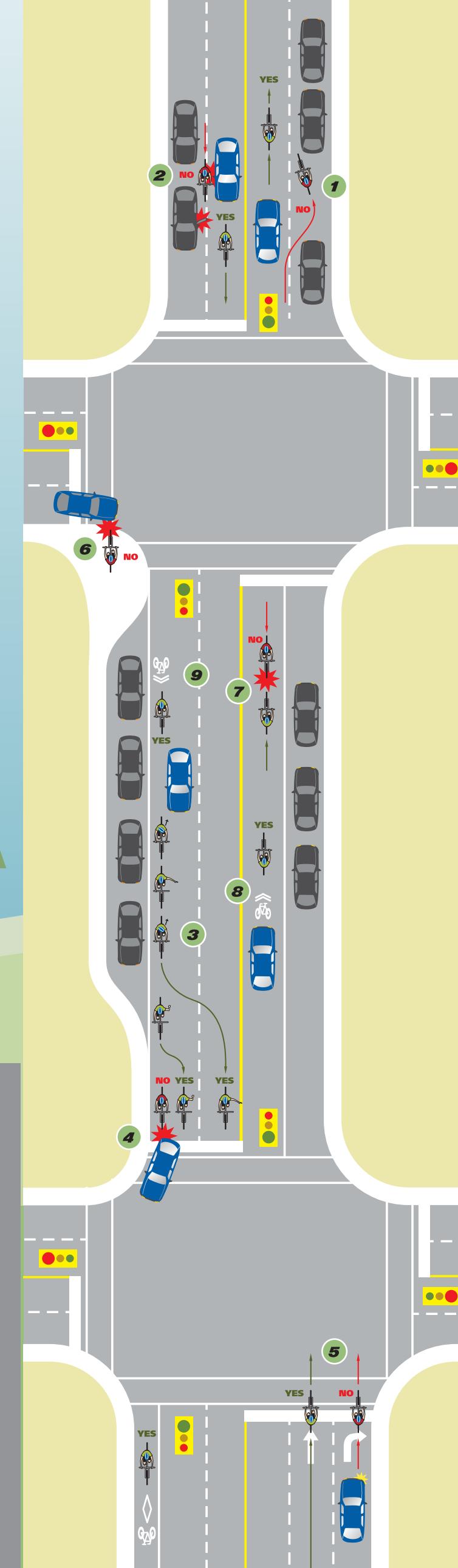
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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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 Only pass a right-turning vehicle on the left.

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 and overpasses. 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.

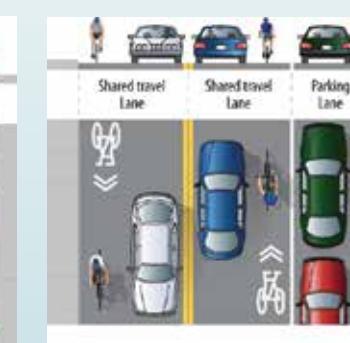
8 In narrow lanes, the sharrow is located directly in the centre of the roadway lane. Cyclists and motorists are to travel in a straight line.

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.

Narrow Traffic Lane



Wide Traffic Lane



- 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.



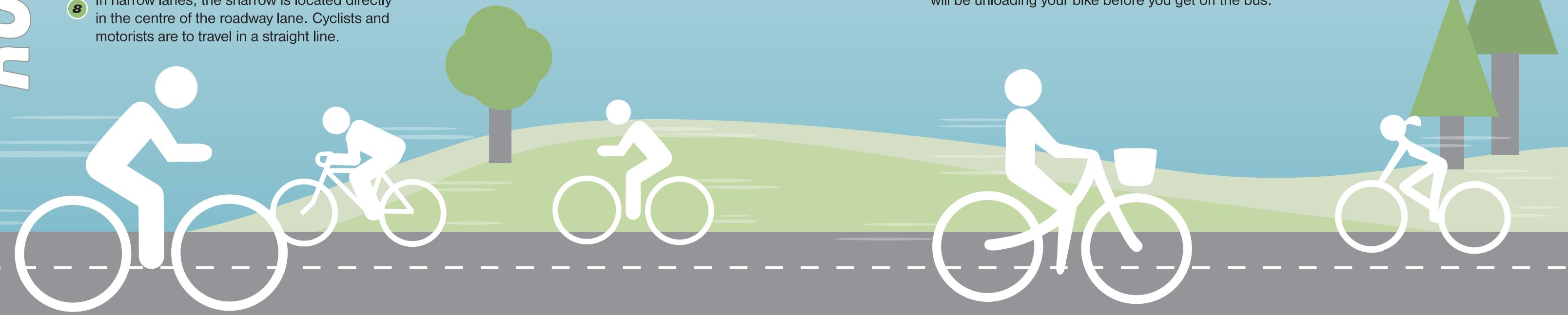
Multi-Use Pathways

- 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.



Transit Bike Racks

Some 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 Rules

- Wearing a helmet is recommended.
- Be sure your bike has a headlight and rear deflector.
- Use a horn or bell to warn pedestrians of your presence.
- Never passenger another person on your bicycle.
- 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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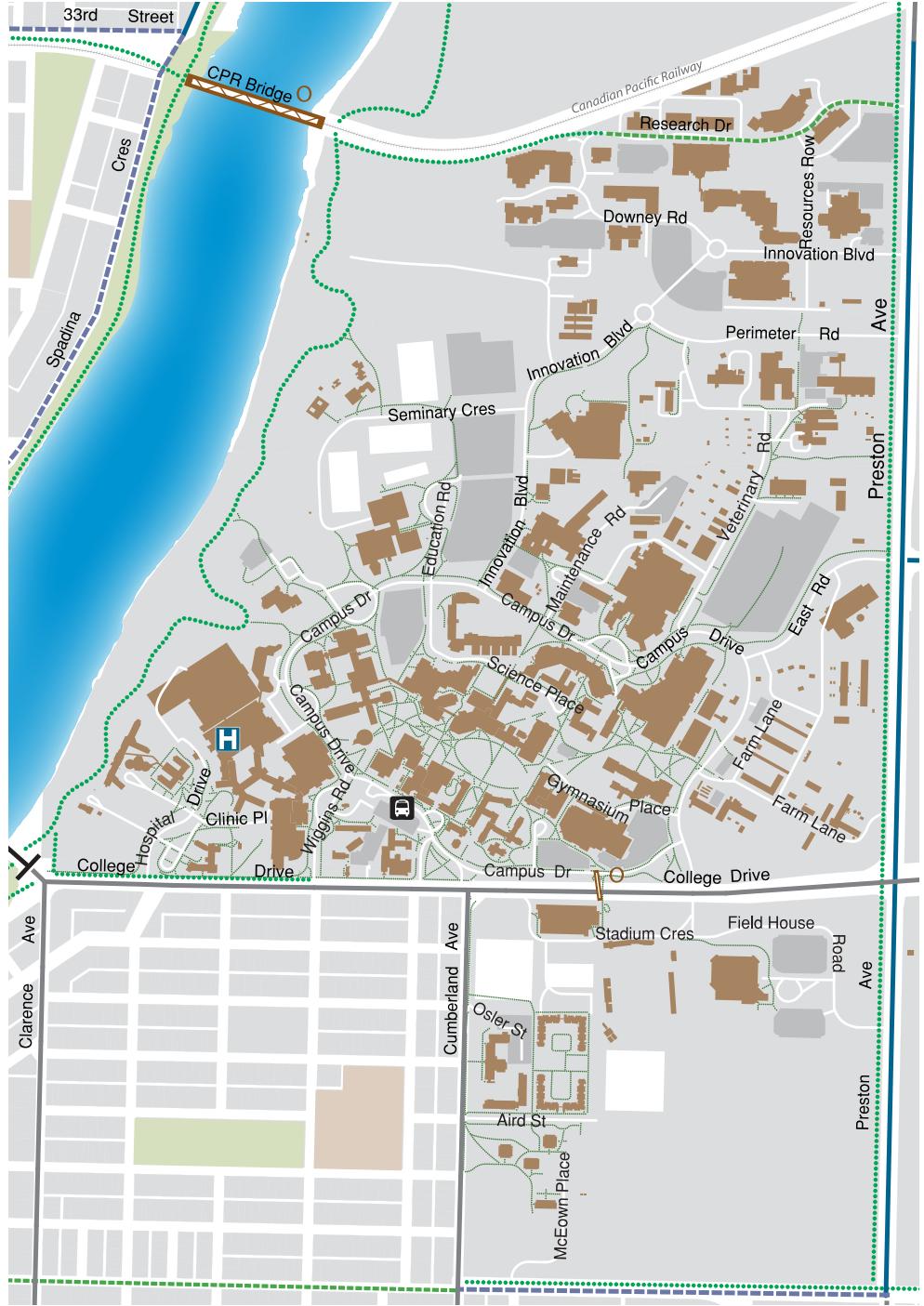
For more information on cycling safety and Saskatoon's Bicycle Bylaw (#6884) visit www.saskatoon.ca/cycling.

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

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

EXPER

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

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

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INTERMEDIATE

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

