Cycling in Traffic

• **USE HAND SIGNALS**
  Signal all turns and stops ahead of time, and then make your intended move only when it is safe to do so.

• **LEFT TURN**
  • Right Turn
  • Stop

• **BE CAREFUL AT INTERSECTIONS**
  The majority of accidents happen at intersections. Proceed with care. Vehicles making turns are particularly dangerous.

• **AVOID MAKING ERRATIC MOVEMENTS**
  Avoid dodging between parked cars. Motorists may not see you and it is difficult to predict erratic behavior.

• **BE WARY OF PARKED CARS**
  Motorists can unexpectedly open doors. Be particularly careful if you see a motorist in the car.

• **CROSS RAILROAD TRACKS CAREFULLY**
  Cross railroad tracks at a perpendicular angle so your tire does not slip on the rail. Wet railroad tracks are very slippery.

Make the healthy choice every day

[Image of a healthy lifestyle]

**MOSS MANSION**

**NORM'S ISLAND**

**LAKE ELMO**

**PIONEER PARK**

**BE PREDICTABLE**
Ride straight, use bike lanes and be prepared to use a full lane as permitted by state law.

**MAKE EYE CONTACT**
Ride defensively, be alert, able to HEAR and expect the unexpected.

**CAUTION WHEN PASSING**
People may not see you on the right from inside the car. Stay out of the “blind spot” and carefully overtake a right-turning vehicle.

**PASS ON THE LEFT**
You can either signal and merge into the left lane or ride to the corner and wait. Be Aware.

**SAFE LEFT TURN**
When passing a person who is walking, give an audible warning. A bike bell is the most common but same-choose to call out. Brake For People.

**BE COURTESY**
Share the road and the responsibilities. Motorists and cyclists get along much better when they are courteous.

**PEDESTRIANS ALWAYS HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY**
Always.

**COMMON CAR-BIKE COLLISIONS**

- **LEFT HOOK**
- **RIGHT HOOK**
- **CAR-PULLOUT #1**
- **CAR-PULLOUT #2**

**PICTOGRAPH CAVE**

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