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to our supporters, members, and volunteers. Learn more at a safe and comfortable city for all people on bikes. We can only do this thanks BikeHouston is a local nonprofit organization with a mission to make Houston

> Visit RideMETRO.org for more information. Bikes are allowed on all METRORail lines at all times.

- 3. Raise the support arm up and over the tire so that the hook rests on the highest point 2. Lift your bike onto the rack. Slide the front wheel into the slot labeled "front wheel here."
 - 1. Squeeze the handle to release the latch, and then fold down the bike rack.

HOW TO LOAD YOU'R SIKE ON THE KACK (local buses):

METRO local buses are equipped with bike racks on the front bumper with enough room for two bikes. METRO Park & Ride buses are equipped with bike racks located in the space for luggage.

> routes are on high-traffic streets you may not feel comfortable riding on. The map provided contains old data. You may find conditions have changed. Many

> > Always ride with a helmet and lights, and predictably.

Test out new routes during daylight, non-rush hour times.

Consider that typically the best bike route is different than the best car route. Many prefer riding on neighborhood streets with low traffic whenever possible.

with the bicycle layer and/or Strava heat map. Start by looking at a map and consider using online tools like Google Maps

Tips for Route Planning

the ability to listen will reduce your risk substantially. Always wear a helmet. the earplugs and mobile phone off while cycling. Fewer distractions and working, chain runs smoothly and quick release levers are closed. Leave 5. Ride Ready. Check that your tires are properly inflated, brakes are

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door zone and anticipate drivers' next moves, as well as road hazards. Narrow, busy or fast streets are particularly dangerous. Ride outside the 4. Think Ahead. Plan your route carefully to avoid dangerous streets.

low light conditions, but also during the day.

lights on back in addition to reflectors. Wear bright, reflective clothing in 3. Be Visible. Use bright white lights on front of your bicycle and bright red

you well before changing your lane position.

in a straight line and don't swerve between cars. Signal and check behind 2. Be Predictable. Make your intentions clear to everyone on the road. Ride

This may be the left lane if you are turning left. Cyclists breaking the law ride with traffic, in the rightmost lane headed in the direction you are going 1. Follow the Law. You have the same rights and duties as drivers. Always

> position. arm to a norizontal Right Turn: Raise right

postilon. arm to a horizontal Left Turn: Raise left



your intentions, keeping you and other road users safe. Proper hand signaling helps drivers, pedestrians, and other bikers know

Hand Signals

TECHNIQUE BIDE

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BIKE MAP LAWS & SAFETY

o A person operating a bicycle has the rights and duties applicable to a driver operating a vehicle. Including but not limited to stopping and yielding at stop signs and traffic lights just as motor vehicles do.

- o Ride as far to the right as practicable, in the same direction as other traffic. "Practicable" does not mean "possible." Stay out of the gutter and leave yourself enough room to avoid hazards, including parked cars with open doors.
- O A bicyclist may ride in the middle of a lane ("take the lane") that is less than 14 feet wide or is too narrow to safely share with a motor vehicle.
- o Bicyclists may ride two abreast when taking a lane on a multilane roadway. Persons riding two abreast may not impede the normal and reasonable flow of traffic on the roadway.
- o A bicyclist should ride in the proper lane to make a turn or otherwise negotiate an intersection. That is usually the rightmost lane that goes to your destination.
- O A bicyclist may ride to the left side on a one-way roadway.
- o A bicyclist must have and use a white light on the front of the bike and a red reflector or red light on the back when riding in the dark.
- Use hand and arm signals

SAFETY

O People driving cars must allow for three feet of separation when passing a person on a bike. Commercial vehicles must allow 6ft. (Vulnerable Road User Act, Houston Traffic Code Section 45-032).

Houston Traffic Code Section 45-032

No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk in the City of Houston within a business district or where prohibited by a sign. A business district is defined as "the territory contiguous to and including a roadway when, within 600 feet along such roadway, there are buildings in use for business or industrial purpose which occupy 300 feet collectively on both sides of the roadway."

Houston City Ordinance No. 95-813

Children under the age of 18 who operate or ride on a bicycle or any side car, trailer, child carrier, seat or other device attached to a bicvcle must wear a bicycle helmet.

Park & Trail Contact Info

Barker Reservoir water elevation levels are available at https://waterdata.usgs.gov/tx/nwis/uv/?site no=08072500

Cullen Park: Houston Parks and Recreation at (832) 395-7000 or www.houstontx.gov/parks

Houston METRO: (713) 635-4000 or ridemetro.org

Terry Hershey Park, George Bush Park & Bear Creek Pioneers Park: (281) 496-2177, pct3parks@pct3.com, or www.pct3.com/parks/



Bear Creek Pioneers Park unpaved trail.



George Bush Hike & Bike Trail



Terry Hershey Park at Memorial Dr.



at Barker Cypress.



Terry Hershey Trail bridge over Buffalo Bayou



Terry Hershey Trail North high comfort crossing under I-10.



Rendering of high comfort crossings under I-10 at Highway 6, Eldridge, Dairy Ashford, Park Ten, & Kirkwood. March 2017 expected completion.