

# UNDERSTANDING PORTLAND'S BICYCLE SYMBOLS & MARKINGS

Portland is known as one of the top bike-friendly cities in the US due to miles of bike lanes, low-traffic Neighborhood Greenways, and these unique street markings. They help people driving and biking know where to look for one another when sharing the road. Here are a few of the most common symbols:



## Sharrow

**When you bike:** Sharrows designate a safe and visible place to ride. Follow the sharrows to ride on low-traffic Neighborhood Greenway streets throughout the city.

**When you drive:** Keep an eye out for all types of travelers — people on bikes, on foot, on skateboards, etc. Drive slowly and give ample room when passing.



## Bike-Specific Signal Detectors

**When you bike:** Position your wheels over these street markings and stay there until your light turns green. If a car is already waiting, it will activate the signal for you.

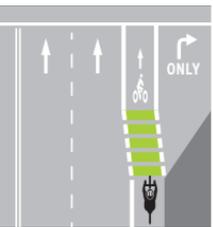
**When you drive:** Be aware of people on bikes moving into the lane of travel. In order to trigger the traffic signal, bicycles must be positioned on these pavement markings.



## Bike Box

**When you bike:** Roll up to the front of the line when there's a yellow or red light. If the light is green, watch for vehicles turning right before continuing through the intersection.

**When you drive:** Stop behind the white line at a yellow or red light. When the light turns green, yield to cyclists in the bike lane before turning. Only people on bikes can take a right on red when there's a bike box.



## Dashed Bike Lane

**When you bike:** Watch for buses and other vehicles crossing the lines to turn right or make stops. The dashed lines mean a mix of traffic can use the space.

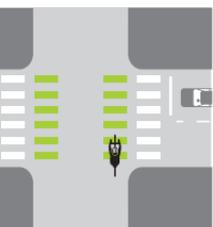
**When you drive:** Watch for and yield to people on bikes continuing straight through before crossing dashed bike lanes.



## Left Turn Bike Boxes

**When you bike:** Use these boxes to make left turns across intersections rather than merging into traffic. Roll your bike into the box and position it to cross the intersection. Wait for the signal and move through the intersection ahead of auto traffic.

**When you drive:** Like a bike box, these smaller boxes guide people on bikes to use a predictable route through busy intersections. Be alert to bicyclists using them.



## Crossbikes

**When you bike:** Roll up to the beginning of the green crossbike and stop. People driving are not legally obligated to stop for you when using a green crossbike. People are legally required to stop for you when crossing in a white crosswalk. Cross when conditions are safe for you to do so.

**When you drive:** Green crossbike markings communicate that this is an intersection where many people bike and walk across the street. Stay alert, look for people crossing the roadway and be prepared to stop for people who may misjudge the time required to bicycle the street.