WHAT IS A BIKE SIGNAL?

A bike signal is a traffic signal only for people on bicycles and is typically used to separate when autos and bicycles proceed through an intersection. Bicycle signals are traffic control devices currently approved for conditional use by the Federal Highway Administration. (ORS 811.260)

MORE INFO ABOUT BIKE SIGNALS

USA Today
Bicycle Traffic Signals get a Green Light

BikePortland
See PBOT’s Latest Tweak to Broadway/Williams Bike Signal

BikePortland
People on Bikes get “Pre-Green” at New Signal on NE Broadway

StreetsBlog
Bike Signal Get the Green Light from Engineering Establishment

The Oregonian
Portland’s new traffic-light experiment comes in peace (video)

LOCATIONS OF BIKE SIGNALS

An online map containing the existing bicycle traffic signals:
www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation

If any bike signals or traffic signals have issues, please call:
503-823-CYCL (2925)
WHAT DO YOU DO?

When riding a bike toward a signalized intersection, look for a bike signal. It will have bicycle icon bulbs and/or a BIKE SIGNAL sign mounted next to it.

If you are on a bike and there is a bike signal, then follow the bike signal indication unless conditions are unsafe. If there is no bike signal, then obey the regular traffic signal to go or stop.

When proceeding on a bike signal green or a car circular green, yield to pedestrians. Left turns yield to oncoming traffic. Remember to look before you turn and turn when safe.

Only make turns that are legal from your starting position. Turn right from as far right as practical. Turn left from as far left as practical.

STEP 1: Is there a bike signal? If there is no bike signal, then obey regular traffic signal.

STEP 2: When stopping for a bike signal, position your bike on the bike stencil (if present) to request a green light. Then go when you see a green bike indication and the intersection is clear.

BENEFITS OF BIKE SIGNALS

SAFETY
Some bike signals have been used to separate people on bikes and right-turning vehicles to reduce ‘right hook’ crashes. But, regardless of what you are driving (car or bike), look for each other!

COMFORT
Giving people on bikes their own signal gives them a sense of place in the roadway while alerting motorists that people on bikes may be next to them.

Bike signals separate auto movements from bicycle movements

To allow safer traffic flow