# How *Cyclists* Share the Road at Intersections



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- **Bicycles are considered vehicles** under traffic laws in Texas.
- When crossing or turning at an intersection, stop at all stop signs and red lights. Watch for and yield to pedestrians.

#### Share the Road: Making Right Turns

- Use hand signals to indicate that you are turning right. Stop if you have a stop sign or red light, and check for traffic and pedestrians before making your turn.
- If there isn't a bike lane at the intersection, position yourself in the middle of the right lane or right-turn lane to start your turn, where you will be more visible to motorists behind you.

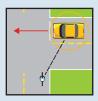
#### Share the Road: Making Left Turns

- Use hand signals to indicate that you are turning left. Stop if you have a stop sign or red light, and check for traffic and pedestrians before making your turn.
- When making a left turn at an intersection, move from the right edge of the road to the left turn lane. Check over your shoulder, signal, and move into the center of the lane. If there are two left turn lanes, use the second lane from the left.
- You may dismount and walk your bicycle across an intersection if you are uncomfortable navigating the intersection.



#### Share the Road: Traveling Straight Through an Intersection

- If you are traveling behind a motorist who is making a right turn, you may signal and pass the motorist on the left.
- If you are traveling straight through an intersection, watch for oncoming motorists who are turning left; they may not see you.



### Share the Road: Use Caution at Driveways

• Be alert as you approach a driveway, in case a motorist does not see you.



# How *Motorists* Share the Road at Intersections





#### Share the Road: Obey all Traffic Laws

- **Bicycles are considered vehicles** under traffic laws in Texas.
- When meeting cyclists at intersections, follow the right-of-way rules just as you would if meeting another motor vehicle.

#### Share the Road: Making Right Turns

- Be predictable. Use your turn signals to indicate your intention to turn.
- Watch for cyclists to your right as you are turning -- check your mirrors and glance over your shoulder.
- Make a right turn from the right curb or roadway edge. If you need to enter or cross a bike lane to turn right, watch for and yield to cyclists who are in the bike lane next to you.

#### Share the Road: Making Left Turns

- Be predictable. Use your turn signals to indicate your intention to turn.
- Watch for oncoming cyclists before making your turn.
- Cyclists who are turning left at an intersection may move from the right edge of the road to the left turn lane.



#### Share the Road: Traveling Straight Through an Intersection

- Be alert for cyclists who are turning in front of or beside you.
- If there is not a bike lane at the intersection, a cyclist may move to the middle of the lane.



### Share the Road: Use Caution at Driveways

- Stop in advance of the crosswalk area (may be marked or unmarked) to yield to others before proceeding.
  - Use caution when pulling out of a driveway and watch for cyclists who may be approaching on the roadway. Scan left, right, and left again before driving onto the roadway.



