



THIS IS HOW WE ROLL

**YOUR GUIDE TO VERNON'S
NEW TRANSPORTATION NETWORK**



The City of Vernon is building a transportation network that makes it safe and easy for people of all ages and abilities to get around by foot, by skateboard, by bike, by car, or by public transit.

This guide will introduce you to the different types of facilities that you will see around Vernon and what you need to know to navigate them.



WHO WE ARE

PEDESTRIANS



SMALL WHEELS



CYCLISTS



DRIVERS



TIPS FOR EVERYONE

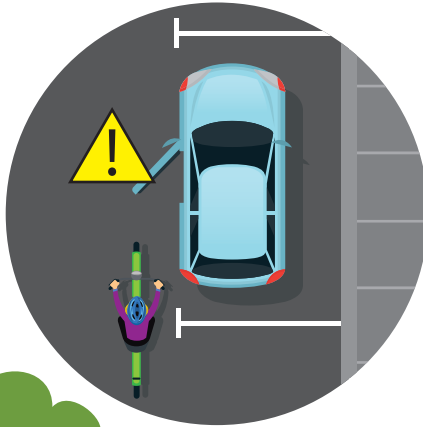
Let's take care of each other out there!

WHEN DRIVING

Check for cyclists before opening your car door.

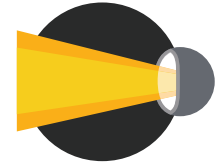
Yield to cyclists and small wheels in the bike lane.

Don't forget to shoulder check when turning right.



WHEN ON YOUR BIKE, SKATEBOARD, OR SCOOTER

Be visible! Use a strong white headlight and red taillight when it's dark.



You are required by law to wear a helmet.

Yield to pedestrians on multi-use paths and in crosswalks.



Always travel in the same direction as traffic unless directed by a traffic control device such as a sign or pavement marking.



ELECTRIC KICK SCOOTERS

WHAT IS AN ELECTRIC KICK SCOOTER?

Electric kick scooters are little vehicles with a standing platform, handlebar, and a small electric motor. They are a quick, convenient, and sustainable way to get around. They are also very new and you may be unsure how to share the road with them.

PEOPLE RIDING ELECTRIC KICK SCOOTERS:

- Must be at least 16 years of age.
- Must wear a helmet.
- May use roads, bike lanes and pathways while following the same rules as cyclists.
- Cannot carry any passengers.
- May use sidewalks, but must slow down and yield to pedestrians.
- Never ride impaired.
- Must dismount when using a crosswalk unless there are elephants' feet.



BEFORE YOU RIDE AN ELECTRIC KICK SCOOTER:

LEARN THE RULES.

- Electric kick scooters are fun, but they are vehicles, not toys. It's your responsibility to learn and follow the rules.

BE SAFE AND START SLOW.

- It takes time to learn how to keep your balance and stay in control. Beginners should start slow and ride in a quiet place, not on the road.

PLAN YOUR ROUTE. BIKE LANES ARE BEST.

- Bike lanes and pathways are the best place to ride your electric kick scooter. You may also ride on the sidewalk, but you must slow down and yield to pedestrians.

For more information visit www.vernon.ca/smallwheels.



WHEN WALKING

Look both ways before crossing a street.

Walk facing traffic if you're on a street with no sidewalk.

Be mindful of cyclists and other users on multi-use paths.



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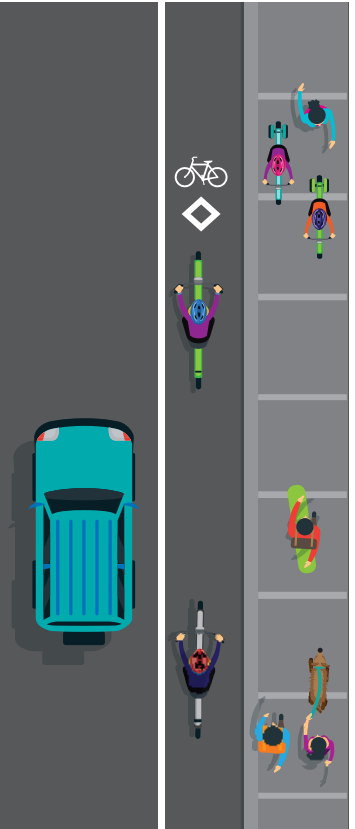
ROADS

BIKE LANES

CYCLE TRACK

MULTI-USE PATHS

SIDEWALKS



ROADS

IN YOUR CAR

Watch out for pedestrians and cyclists when you are driving, especially at intersections and near pathways and bike lanes.

WHEN WALKING

You may walk, skateboard, scooter or rollerblade on the sidewalk or in the shoulder.

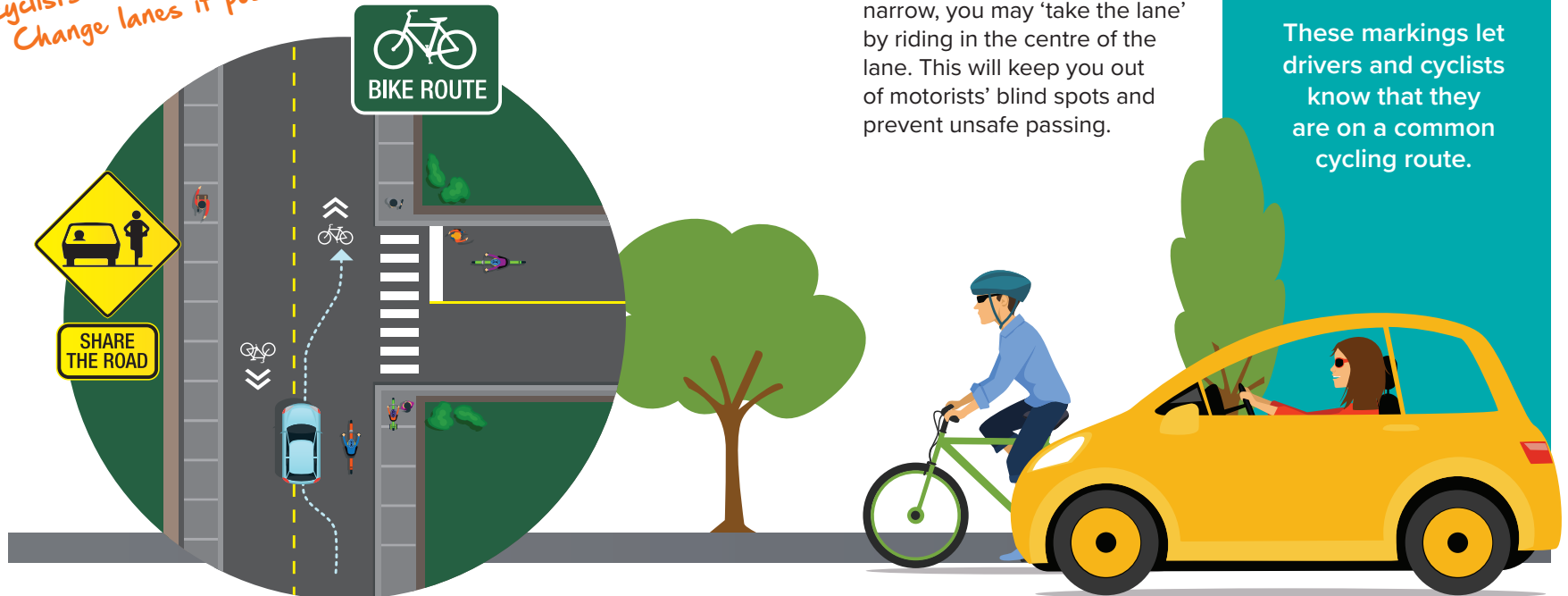
Walk facing traffic if you're on a street with no sidewalk.

ON YOUR BIKE

Ride on the right but leave enough room to avoid hazards like debris or car doors. This usually means riding about one metre from the curb or parked cars.

If there is no bike lane or shoulder and the road is narrow, you may 'take the lane' by riding in the centre of the lane. This will keep you out of motorists' blind spots and prevent unsafe passing.

Always pass pedestrians and cyclists at a safe distance. Change lanes if possible.



Some roads have sharrows which means 'share the road.'

These markings let drivers and cyclists know that they are on a common cycling route.

BIKE LANES

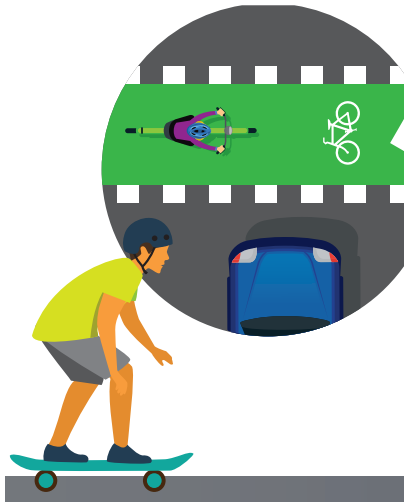
Bike lanes are primarily used by cyclists but you may also skateboard, scooter, or rollerblade in a bike lane if you follow the same rules of the road as cyclists. People using mobility devices such as motorized wheelchairs are legally considered pedestrians and should use sidewalks, not bike lanes.

- Do not walk, drive, stop or park in a bike lane.
- When driving, yield to cyclists in a bike lane.
- Be mindful of driveways and intersections and yield to people in crosswalks.



This is an elephants' feet crosswalk, which means cyclists and small wheels can cross without dismounting. Bike crossings may also have bike traffic signals and additional signs.

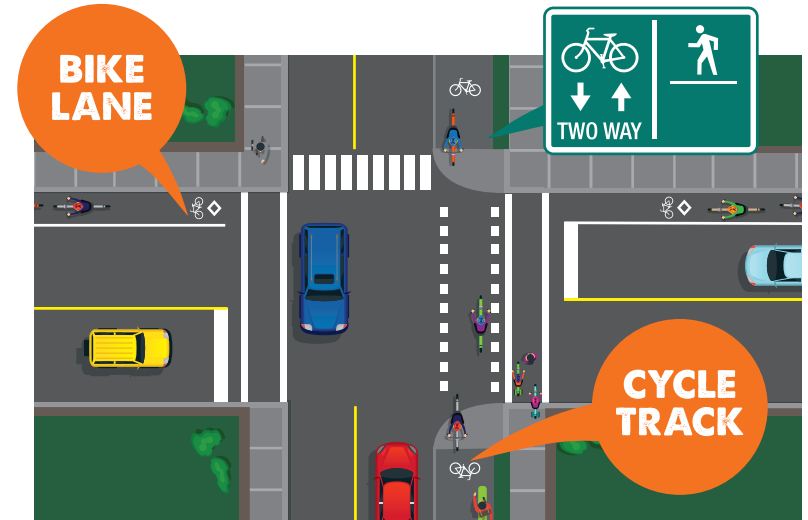
Green pavement marks an area where cyclists and drivers may cross paths. Pay special attention in these areas.



CYCLE TRACK

A cycle track is a bike lane that is physically separated from vehicle traffic. Vernon's downtown cycle track runs along 30th Street from Polson Park to 37th Avenue.

- You can ride in both directions on the cycle track. Stay right except to pass.
- Drivers should be mindful that cyclists can appear from both directions at intersections. Always shoulder check before turning right.
- You can bike, skateboard, scooter, or rollerblade on the cycle track. Please walk on the sidewalk beside it.
- Stay back from the pedestrian area when you are waiting to cross an intersection on your bike.
- Pay special attention where driveways cross the cycle track.



MULTI-USE PATHS

Multi-use paths are used for many types of activities. You can bike, skateboard, run, walk and more. Some of our multi-use paths are paved while others are gravel. You will know you are on a multi-use path when you see a 'shared pathway' sign or road marking.

- You may use these paths to travel in both directions.
- All users should stay to the right and pass on the left. If you need to pass someone you must let them know either by ringing a bell or by saying "on your left."
- When you're walking, keep the volume on your headphones low so you can hear other people trying to pass you.

This is a multi-use path crossing. All pathway users can cross and cyclists and small wheels do not need to dismount.



- Always use a leash when walking your dog on a multi-use path and yield to other users.
- Multi-use paths are used by many different types of people and are not a good place for cyclists or small wheels to blast at full speed. If you want to sprint on your bike or skateboard, use the road or a bike lane. Always yield to slower users.

SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks are primarily used by pedestrians. You may also use your skateboard, scooter, or rollerblades on a sidewalk but take it slow and always yield to pedestrians.

- Children 12 years old or younger may ride their bikes on a sidewalk but teenagers and adults must dismount and walk their bikes.
- Be careful not to block the sidewalk when you lock up your bike.
- Dismount from your bike, skateboard, or scooter before using a regular crosswalk.



RESOURCES

For more information about getting around Vernon visit www.vernon.ca/vernonmoves

For more information about your rights and responsibilities while riding a bike, visit Bike Sense BC at www.bikesense.bc.ca

Community Bike Map www.vernon.ca/biking



For more information about road safety visit ICBC at www.icbc.com