

## What is a Bicycle Lane?

- A bicycle lane is an **exclusive lane** on the right side of the road designed especially for bikes.
- Bike lanes are designated with bicycle pavement markings and arrows that direct cyclists in the direction to travel.

## Why are Bike Lanes being Installed?

Bike lanes are being installed on some roads in Connecticut to provide multiple benefits:

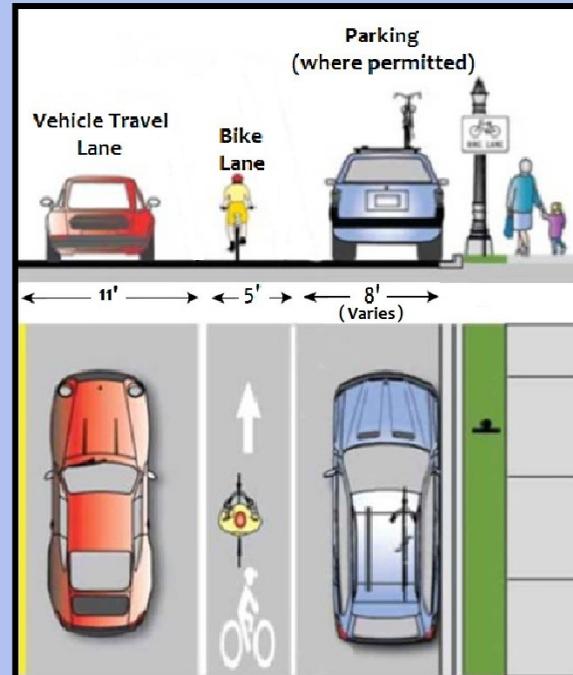
- Improvement of safety for cyclists.
- To help establish order in the roadway by providing a designated place for bicyclists and motorists and enhancing safety for everyone.
- This effort will help communities implement aspects of this law.
- Further the development of Complete Streets as promoted by Connecticut State Law and OSTA Policy.
- Improve travel behavior and predictability on multilane roadways.
- Inspire more people to cycle.

## How Should Motorists and Bicyclists Operate when on a Roadway with a Bicycle Lane?

Vehicles are **not** allowed in the bicycle lane either to drive or park. Vehicles are only allowed to cross the bike lane when

entering or exiting driveways.

Drivers must not drive or park in the bike lane. Bicyclists are reminded to follow the rules of the road and obey all traffic control devices, including signals and stop signs.



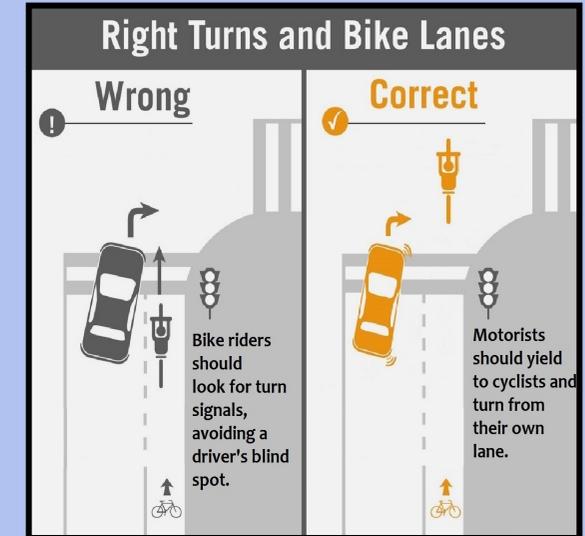
## Be Aware of Opening your Car Door!

Some bike lanes may be close to parked cars or cars may park close to the lane and the door can reach into the bike lane.



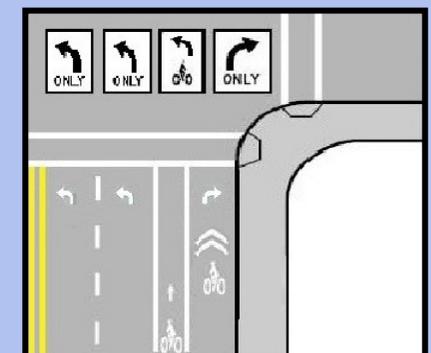
## How do Motorists Make Right Turns when a Bicycle Lane is Present?

When turning right, a motorist should always yield to bicyclists going straight and wait until after they clear the intersection or driveway.



## How do Cyclists Ride in Bike Lanes?

Riding in bike lanes provides a certain amount of separation from the motor vehicle traffic and gives cyclists an added sense of comfort while riding in urban areas.



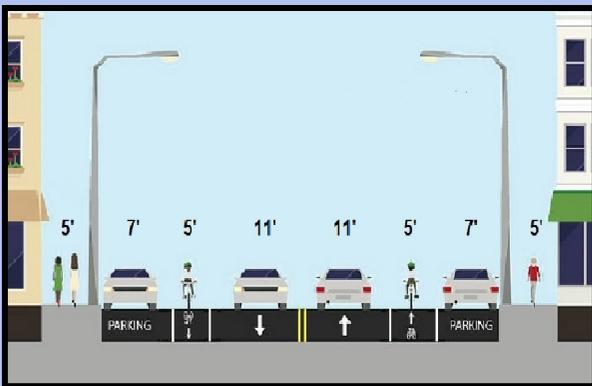


### CT State Laws

Bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers of motor vehicles. As a motorist, you should drive carefully around a cyclist because the slightest mistake by you or the bicyclist can result in injury or death.

### Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-232

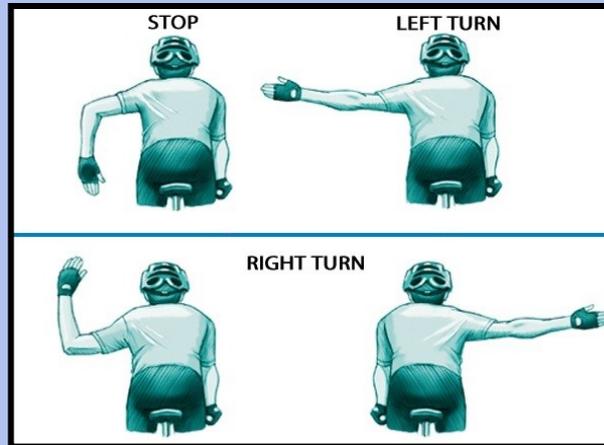
A "safe distance" means not less than three (3) feet when the driver of a vehicle overtakes and passes a person riding a bicycle. These laws ensure that when vehicles pass bicycles, they allow adequate space to avoid sideswiping the cyclists and/or forcing the cyclists to overcorrect themselves.



**Connecticut's Complete Streets Law (Conn. Gen. Stat. §13-153f)** Requires pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users to be routinely considered in the planning, designing, construction, and operation of all roads.

### Hand Signal Use

The following shows hand signals cyclists may use to indicate if they are turning or stopping. Drivers can familiarize themselves with these signals to prepare for more bikes on the road.



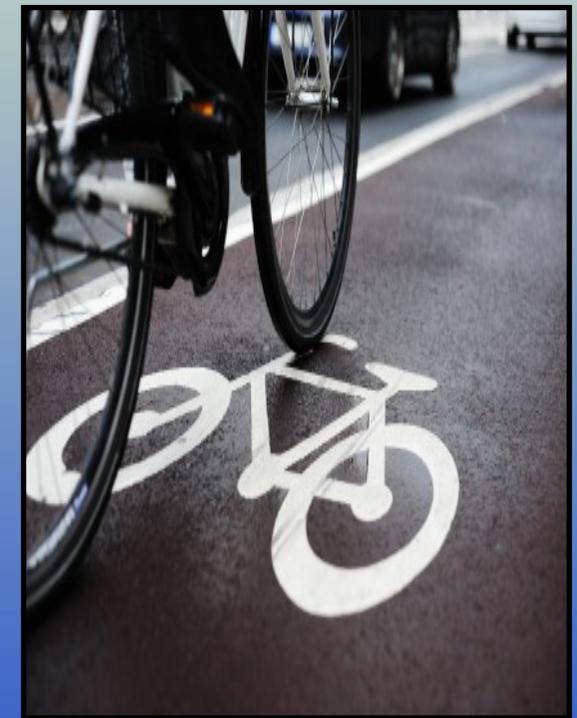
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