An affordable, healthy and convenient alternative to driving, biking in Virginia Beach has been a challenge. But, we’re working to improve our network of bikeways so that our city is a safe place to ride. We want to promote a sound culture of bicycling in Virginia Beach, and that goal is achievable if we all do our part in sharing the road.

**Bike Safety is a Two-Way Street.**

Riding predictably and “passing on your left.” Keep pets on leash way down a street. Never ride against traffic. Riding can hit and seriously hurt motorists and pedestrians. Keep track of the right. Everyone should keep to the right of way. bikers yield to motorists don’t weave between parked cars. Ride in a straight line. Avoid traffic behind you, so you’ll know when to yield. When necessary, use hand signals and anticipate the actions of other road users. When riding two abreast, bicyclists may not impede the movement of traffic and need to move into single file when being passed from behind.

**WEAR THE PROPER GEAR.** The grim reality is that about 1,000 American bicyclists die in crashes every year, with approximately 75% of those being from head injuries. Children ages 14 & under are five times more likely to sustain bicycle crash-related injuries than any other age group. All bicyclists should wear properly fitted bicycle helmets every time they ride, as it is the single most effective way to prevent head injury resulting from a bicycle crash. Stay visible too; wear bright colors and use reflective equipment.

**DON’T BE A BIKESALMON.** You know how salmon swim upstream to get to a particular destination? Bicyclists follow this risky example when riding against the flow of traffic. This wrong-way riding behavior endangers everyone—motorists, pedestrians, and other cyclists. Make the roads safe for everyone by following the rules of the road and going with the flow of traffic.

For more info, visit VB.gov/TwoWayStreet

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### Types of Bikeways

**OFF-ROAD FACILITIES**

**Shared-Use Paths**

- Paved paths separated from the roads
- Open to cyclists, walkers, runners, skaters, skateboards, ... (37 miles)

**Wide Sidewalks**

- Male sidewalks are similar to bicycle paths, are not separated from roads. They are paved, but when you need to ride on a path, the path is paved (18 miles)

**ON-ROAD FACILITIES**

**Bike Lanes**

- Bike Lanes are 3-5 ft wide sections on each side of a roadway marked for bike use. They are designated by logos, and are open for all road users, including motor vehicles and non-motorized traffic (27 miles)

**Paved Shoulders**

- Paved Shoulders are sections along the sides of a roadway that are at least 4 feet wide. They are open for all road users, including motor vehicles and non-motorized traffic (4 miles)

**SHARED ROADWAY**

- Shared Roadways are roads shared by motor vehicles and bikes. These roads may be marked with bicycle symbols, bike lanes, or bike lane symbols or marked with signs or pavement markings as a preferred route for cyclists.

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MAP & RESOURCES

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**Oceanfront Area**