



# The Montclair Bike Bus is on a mission to make biking together to school joyful, fun, and safe.

## WHO WE ARE

We're Montclair parents and community supporters who want to make it joyful, fun, and safe to bike to school together. With creativity and courage, we're determined to make our roads accessible to active transportation. Our hope is that the bike bus route is utilized not just during school hours but offers popular routes for all to enjoy.

## WHAT WE DO

- + Build community support in town and schools
- + Create rider tools, time tables, and routes
- + Host events and gatherings
- + Advise on transportation infrastructure redesign

## WHAT BIKE BUSES DO

A bike bus is an adult-led scheduled bike ride that follows a specific route and timetable. There are bike buses all over the world. By riding with the Montclair Bike Bus you're part of a global movement!

## WHY IT MATTERS

When kids and adults ride together, there is safety in numbers. We see the Bike Bus as a great way to promote biking in our town—in the hopes of encouraging more people to think about caring for our community, our environment, and making safer streets.

## HOW TO JOIN

We have an official group ride each Friday to most Montclair schools. Please check our routes on our website to find the one that best works for your family. To get "on" the bike bus, just check the timetable and wait along the route. When you see the bikers heading your way, hop in line. To keep it safe and structured, we always have adults at the front and back of the bus and follow the laws of traffic.

Find your route and join our WhatsApp community on our website: [www.montclairbikebus.org](http://www.montclairbikebus.org)

## KEY ROLES ON THE BIKE BUS

### **Sprinter**

- + Ride back and forth, blocking an intersection until the whole group passes and then catching back up to the front to repeat
- + 2 for every 10-20 riders. In larger groups, work as a team and trade off!

### **Captains**

- + Front riders leading the route and keeping track of time
- + 1-2 per group. ride at 5-7 mph to keep the group together!

### **Sheepdog**

- + Ride alongside, keeping the pack together
- + 1 for every 10 riders

### **Caboose**

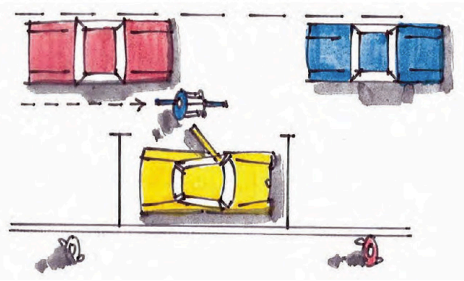
- + Keep to the back to handle any stragglers
- + 1-2 per group

## THE MONTCLAIR BIKE BUS PLEDGE

### I promise to...

1. Wear a helmet
2. Look at what's ahead of me, and listen to what's around me
3. Ride in a straight line
4. Check behind me and signal before turning
5. Stop at stop signs and red lights
6. Ride without racing
7. Pass carefully on the left
8. Stop for people walking
9. Be good to my body and honor the earth by riding my bike!

# Bike safety myths and facts



## MYTH:

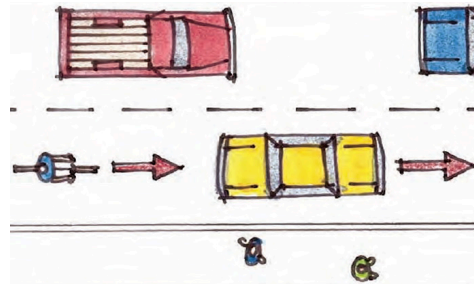
When riding next to parked cars, stay as close as you can to the right, next to the cars.

## REALITY:

This is more dangerous. It increases your chance of a crash either by someone opening their car door or by a motorist who tries to squeeze by you without enough room.

## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Look behind you and when safe, “take the lane” by riding either single or double across while staying in the middle of your side of the street.



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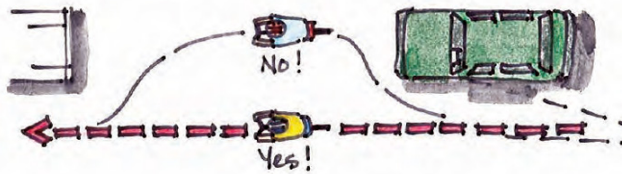
You should always yield to cars.

## REALITY:

You have as much right to the road as drivers.

## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Only share a lane wide enough to share safely, and never ride less than 3 feet from the curb which gives you some maneuvering space. You legally belong in the lane, so “take the lane” if the lane is too narrow to share.



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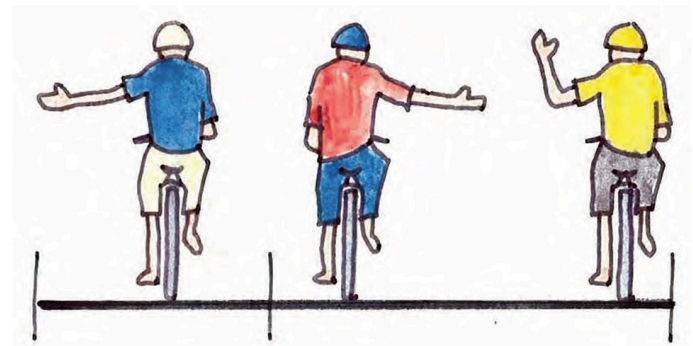
Whenever a space between parked cars or a shoulder opens up to the right, you should bike in it.

## REALITY:

Moving in and out of the lane makes you unpredictable and hard for drivers to see.

## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Bike in a straight line in the lane, and with enough space on either side to be able to maneuver.



**LEFT TURN  
SIGNAL**

**RIGHT TURN  
SIGNALS**