

Information & Resources

Philadelphia Streets Department
for information about getting a bike rack and road construction
potholes.phila.gov

Philadelphia Department of Parks & Recreation
for trail information and maps
www.fairmountpark.org

Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia
www.bicyclecoalition.org

PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
for statewide trail information
www.explorepatrails.com

SEPTA Bike & Ride
www.septa.org/policy/bike.html

PATCO Bike Policy
www.ridpatco.org/travel/bicycles.html

Connect the Circuit Regional Trail Network
for a regional trail map and trip planner
www.connectthecircuit.org

Delaware River Port Authority
for Benjamin Franklin Bridge access information
www.drpa.org

East Coast Greenway Alliance
www.greenway.org

Bike Facilities

Philadelphia is always expanding its on- and off-street network of facilities for cyclists. Here's what we've got so far, and how to use it:

Buffered Bike Lanes (11.3 mi.)

Buffered lanes feature a 3 foot painted strip between a separated bicycle lane and a car lane. All users are expected to stay out of the buffer strip and remain in their own lane.

Bike Lanes (223.6 miles)

The conventional bike lane is distinguished from motor vehicular traffic by a single white line. Direction of travel is indicated by arrows marking the lane. Pedestrians and motor vehicles are not permitted to travel in the bike lane.

Sharrows (20.9 miles)

"Sharrows", or shared-use arrows, are a bicycle symbol paired with a double chevron. They indicate that motorists must share the road. Sharrows are placed in the middle of the roadway to minimize conflicts with parked car doors and other obstacles. Cyclists should ride directly over the sharrow and take the entire lane.

Trail / Sidepath

Trails and sidepaths are off-road facilities intended exclusively for bicyclists and pedestrians. The majority of trails and sidepaths accommodate both user groups, so cyclists should exercise caution and be alert for slower moving persons.

Connector Streets

These are streets where none of the above facilities exist, but the street is an important connecting route for cyclists and/or is considered bicycle-friendly. These become necessary in places where gaps still exist between different parts of the bicycle network.

Conflict Zones

Conflict zones are marked with dashed green paint. They are intended to alert cyclists and motorists that they need to share the same space.

Bike Box

Bike boxes are spaces where cyclists are encouraged to pull out in front of cars so that they are more visible when lights change and vehicles turn. Bike boxes are sometimes painted with a green background. Other times, a standard bike symbol is placed on black pavement in front of a stop bar for cars.

2 Stage Left turns

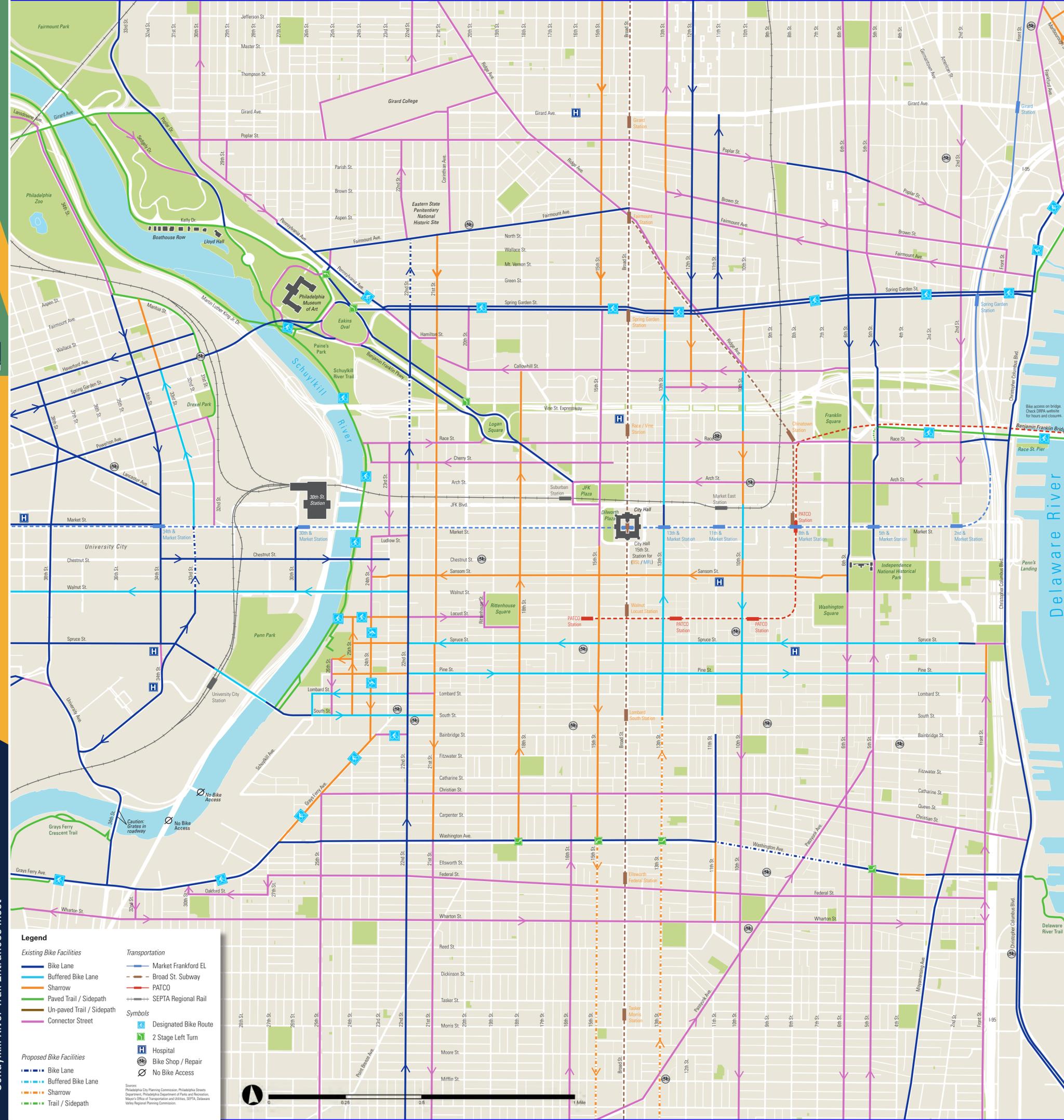
A two stage turn box offers cyclists a way to make a left turn at a multi-lane signalized intersection. To use the two stage turn box, proceed straight through the intersection with the green signal and wait in the box on the cross street. Proceed through the intersection when the cross street gets a green signal.

Designated Bike Routes

The East Coast Greenway is a 2,500 mile route linking cities from Maine to Florida. The goal is to develop an entirely off-road alignment for the ECG. Other designated bike routes include the Cobbs Creek Greenway and Bicyclists Baltimore Pike.

Bicycle Signage

Philadelphia has a bicycle way-finding system of over 350 signs citywide that cyclists can use to determine direction and distance to key trails, parks, and other destinations. Signs show between 1 and 3 destinations and differ in size. A white bicycle symbol clearly designates each sign.



Philadelphia Bicycle Map



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www.phila.gov/cityplanning/Pages/default.aspx
To see this map and updated versions online

Schuylkill River Trail Entrances Inset

Spring Garden St./MLK Jr. Drive Bridges: Ramp connects Spring Garden to MLK Jr. Dr. At-grade crossing to Schuylkill River Trail.

Race Street: At-grade entrance. Gates close when trains pass.

JFK Bridge: Staircase entrance on south side with built-in bike channel.

Market & Chestnut Street Bridges: Ramp entrance to trail. Walk your bike on ramp.

Walnut Street Bridge: Staircase entrance on both sides.

Locust Street: At-grade entrance. Gates close when trains pass. Bike ramp overpass.

Legend

Existing Bike Facilities	Transportation
Bike Lane	Market Frankford EL
Buffered Bike Lane	Broad St. Subway
Sharrows	PATCO
Paved Trail / Sidepath	SEPTA Regional Rail
Un-paved Trail / Sidepath	Symbols
Connector Street	Designated Bike Route
Proposed Bike Facilities	2 Stage Left Turn
Bike Lane	Hospital
Buffered Bike Lane	Bike Shop / Repair
Sharrows	No Bike Access
Trail / Sidepath	

Sources: Philadelphia City Planning Commission, Philadelphia Streets Department, Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation, Mayor's Office of Transportation and Utilities, SEPTA, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.

Rules of the Road

- Bicycles are legal vehicles with the same rights and duties as a motor vehicle.
- Pennsylvania state law tells us that bicycles are banned from roads such as freeways and toll roads. Common sense tells us it would be a bad idea to ride there anyway.
- Vehicle operators must make sure it is safe to exit. They bear the legal responsibility in dooring incidents.
- State law prohibits the use of headphones while riding a bicycle or driving a car.
- Everyone has a responsibility to share the road. Areas marked with a 'No Parking' sign still allow temporary unloading for up to 15 minutes. Take care when passing parked vehicles.
- In areas marked with 'No Stopping', vehicles may not stop for any length of time.

Know The Signals

Use hand signals so that motorists and other bicyclists know where you are going. Signal all turns and stops ahead of time. Also before turning, look over your shoulder to check for any traffic.

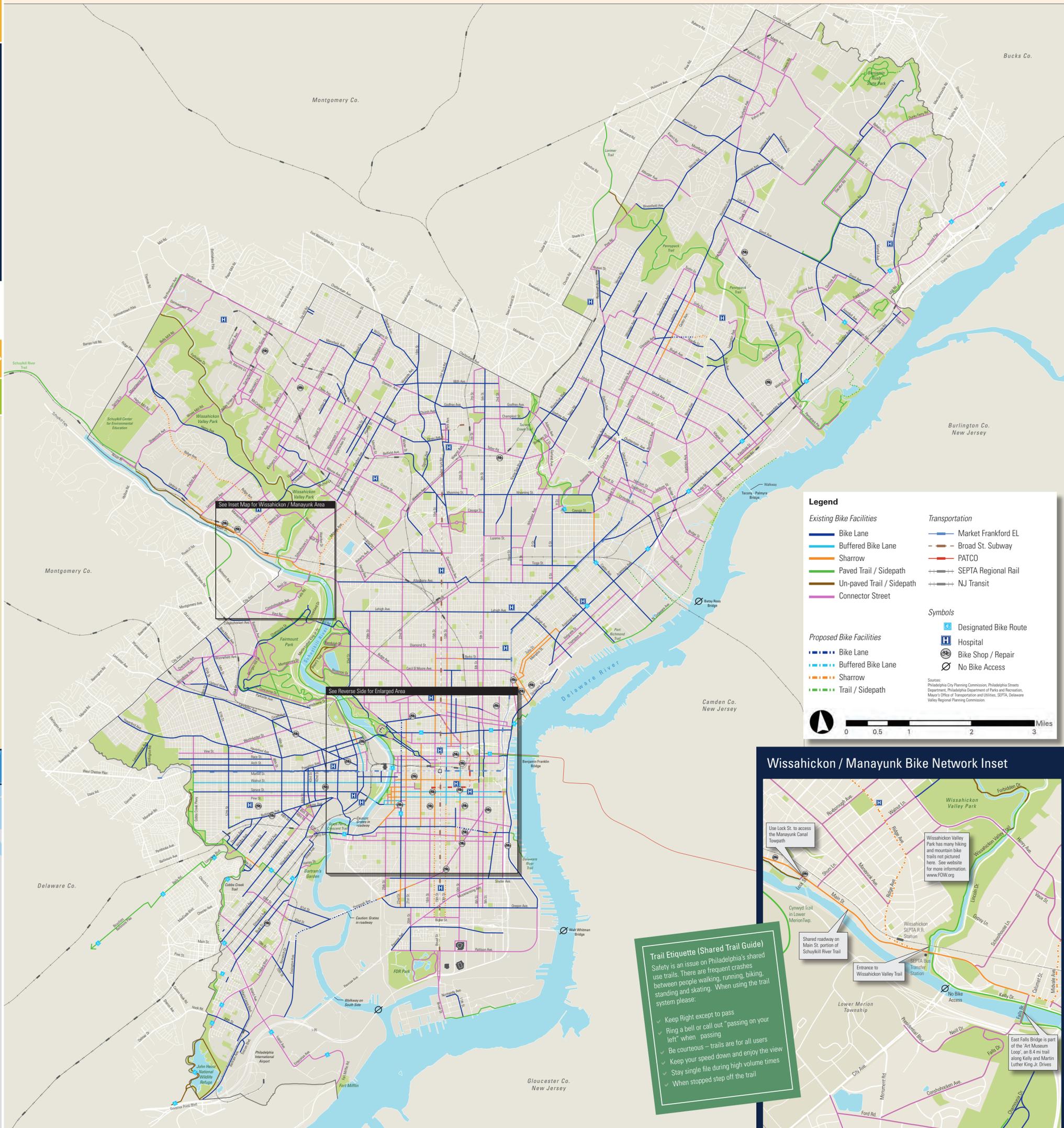


Safety Tips

- Stay off Sidewalks**
If you are over the age of 12, sidewalk riding is illegal and unsafe.
- Yield to Pedestrians**
Bicyclists and car drivers are required to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at all intersections and marked crosswalks.
- Ride with Traffic, Not Against it**
When you ride the wrong way on the road you are three times as likely to get into a crash. Wrong way riding is illegal and unsafe.
- Obey Traffic Signs and Signals**
The same traffic rules that apply to automobiles hold true for cyclists. Bicycles and cars must come to a stop at stop signs and stoplights.
- Ride Smart, Ride Predictably**
Other road users need to know how you will move. Sudden changes of direction can cause a collision between a bicyclist and a car—the cyclist is always the biggest loser.
- Use Your Head, Wear a Helmet**
Helmets can save your life and prevent serious brain trauma. Children under 12 must wear a helmet when riding, and adults are encouraged to do the same.
- Be Seen, Be Safe**
Visibility is the key to safety when riding at night. In Pennsylvania bikes are required to have working front and rear lights when riding at night.

In Case of Theft or Crash

- When you first get a bike:
- Write down the serial number of the bike and keep it in an easily accessible place.
 - Take a few photos of the bike and anything unique about it (stickers, fenders, etc.) Photos are important if you ever want to make an insurance claim.
 - For bicycles valued over \$500 check with your insurance company to see if you need an additional insurance rider.
- If your bike is stolen:
- Call 911 and report the theft (provide your serial number). It is very important to report theft to the police - bike thefts are severely under-reported and calling them in raises the profile of bike thefts with the Police Department.
 - Log the theft on [SeeClickFix](#)
 - Post a note on [Craigslist](#) with photos of your bike.
 - Email local bike shops with photos and the serial number.
- What to do after a bicycle crash:
- Call the police and file a report.
 - There are a few things you need to know to protect your legal rights when involved in a bike crash. If you are in a crash with a car, do not leave the scene without recording:
 - tag number of the car
 - names and phone numbers of any witnesses
 - driver's name and contact information
 - police officer's name and badge number
 - If it is a hit and run, file a police report as soon as you are able.



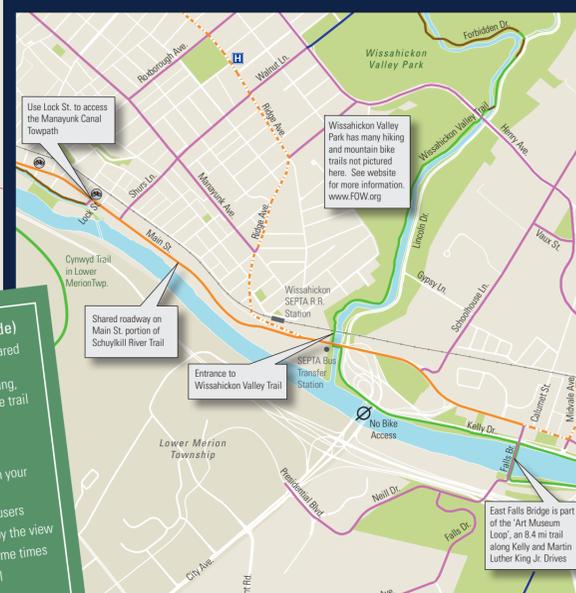
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Wissahickon / Manayunk Bike Network Inset



Trail Etiquette (Shared Trail Guide)

Safety is an issue on Philadelphia's shared use trails. There are frequent crashes between people walking, running, biking, standing and skating. When using the trail system please:

- Keep Right except to pass
- Ring a bell or call out "passing on your left" when passing
- Be courteous – trails are for all users
- Keep your speed down and enjoy the view
- Stay single file during high volume times
- When stopped step off the trail

Bikes on Transit

- SEPTA (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority) is proud to be a bicycle friendly transit system and encourages bicyclists to use its services. Some limitations apply.
- System-wide**
Folding bikes which are completely collapsed are allowed on any vehicle in the system at anytime.
 - Bus & Trackless Trolley**
The front of every SEPTA bus and trackless trolley is equipped with a bicycle rack that can hold two bicycles. Bicycles are permitted at all times without restrictions.
 - Subway (Broad Street & Market Frankford Lines)**
Bicycles are allowed on all trains during off-peak hours, as well as weekends and holidays.
 - Trolley**
Folding bicycles only. Bicycles must be completely collapsed.
 - Regional Rail**
Two bicycles are allowed on each car of each train. Bicycles are prohibited on peak trains traveling into Center City in the mornings and leaving Center City in the evenings.
- The full policy and all rules and regulations are available at: www.septa.org/policy/pdf/septa-bike-n-ride.pdf
- PATCO (Port Authority Transit Corporation)**
Bicycles are allowed on board PATCO trains at all times. Information available at www.ridapatco.org/travel/bicycles.html
 - NJ Transit information available at:** www.njtransit.com/rg/rq_servlet.srv?hdnPageAction=BikeProgramTo

Bike Parking Tips

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- Never leave your bike unlocked, even for a minute. Always use a high quality U-lock or chain. For more security use both.
 - Choose solid metal bike racks or poles.
 - The lock should always secure the bike frame to the secure object; wheels should be secured as well for maximum protection.
 - Never lock to trees or wooden objects - they're easily damaged and not secure.
 - Avoid locking your bike outside over night. Find an indoor location for long term storage.
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A Message from the Mayor

Bike share is coming to Philadelphia in the spring of 2015! Bike share is affordable, convenient transportation. Members and walk-up users will be able to check out bikes from one of 60 stations, take a 30-minute trip for work, school, errands, or fun, and then return the bike to any other station in the system. For more information, visit www.phila.gov/bikeshare.

When Philadelphians bike, the city benefits in many ways: we ease congestion, improve the quality of our air, and reduce greenhouse gases. When you bike, you improve your health through an active lifestyle, save money, and often get where you want to go faster. And getting around by bike is a fun way to take in the sights and sounds of our beautiful city. That's why the City of Philadelphia is proud of the Get Healthy Philly Initiative, which is helping create new bike lanes and routes for riders. We look forward to further improvements as more and more Philadelphians choose to get around by bike.

Michael A. Nutter
Mayor

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