The Sunnyvale Bicycle Map was developed to encourage more people to bike by identifying a network of the best routes and places for bicycling. It educates bicyclists about their rights and responsibilities as roadway users, to other bicyclists about access to public transit, and to recognize bicycling as a legitimate mode of transportation.

**SUNNYVALE FACTS**

- Sunnyvale is located at the southeast of the San Francisco Bay.
- Population: 141,390
- Land Area: 34 square miles
- Elevation: 150 feet
- Miles of Streets: 316 miles
- Bike Facilities: 79 miles of bike lanes, 6 miles of trails

All roadway in Sunnyvale are accessible to bikes except Highways 101, 280, 85 and 237.

Route Selection

- **Bike Lanes** - Bike lanes are portions of streets reserved for the exclusive use of bicyclists. They are designated by a line painted on the pavement and by a sign which indicates the use by bicyclists.
- **Bike Paths** - Bike paths are paved pathways used on non-motorized roads and are physically separated from streets.
- **Signed Off-Road Routes** - Signed off-road routes are routes that have signs indicating that bicyclists will be using the roadway. In some cases, these routes will have a wider shoulder lane or shoulders.
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**Bicyclists and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**

The Sunnyvale Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is an influential local advisory committee that supports the development of bike and pedestrian projects, provides guidance for development of bike and pedestrian projects and facilities, and recommends priorities for improvements.

**Bicycle Organizations/Resources**

- 511 Bay Area Travel Guide
  - 511.org
- Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition
  - svbicycle.org
- Bay Area Bicycle Coalition
  - babcycles.org
- California Bicycle Coalition
  - ca.bike
- League of American Bicyclists
  - bicyclists.org
- American Society of Civil Engineers
  - asce.org
- California Department of Transportation
  - caltrans.ca.gov
- Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
  - vta.org
- City of Sunnyvale
  - sunnyvale.ca.gov

**Road Hazard Reporting**

If you encounter a problem with the traffic signals or roadways within the City of Sunnyvale contact the Engineering Division of Transportation and Traffic at 408-730-7415 or e-mail roadhazard@sunnyvale.ca.us.

**The Bike/Transit Connection**

Cycling is great for short distances. When combined with transit, the entire Bay Area is accessible.

- **Bicycles can be accommodated on all major forms of public transportation in Bay Area.**
- **Exception:** the San Francisco Muni Metro, Hunters Point Shuttle and BART. Other forms of public transportation accommodate bicycles.
- **Cabs:** Bicycles are welcome on all trams at all times — as long as they’re safe. The number of bicycles is limited to 20 per gallery car and two per Bombardier car (BART). The front part of the car is designated as the bicycle car, and the back part of the car is designated as the passenger car. A bicycle must be folded and transported between the wheels and front wheel. Call 408-886-6677 for help with bicycle transportation.
- **VTA Buses:** VTA has equipped all buses with special bike racks that can accommodate up to six bicycles. When the rack is full, up to two bicycles will be allowed inside the bus subject to the driver’s discretion and when passenger space is available. The fee for the express service is $3.50. The fare for the commuter service is $2.25. Call 408-886-6677 for more information.
- **VTA Light Rail:** All light rail vehicles are equipped with interior bike racks. The maximum number of bicycles allowed inside a light rail vehicle is 10. If 10 bicycles are accommodated in the racks provided, a second, additional bicycle may be allowed in a space to the front of the door. The driver may temporarily merge with caution into the center section (portable ramp) of the vehicle. All bicycles must be transported through the center section (portable ramp), and they may not obstruct the operator’s view.
- **Locks:** Bike racks are available at City Hall, CMTA Light Rail Stations, and several other transportation centers.
- **Bicycles and Public Safety:** require all bicycles to be registered. If you lose your bicycle, call 408-730-7415 for more information.

**Bicycling Safety Tips**

**DOs:**

- **Check all traffic signs and signals:** Bicyclists must obey traffic laws and signals, and they should look for traffic signs and signals and adjust their speed accordingly.
- **Use signal lights:** In general, bicyclists should signal their intention to stop or turn well in advance of making a stop or turn.
- **Share the road with drivers:** Bicyclists must share the road with drivers and use proper lane control.
- **Take a course in defensive driving:** A course in defensive driving may improve your cycling skills and teach you how to handle your bicycle in a variety of situations.
- **Stay in control:** Bicyclists must keep their bicycles in good repair and maintain a safe speed.
- **Wear a helmet:** Wearing a helmet is recommended, and it is required by law in California.
- **Keep your bicycle well maintained:** Bicyclists must keep their bicycles well maintained and adjusted to ensure safe and comfortable riding.

**DON'TS:**

- **Don't ride fatigue:** Bicyclists should not ride when they are tired, as this can increase the risk of accidents.
- **Don't ride under the influence:** Bicyclists should not ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- **Don't ride distracted:** Bicyclists should not ride while using electronic devices or engaging in activities that distract them from the road.
- **Don't ride in the street:** Bicyclists should not ride in the street, as this increases the risk of accidents.
- **Don't ride without lights:** Bicyclists should use lights when the weather is poor.
- **Don't ride with no hands:** Bicyclists should not ride without hands, as this increases the risk of accidents.

**Always Wear A Helmet**

Bicyclists and pedestrians are encouraged to head injuries. Like a seat belt in a car, a helmet can reduce the severity of injuries in an accident. Head injuries can be severe and disfiguring. In many states and cities, bicyclists are required to wear a helmet when biking. All bicyclists 16 years and younger must wear a helmet that meets the standard of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) or the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

**Keep Your Bicycle Well Maintained and Adjusted**

You can’t add a seat cushion or put a new brake pad on your bicycle, and it’s not unusual for some parts to be missing. Most bicycle shops can perform basic repairs, but if you’re not familiar with the basics, it’s best to have a professional check your bicycle.

**Carry Gear Safety**

Some items are considered personal property, such as a backpack or a bubble wrap on your handlebars. If you’re robbed, you may end up with a #2 pencil or a broken helmet. Some items can be easily portable, such as a bike lock or a backpack, but others are not.

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