Bike Safety Tips

Be Predictable ...

- Obey all traffic signs, signals, and laws.
- Bikes must obey the rules of the road, and be driven like motor vehicles, if they are to be taken seriously by motorists.

Avoid road hazards. Watch for open manholes, curbs, paratransit service for persons with disabilities, and are available fare-paying passengers, and are available anywhere in Flagstaff.

Use hand signals. Hand signals let motorists know what you intend to do. Signal as a matter of courtesy, and self-protection.

Follow lane markings. Don’t turn left from the bike lane, and don’t ride straight through in a lane marked right turn only.

Ride in a steady line. Ride in a steady line, to keep your balance and other riders from having to swerve and take cover.

Don’t weave between parked cars. Motorists may not see you when you weave between parked cars.

Position yourself correctly. When riding slower than traffic, ride far as right as is practical and safe. You may move left into the vehicle lane to make a left turn, to avoid hazards, if you are traveling at the same speed as traffic, or if the lane is too narrow to allow you to preform the turn safely.

There are two ways to make a left turn. As a vehicle: look, signal, move into the left lane, and turn left. As a bike: ride straight to the curb, then signal and dismount your bike.

Be Courteous ...

- Be alert on all FUTS trails. Pedestrians have the right-of-way on all FUTS trails. Give them an audible signal if going past slower than a walking pace.

- All trail users should be especially alert and cautious at side street intersections. Trail users should be especially alert and cautious at side street crossings. Trail users should be especially alert and cautious at side street crossings.

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- Be Well Equipped ...

- Wear lights at night. Front reflectors are not adequate. The back of the tires. Reflectors are not adequate. The back of the tires.

- Wear dress properly. Wear light-colored clothing at night and bright clothing in the daytime whenever possible. Dressing in layers allows you to adjust to temperature changes.

- Lock your bike. Invest in a good locking system. No lock is as effective as a new bike.

- Always wear a helmet! Protect your head. You’re worth it!