Bikes on Transit

General Rules:

- All bicyclists must obey the appropriate law. This includes traffic signals, stop signs, and all other traffic signs.
- All bicyclists must avoid the bus lane.
- All bicyclists must use the designated bike lanes.
- All bicyclists must keep a safe distance from other vehicles.

Bikes on VTA Buses

- All bicyclists must pay the fare when boarding.
- All bicyclists must deposit their bicycles in the designated bike racks, if available.
- All bicyclists must keep their bicycles in a safe and secure manner.
- All bicyclists must keep their bicycles from obstructing the bus door.

Bikes on VTA Light Rail

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- All bicyclists must keep their bicycles from obstructing the door.

Bicycles are allowed on Caltrain and BART

- Caltrain and BART are two of the largest commuter rail systems in California.
- Bicycles are allowed on all Santa Clara County Expressways.
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Get Involved

VTA and County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

The VTA and County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is responsible for ensuring that bicyclists and pedestrians are safe and have access to the best possible routes.

The VTA Biking Map illustrates the bike lanes, trails, and other safe routes throughout Santa Clara County. The map also notes areas that are suitable for mountain biking and cross-country skiing.

Tips for Commuting by Bicycle

- Plan your route in advance. Use this map, online maps, and other resources to help you plan your route.
- Keep your bike in good condition. Check tires regularly and keep them properly inflated.
- Wear a well-fitted helmet. Bicycles are more dangerous than cars, and you must be able to stop quickly.
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Avoid road hazards

- Watch out for pedestrians on sidewalks and in crosswalks.
- Watch out for other bicyclists on the road.
- Watch out for cars and trucks on the road.

You may have a bike loan

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Secure Bike Lockers

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MICROMOBILITY LAWS & SAFETY TIPS

Bicyclists, like all roadway users, must follow the California Vehicle Code. The Vehicle Code is available at codes.findlaw.com/ca/vehicle-code.

Did you know?

- Bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists.
- Bicyclists may use all roads unless a road is specifically prohibited.
- When passing bicyclists, motorists must leave at least three feet between the bicycle and vehicle. If there is less than three feet, motorists must slow down and pass safely.
- Unless specifically prohibited, state/speed electric bikes are allowed on public roads.
- Most electric bikes are not designed to handle bumpy surfaces.
- Electric bicyclists should only be riding in bike lanes or on the street. You must have a license or insurance to operate an electric bike.

Do's

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