



Biking in Salem and the Mid-Willamette Valley

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Contact Numbers and Resources

To report a collision or crash, call 911

To report non-emergency incidents:

Keizer Police Department.....503 390 2000
Salem Police Department.....503 586 6123
Marion County Sheriff.....503 586 5094
Polk County Sheriff.....503 623 9251
Yamhill County Sheriff.....503 434 7506

To report street and bike path problems (glass, potholes, etc.) call one of the following:

Keizer Public Works.....503 390 3700
Salem Public Works.....503 588 6271
Marion County Public Works.....503 586 5036
Polk County Public Works.....503 623 9287
Yamhill County Public Works.....503 434 7515

Other resources for bicyclists:

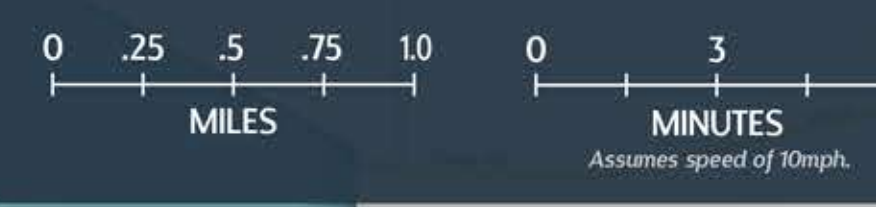
Cherriot's Trip Choice.....888 323 POOL
Salem Bicycle Club.....www.salem.bicycleclub.org
Road Conditions.....www.tripcheck.com
Info on the Buena Vista and Wheeland Ferries.....503 588 7979

Bikes & Transit

Bicycles are allowed on the Buena Vista and Wheeland ferries - the cost is \$1.00.

All buses operated by Cherriot's, Cherriot's Regional and Yamhill County Transit Area are equipped with bike racks.

Bicycling in Salem, Keizer & Turner

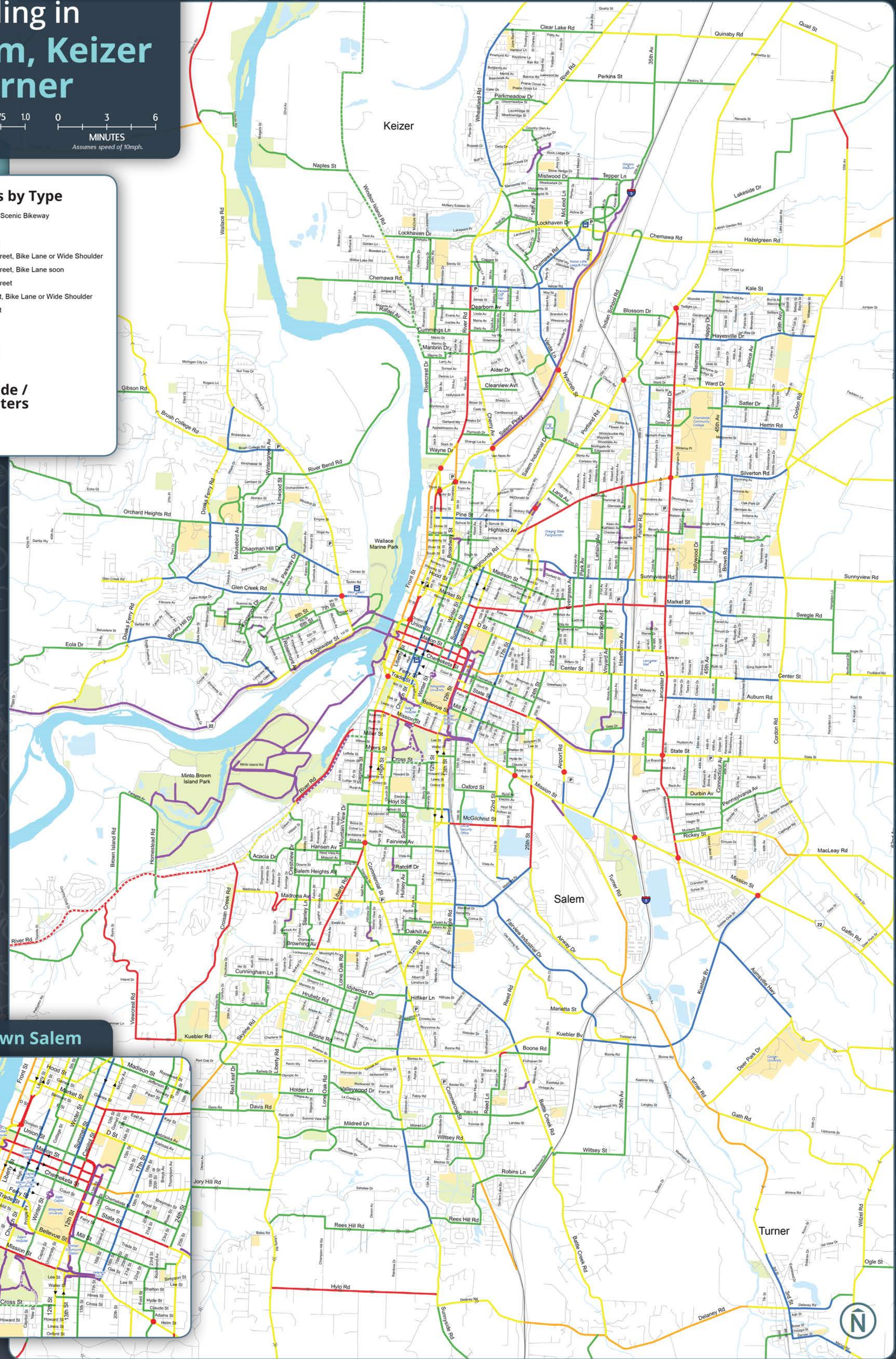


Bike Routes by Type

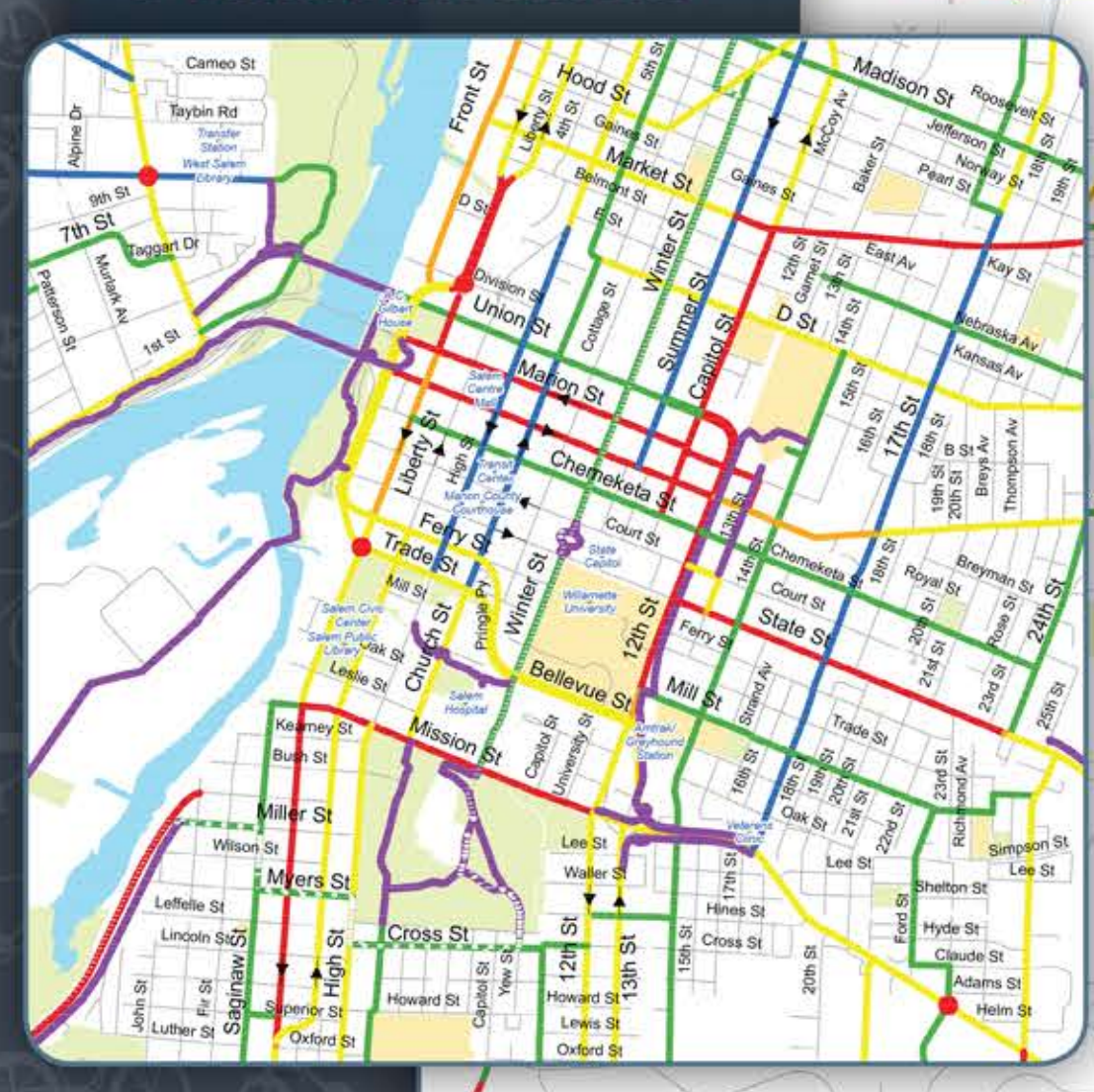
- Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway
- Multi-Use Path
- Low-Traffic Street
- Medium-Traffic Street, Bike Lane or Wide Shoulder
- Medium-Traffic Street, Bike Lane soon
- Medium-Traffic Street
- High-Traffic Street, Bike Lane or Wide Shoulder
- High-Traffic Street
- Caution
- Caution Areas
- School Locations
- Parks

Park and Ride / Transit Centers

- Park and Ride
- Transit Center



Downtown Salem



Bicycling in the Mid-Willamette Valley

- Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway
- Multi-Use Paths -2017
- Existing Bike Lane
- Shoulder 2.5 to 4 feet
- Shoulder greater than 4 ft.
- Low Traffic Volume
- Medium Traffic Volume
- High Traffic Volume
- Caution Corridor
- Caution Areas
- Gravel Roads
- Rail Lines



How to Ride in Traffic

- Be Predictable - Ride so drivers can see you and predict your movements. Remember that the rules in the drivers manual apply to bicyclists also.
- Be Alert - Ride defensively and expect the unexpected. Remember, no matter who is at fault in an accident, the bicyclist loses.
- Be Equipped - You will ride easier and safer if you and your bike have proper equipment.

Bike Laws and Safety Tips

Summary of Oregon Bicycle Laws

Bicyclists must:

- Obey traffic lights, stop signs, one-way streets, and other basic traffic laws.
- Ride as far "as practicable" to the right (or to the left or right on a one-way street).
- Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians. Give audible warning when overtaking a pedestrian on a sidewalk.
- Keep at least one hand on the handlebars. Keep control of bicycle at all times.
- When riding from sunset to sunrise or whenever visibility is poor, use a headlight with a white light that is visible from at least 500 feet ahead and a red reflector or lighting device visible from at least 600 feet behind.
- Keep brakes adjusted so that, when braked, your bicycle skids on a clean, dry pavement.
- Ride astride a fixed seat (kiddie seat and tandems acceptable). Riding "double" is prohibited.
- Ride no more than two abreast.



Use Lights At Night

The law requires a strong headlight (visible from at least 500 feet) and rear reflector or taillight (visible from 600 feet behind) at night or when visibility is poor. Wear light-colored clothing with reflective tape for extra visibility.



Obey Traffic Signs, Signals and Laws

Bicyclists must obey the rules of the road. Be visible, predictable, and flow with the traffic stream.



Never Ride Against Traffic

Motorists are looking left for traffic, not for cyclists on the wrong side of the road. Wrong way riding cyclists are twice as likely to get in an accident as those riding with traffic. It is against the law to ride against traffic, EVEN in a bike lane.



Use Hand Signals

Hand signals tell motorists what you intend to do. Signal as a matter of law, of courtesy, and of protection.



Avoid Road Hazards

Watch out for drainage grates, sewer covers, oily pavement, wet leaves, gravel, and ice. Lane markings and manhole covers can be slippery when wet. Cross railroad tracks close to a right angle.



Use Bicycle Traffic Detective Devices

Look for a small, white bicycle decal in the pavement at an intersection. Place your bicycle over it to change the traffic signal.



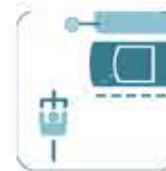
Know What's Behind You

Look over your shoulder, or use a mirror, to keep track of traffic near you.



Ride Slowly on Sidewalks

Pedestrians have the right of way. By law, you must give an audible warning when preparing to pass (call out, or ring a bell or horn). Riding on sidewalks is not allowed in all locations.



Be Prepared for a Stopped Vehicle Pulling into Your Path

Until you make eye contact, assume that a stopped motorist in a driveway or cross street has not seen you approach.



Don't Weave between Parked Cars

Ride as close as possible to the right. Ride consistently, and always scan parked vehicles for people who may open a door in your path.



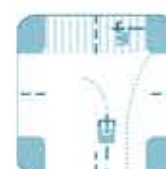
Use Caution when Passing

You may pass slowed or stopped traffic on the right only when it is safe. Be very careful when overtaking cars and stay out of a motorist's blind spot as a driver may not signal when turning.



Ride in the Middle of the Lane in Slow Traffic

Get in the middle of the lane at busy intersections whenever you are moving at the same speed as traffic. Don't forget to signal when moving to the center of the lane.



There are Two Ways to Make a Left Turn

- Signal, move into the left lane (or left side of lane) and turn left.
- Ride straight to the far side crosswalk and walk your bike across.

