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Go by Bike

Cycling around Salem-Keizer

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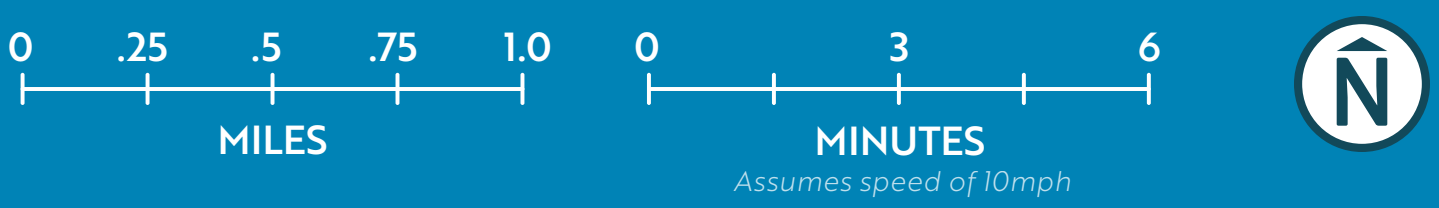
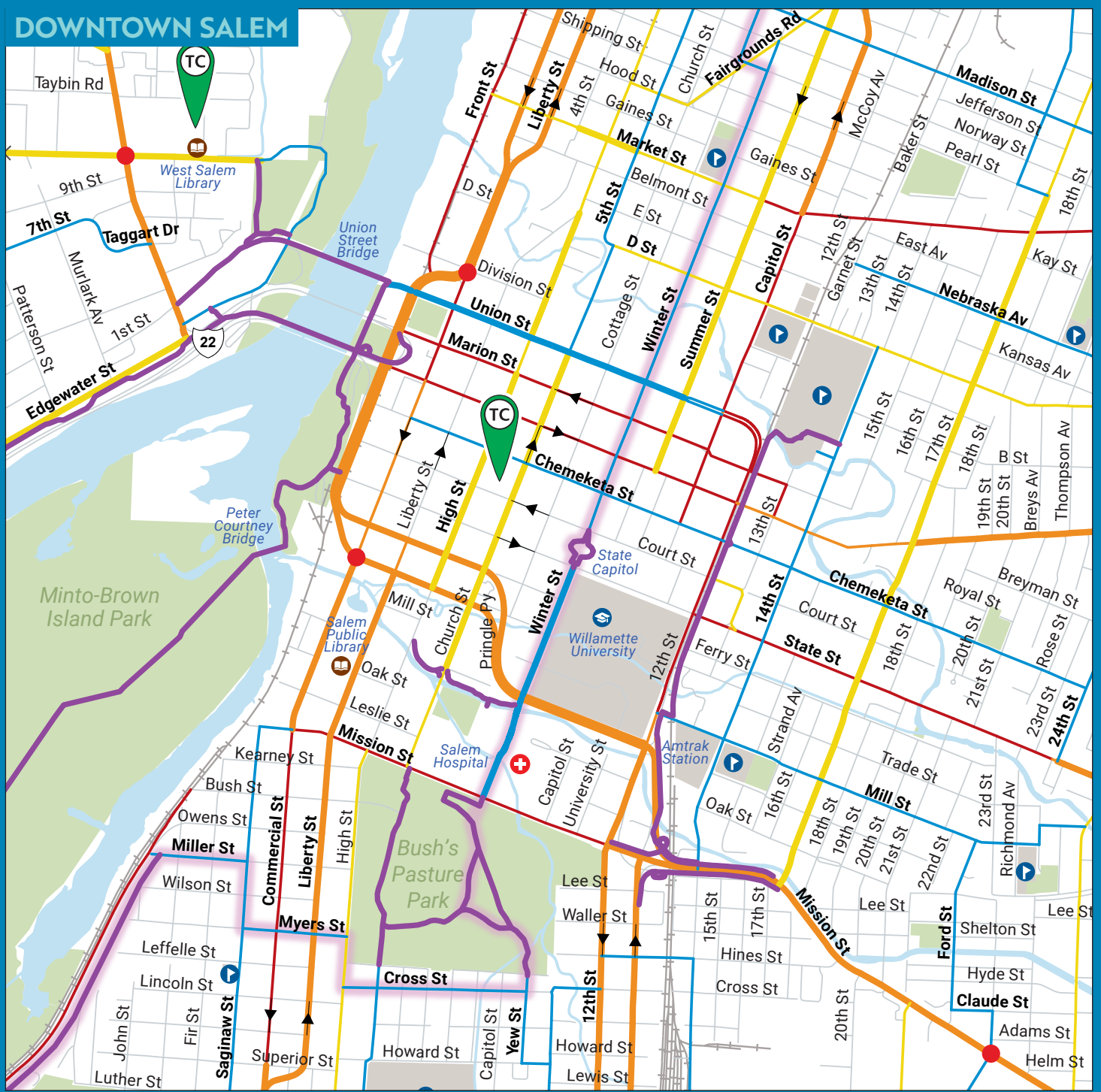
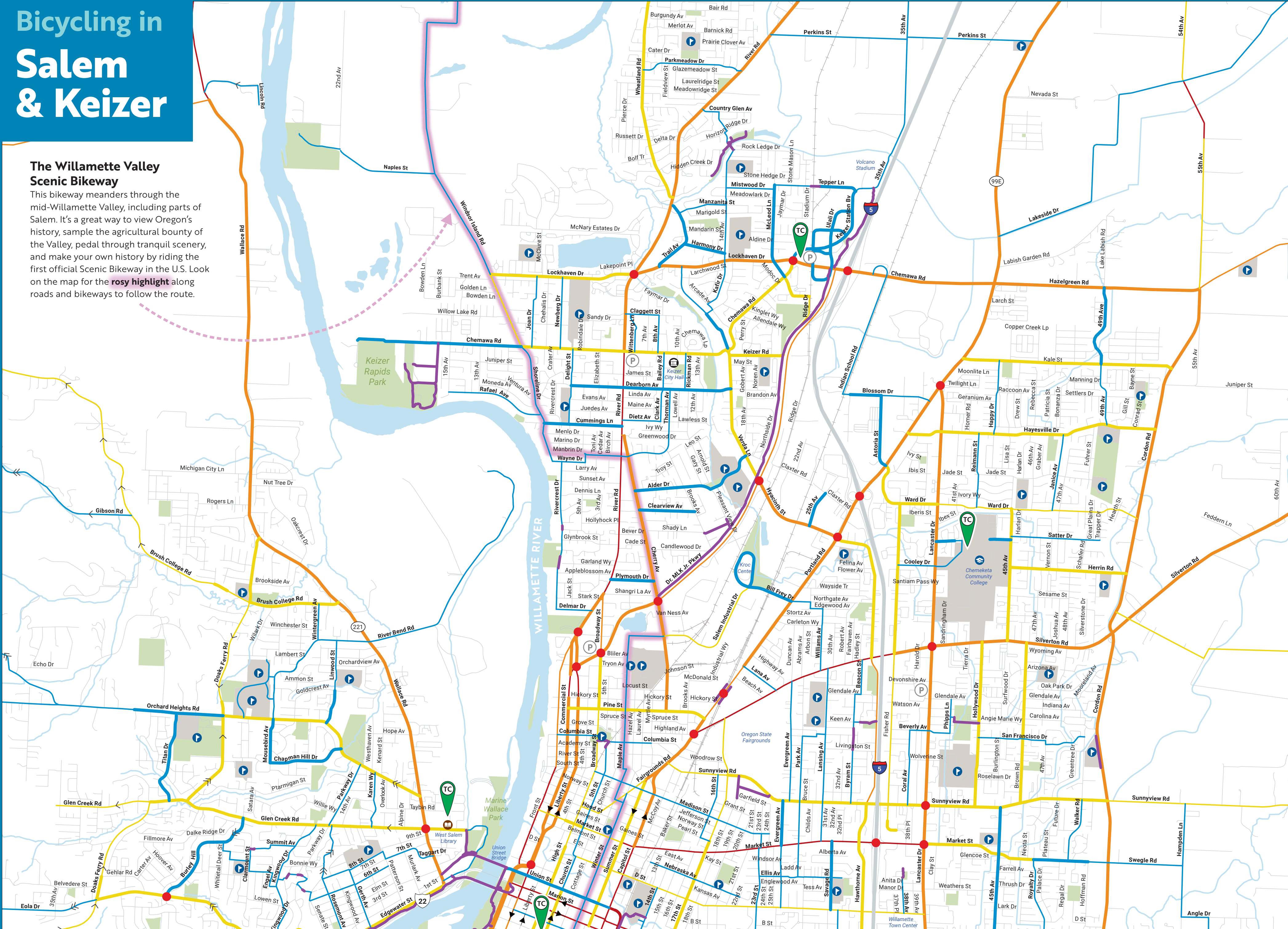
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Riding a bicycle boosts physical and mental health, reduces your carbon footprint, and is a good way to spend time outdoors!



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Routes by Type

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The lush Willamette Valley, with its year-round temperate climate, makes walking and biking viable options for transportation. People getting around by bicycle and on foot can help limit traffic congestion and vehicle emissions – and that's a good thing!

You can use Get There Connect, Oregon's free ride-matching and trip planning tool, to find suggested bike routes, transit connections, and more. Visit GetThereOregon.org.

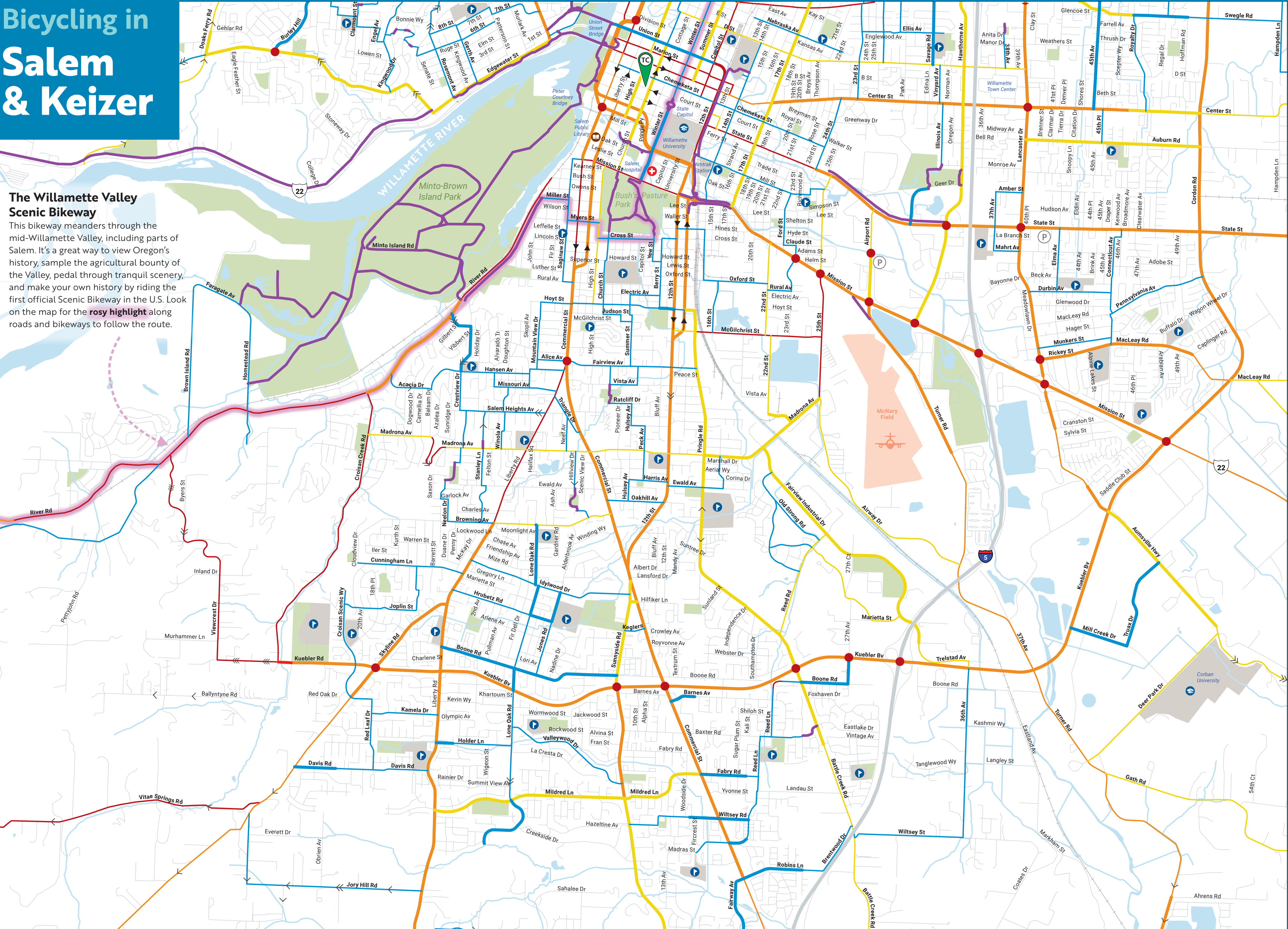


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Tips for Riding & Repairing Your Bike

- 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.
 - Be Equipped** You will ride easier and safer if you and your bike have proper equipment.
- OREGON BICYCLE LAWS**
 - 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 an audible warning when overtaking a pedestrian.
 - Keep at least one hand on the handlebars. Keep control of the bicycle at all times.
 - When riding between sunset and 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 clean, dry pavement.
 - Ride with one leg on each side of the seat (kiddie seat and tandems acceptable). Riding "double" is prohibited.
 - Ride no more than two abreast.

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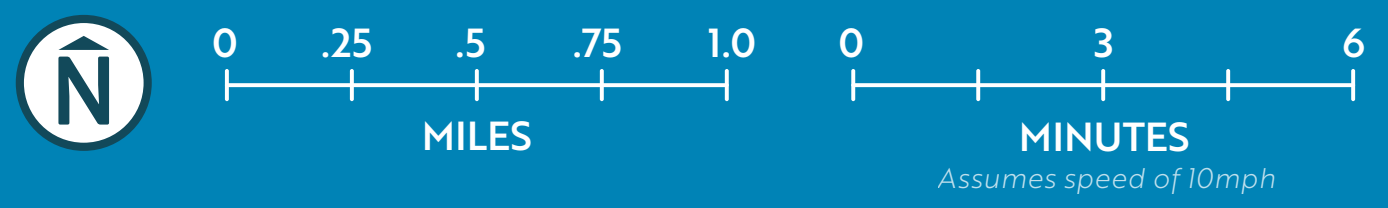
Combining biking with public transit is a great way to increase your transportation options and reach your destination more efficiently. Cherriots buses have bike racks available, making it easy for commuters to incorporate cycling into their daily journeys.

For detailed instructions on how to load a bicycle onto a Cherriots bus, as well as guidelines on the types of bikes permitted and biking safety tips near buses, visit Cherriots.org/Bicycling. This resource will provide valuable information for those looking to integrate biking and public transportation seamlessly into their commute.
- BIKE REPAIR STATIONS**

For cyclists needing to make minor repairs and adjustments to their bicycles, there are three bike-fixing stations for public use in Salem and Keizer. Each station offers a variety of tools including wrenches, levers, a hex key set, a bicycle pump, and Phillips head and standard screwdrivers.

Keizer Civic Center 930 Chemawa Rd NE Keizer, OR 97303	Keizer Transit Center 5860 Keizer Station Blvd Keizer, OR 97303	Riverfront Park (near the Tom McCall statue at the roundabout) 200 Water St NE Salem, OR 97301
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Bike Safety Tips & Laws

- 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 bicyclists on the wrong side of the road. Wrong-way riding cyclists are twice as likely to get in a crash 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 at a right angle.
- USE BICYCLE TRAFFIC DETECTION 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 AROUND PEOPLE**

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 any locations.
- BE PREPARED FOR A 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 in a straight line 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**

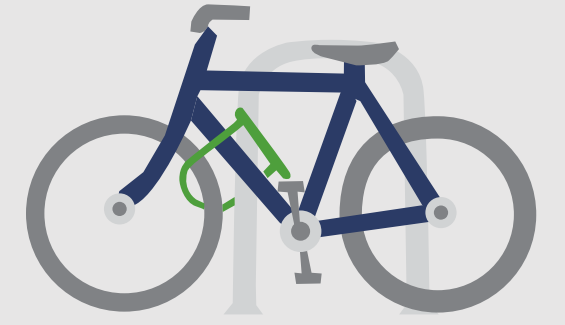
Get in the middle of the lane at busy intersections whenever you are moving at the same speed as traffic. Always signal when moving to the center of the lane.
- THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO MAKE A LEFT TURN**

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.

BICYCLE PARKING TIPS

Bicycle theft is a common problem. Never leave your bike unlocked, not even for a second! Always lock the frame and front wheel to a secure rack or post, since the front wheel can often be easily removed from a bike.



For extra security remove the front wheel and lock it with the frame and rear wheel.

