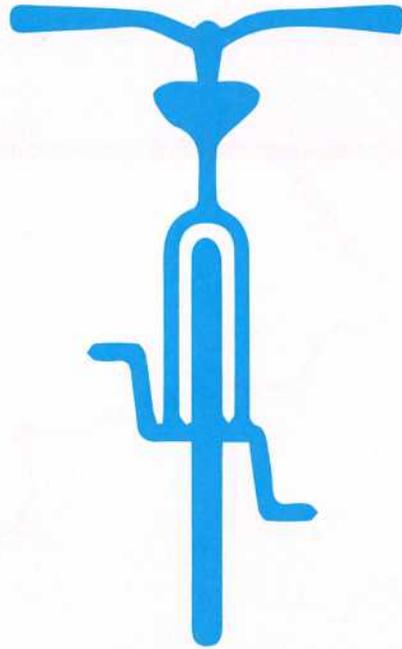


BikesBeSafe



**Lee Hill IS NOT safe for bikes
or vehicles**

www.BikesBeSafe.com

Campaign to appeal to the County of Boulder
to fix Lee Hill Drive



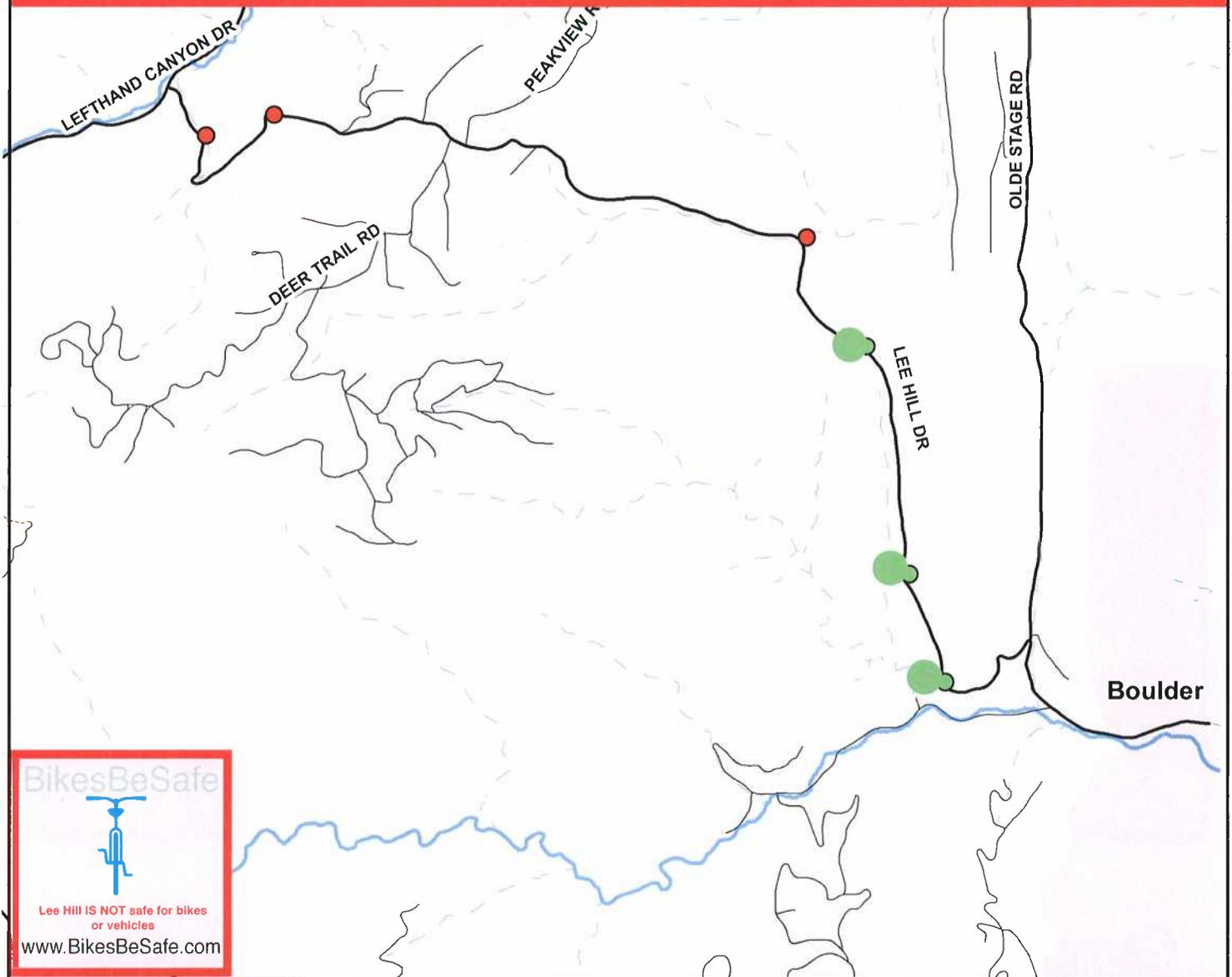
Boulder County Public Works Department

2525 13th Street, Suite 203
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Lee Hill Drive

Bike Shoulder Feasibility

Proposed widened bike lane locations on the blind right turns
AND removed the 4+ mile "Bikes May Use Full Lane" designation.



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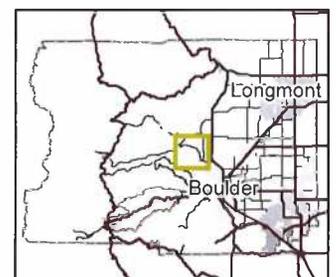
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Date: 10/1/2020

* Eastbound and Westbound color clarification added by BikesBeSafe.com



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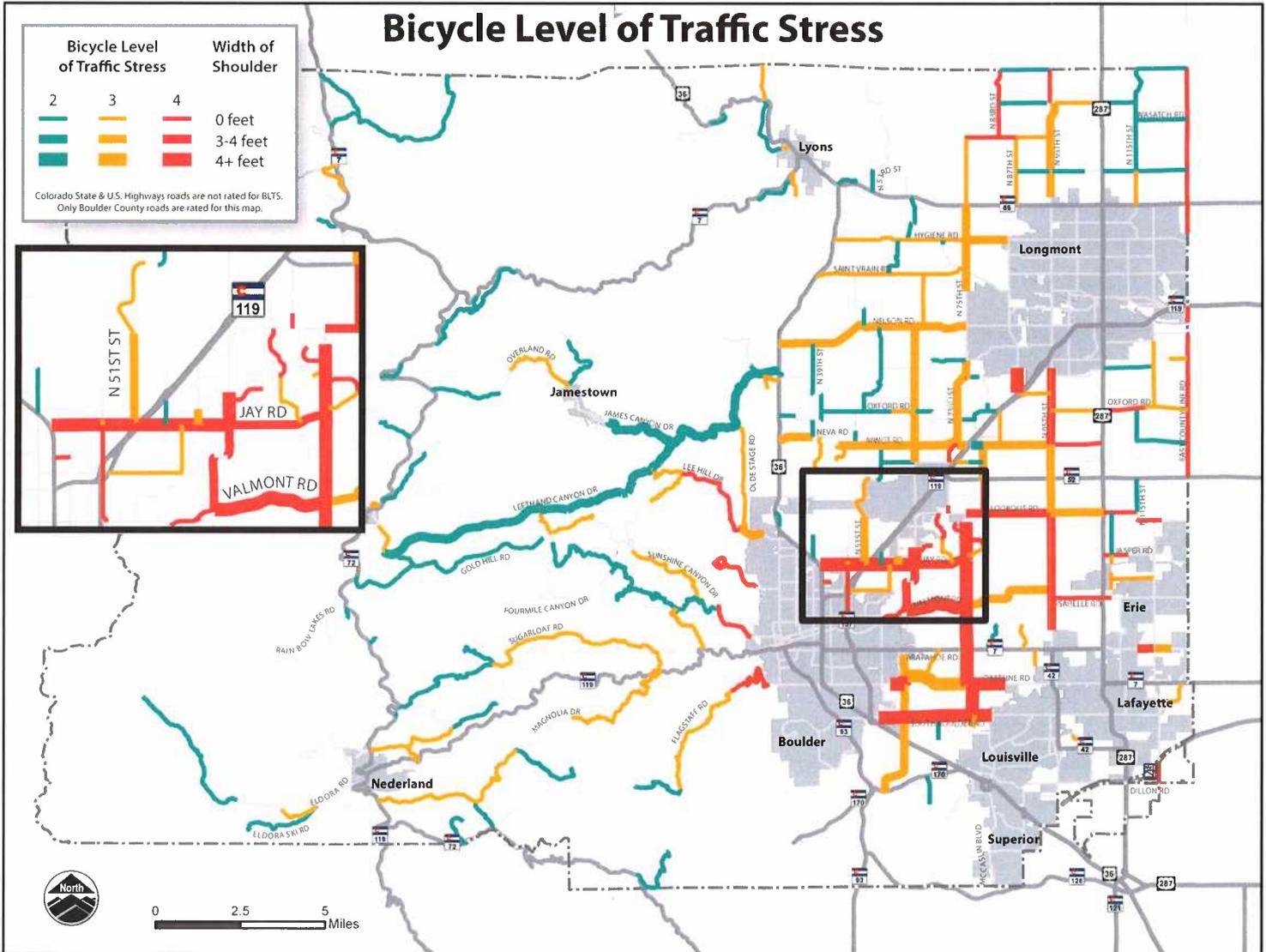
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Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress

Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress			Width of Shoulder
2	3	4	0 feet
2	3	4	3-4 feet
2	3	4	4+ feet

Colorado State & U.S. Highways roads are not rated for BLTS.
Only Boulder County roads are rated for this map.





Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress

Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress (BLTS) is a planning tool that is used in combination with other factors such as public input and crash data to identify needed improvements and gaps. The applied methodology was modified from existing methodologies created by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). These methodologies were utilized based on the more rural, nature of county roads. For this reason, the low-stress definitions/facility types defined by the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) are slightly different and more urban-oriented. By looking at elements such as shoulder width and traffic speeds, the BLTS identifies the areas where bicyclists are likely to feel more or less safe in relation to vehicle traffic. The goal is to make the network more accessible to more people by lowering the level of traffic stress.

Facilities are ranked on a scale of 1 to 4, with 1 being the lowest stress and 4 being the highest stress:

- LTS 1= Low traffic stress and suitable for all cyclists, including children
- LTS 2 = Little traffic stress, but requires more attention, especially for children
- LTS 3 = Moderate traffic stress – suitable for confident cyclists
- LTS 4 = High traffic stress

Data points used for this analysis include:

- Daily traffic volume
- Paved shoulder width (no shoulder = 0)
 - 3 to 4 feet
 - 4+ feet (these will be assumed to be 4 feet to less than 6 feet)
- Speed limit (assumed to be at least 40 mph or greater due to limited speed data available)
- Truck percentage (equal to or greater than 10% of all traffic based on Boulder County 2018 traffic counts)
- Multiuse paths are rated BLTS 1 due to no interaction with motorized traffic

The table below was used to score the level of traffic stress for Boulder County roads.

Daily Motorized Traffic Volume	Paved Shoulder Width		
	0 ft to < 3 ft	3 ft to < 4 ft	4+ ft
< 400	LTS 2	LTS 2	LTS 2
400 to 1,500	LTS 3	LTS 2	LTS 2
1,500 to 7,000	LTS 4	LTS 3	LTS 3
> 7,000	LTS 4	LTS 4	LTS 4

View a [Bicycle Level of Stress Map of county roads](#).



Given the zero shoulder width for bikes, this is now the most dangerous road in the county. Boulder County Adds BIKE MAY USE FULL LANE sign to westbound Lee Hill Drive (11/2021). This combined with the zero shoulder width per the County's own research makes this THE most dangerous mountain road for bikes and vehicles.

This means that 4+ miles going westbound is now designated for bikes to fully use instead of staying on the right side with cars legally giving 3' by law.

When these facts were presented to the county multiple times they added 18 signs on Lee Hill Drive July 2023 to alert everyone that both vehicles and bikes use this road. This is a welcome addition BUT does not make this road safe since the core issues are still present.

This old mountain road is already narrow, vehicles are now forced to go into the opposing traffic side when passing a bike. With the multiple blind turns vehicles are frequently facing each other with countless close calls happening over the years.

NO OTHER ROAD in Boulder County has a permanent BIKE MAY USE FULL LANE allowance of this distance. This is inconsistent with how this law is typically used (construction zones) and the most dangerous use of this law.

SOMEONE WILL DIE BECAUSE OF THIS AND IT WILL BE THE FAULT OF BOULDER COUNTY BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE OF THIS ISSUES FOR YEARS!

MAGNUS WHITE

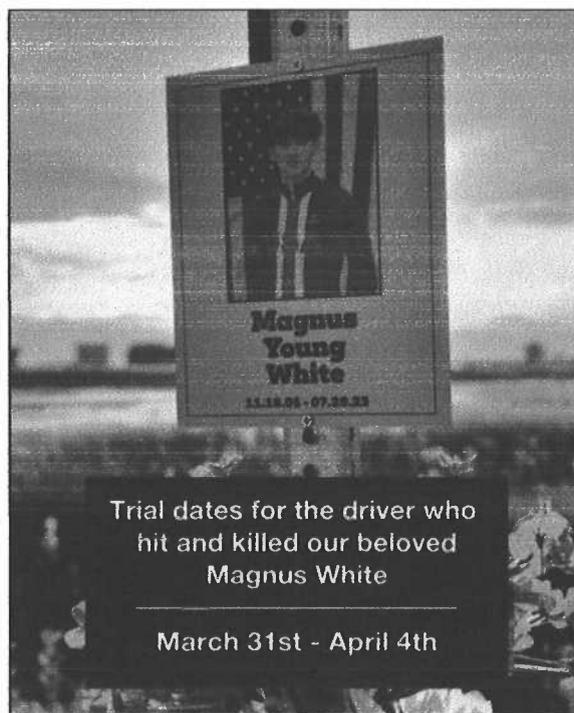
Magnus White was an up and coming Cyclocross racer from Boulder that showed his talents by winning the 2021 US Cyclocross UCI Junior Men National Championship. He was a member of the 2023 USA Cycling National Cyclocross Team when he lost his life. People of all bike skills use Lee Hill Drive daily, with many competitive bicycle racers using this road to train as well. Our hearts go out to the White family as we continue to show our support for bike safety on all roads.

The trial involving the collision when a vehicle hit and killed Magnus White on Hwy 119 from behind starts 3/31/2025-4/4/2025.

www.TheMagnusWhite.com

Support and bike safety awareness:

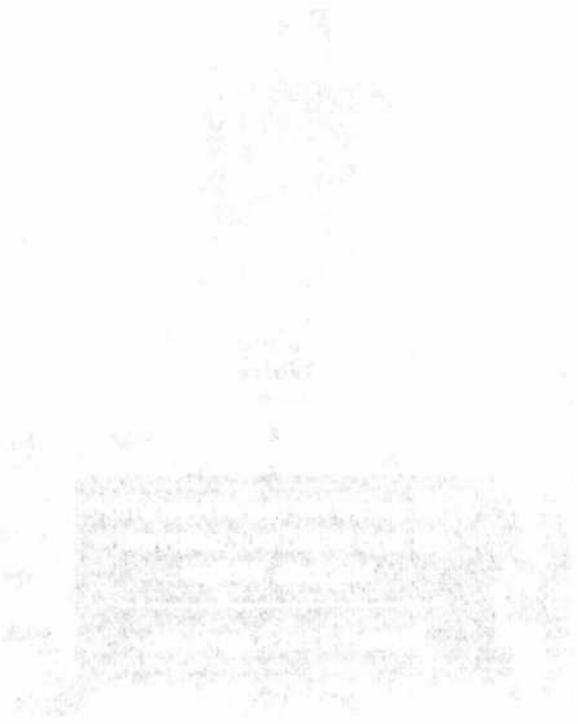
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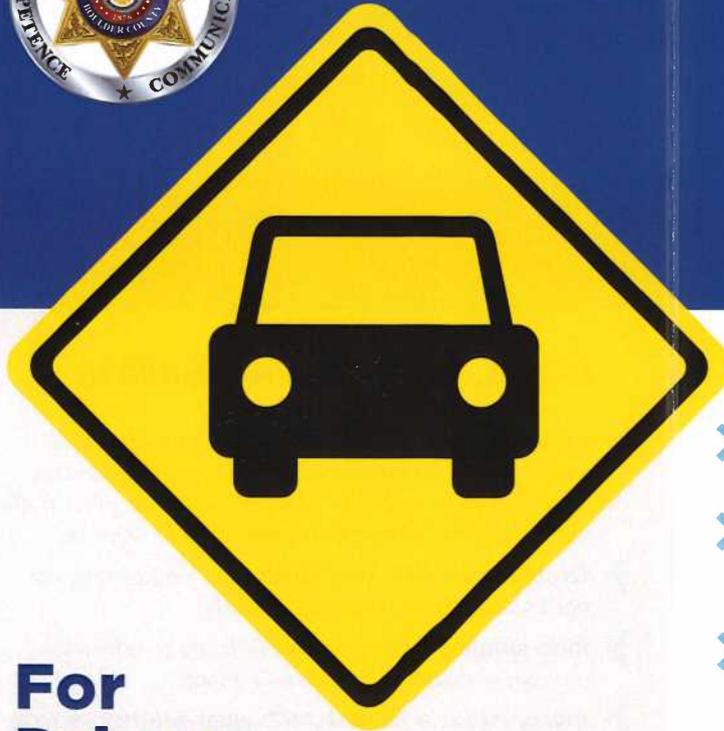
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BOULDER COUNTY Driver and Cycling Laws and Guidelines



For Drivers

Colorado traffic law is designed to produce safe outcomes for all users of our roads, paths, and trails.

Drivers and cyclists have a role and responsibility for the safety of themselves and all other drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, and equestrians.

UNDER COLORADO STATE LAW

Drivers and Cyclists have many of the **Same Rights and Obligations**

Cars and Bicyclists are both considered **Vehicles**



STATE LAW: Drivers must keep a minimum of 3 feet distance between the outermost projection of one's vehicle and the cyclist.

By Law, Drivers Must

- **Yield by waiting for cyclists** who temporarily may not be able to ride fully to the right.
- **Keep a minimum of three feet** between the outermost projection of one's vehicle and the cyclist when a driver passes a cyclist. Pass only on the left.
- **Do not pass a cyclist without sufficient sight of the road ahead** and/or remain behind a cyclist when approaching an intersection or railroad crossing.
- **As of January 1, 2025, a driver may only use a cell phone** or device while it is in hands-free mode.
- **Yield to other, slower drivers** in front of them who may be lawfully slowing and/or yielding to cyclists, pedestrians, or equestrians. It is illegal to fail to yield the right-of-way and other aggressive or intimidating actions could constitute a crime.
- **Drivers may** cross a double yellow centerline to pass a cyclist (while keeping a minimum of three feet between the outermost projection of one's vehicle and the cyclist) only if it is safe to do so. Do not pass cyclists on blind curves.

Cyclist Laws to Know

- **Use of the legal Colorado Safety Stop.** This law allows a cyclist to treat a stop sign as a yield sign or a red light as a stop sign and proceed through the intersection as long as there is no reason for the cyclist to yield to cross traffic.
- **Cyclists can ride two abreast as long as they do not impede the normal flow of traffic.** Drivers must yield to cyclists in order to give them an opportunity to go single file or move farther to the right, where they do not impede normal traffic flow.

Cyclists two abreast are sometimes safer since they can be passed quicker than a line of single-file cyclists. Traffic law and safety require slowing for or yielding to other vehicles, including cyclists, when necessary.

Yielding to cyclists is not only a matter of courtesy or the law — it saves lives.



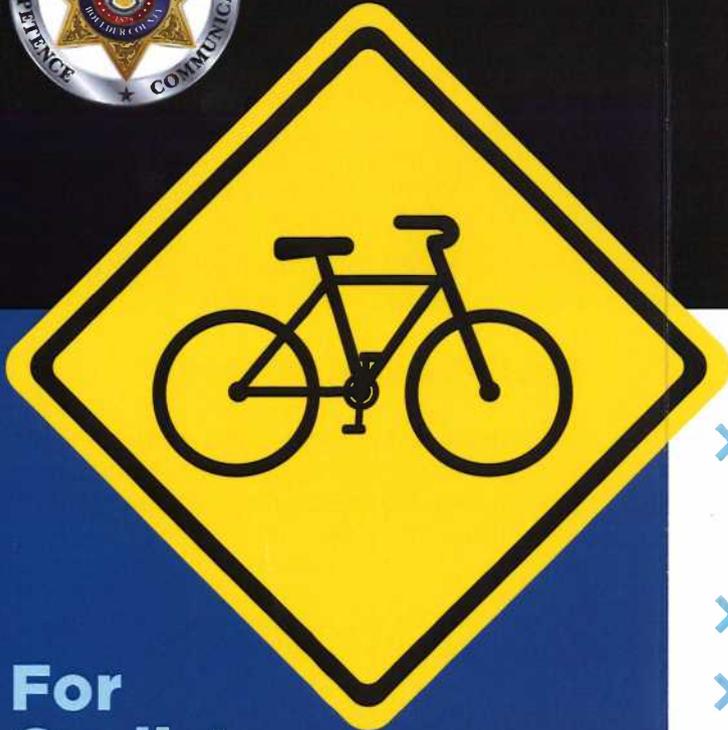
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Coalition 4 Cyclists encourages cyclists to ride to the right to keep cyclists safe and permit normal traffic flow.

Cyclist Laws and Duties

- **Ride as far to the right as practicable** based on hazards, passing slower vehicles, or the need to take the lane to turn left or similar. By riding to the right, except when temporarily not practicable, cyclists allow for normal traffic flow that is safe and courteous.
- **Announce in advance** of passing slower cyclists, pedestrians, and drivers.
- **Between the hours of dusk and dawn** or during periods of low visibility, cyclists are required to ride with a white headlight and a rear red reflector. It's best to consider using front and rear lights, even during daylight.
- **Never impede normal traffic flow**, defined as holding up five or more vehicles behind a cyclist. Except for unusual circumstances, which can occur, the Coalition 4 Cyclists (C4C) encourages cyclists to courteously ride to the right or do so on a timely basis to permit normal traffic flow at all times.
- **Be patient and respectful.** In the rare but existing case of encountering equestrians, always greet the equestrian as soon as possible, be prepared to yield in order to share the trail safely, and take the equestrian's instructions if need be.

Laws, Rights, and Safety

- **Colorado Safety Stop law** permits a cyclist of 16 years or older to treat a stop sign as a yield sign and a red light as a stop sign ONLY if there is no cross traffic nor reason for the cyclist to yield to other vehicles.
- **Cyclists may ride two abreast** as long as they do not impede the normal flow of traffic.
- **Ride single-file** or be prepared to do so efficiently on narrow roads such as canyon roads.
- **Always wear a helmet AND wear bright clothing.**
- **Always be on alert** for traffic, pedestrians, and sudden obstacles.
- **Rolling Coal/Excessive Emissions Hotline** helps identify vehicles with excessive emissions and gives vehicle owners repair information. Get the license plate and call 303-692-3211.

Cycling lawfully, along with care and courtesy, can save lives in Boulder County.



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CYCLISTS** Safer Cycling in Boulder County
coalition4cyclists.org

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