About This Map

Planning the Best Cycling Route

This map was designed to help you plan bicycle trips throughout Thurston County. Bike lanes, roads with wide shoulders, and local streets commonly used by bicyclists are highlighted, as well as regional multi-use paths. Highlighted routes do not necessarily indicate a higher level of maintenance than other streets.* You are the best judge of the most suitable routes based on your skill and fitness level, and on your comfort in different traffic situations. Multi-use paths and local streets are generally more comfortable for novice cyclists. Bike lanes and wide shoulders are usually located on busier streets. The speed and volume of traffic will vary depending on the route selected and the time of day.

You may find gaps in the bicycle network on some major routes. In these sections there are neither bike lanes nor wide shoulders, and traffic volumes may be higher. Though experienced cyclists may feel at ease in these areas, less skilled cyclists may want to choose an alternate route.

Bicyclists may use all streets and roads within Thurston County except:

- the 14th Street Tunnel between Jefferson & Capitol Way in Olympia
- I-5 from Trosper Road (exit 102) to Martin Way (exit 109)
- Hwy 101 from I-5 to the Black Lake Interchange

Map Comments & Information

This is the third edition of the Thurston County Bicycle Map. We have tried to make it as complete and useful as we can. Let us know how we can improve the map for the next edition. Send your comments to:

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Getting Around — WITH YOUR BICYCLE

Public Transportation Supports Cycling

Intercity Transit operates throughout Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater and Yelm. Buses serve most schools, major worksites, shopping and medical centers and more. Bike racks are available on all buses and vans (except the Dash shuttle), and your bike rides free! Each rack holds two bicycles. Bicycles are not allowed inside vehicles.

Using the on-board bike racks:

Before the bus approaches, remove items that may fall off during the trip.

When the bus stops, tell the driver you want to use the bike rack. Allow exiting passengers with bicycles to unload first, then load your bike while other passengers board. Drivers cannot leave the vehicle to assist with loading.

When loading one bike, put it in the position closest to the vehicle. When loading two bikes, put the bike you will remove first in the outside position.

Loading your bike:

- Squeeze and pull up on bike rack handle to release folded rack,
- Lower rack until it clicks into place,
- Lift bike onto rack, fitting front wheel into slot labeled "front,"
- Pull out and raise support arm over top of front tire, positioning it as high on the tire as possible,
- Do not lock bike to rack.

Unloading your bike:

- For your safety, exit through front door of the bus and tell driver that you need to unload your bike,
- Raise support arm up and off bike's front tire,
- Lift and remove bike from the rack,
- If no other bike is on the rack, fold and secure rack into upright position,
- After unloading your bike, move to the curb quickly. Always wait until the vehicle pulls away before crossing the street. NEVER CROSS IN FRONT OF THE BUS.

Renting a bicycle locker:

Intercity Transit rents bicycle lockers at its Olympia and Lacey Transit Centers. Each unit stores one bicycle and equipment. Lockers cost $8 per month for a 3-month minimum. Call (360) 786-8585 for information.

County Connections: Almost all public transit buses in adjacent counties carry bicycles. For schedules and information, call the appropriate transit agency.

Mason Transit	(800) 374-3747
Grays Harbor Transit	(800) 562-9730
Pierce Transit	(800) 562-8109
Sound Transit (King County)	(888) 889-6368
Metro (Seattle)	(800) 542-7876
Twin Transit (Centralia/Chehalis)	(360) 330-2072
Rural & Tribal Transportation	(800) 650-7846

Commercial Bus Travel

Greyhound: Bicycles must be boxed for transport. The Greyhound Station is located at 107 7th Ave. SE in Olympia. For information, call (360) 357-5541.

Green Tortoise Adventure Travel: North/South bus travel. Fully assembled bicycles accommodated on roof rack. Call 1-800-867-8647 for information.

AMTRAK Passenger Trains

Bike racks are available on some trains. Space for passengers and bicycles must be reserved by calling 1-800-USA-RAIL. The AMTRAK Centennial Station is served by Intercity Transit. Call (360) 786-1881 for information.

Air Travel

Airline charges vary widely for shipping a bicycle. Check with individual carriers for costs and packing requirements. Bikes can often be shipped private parcel service for less than the bicycle surcharge of airlines. Bicycles can be taken to the airport via a number of services.

Sound Transit provides transportation between Pierce County and SeaTac Airport. Airport shuttles provide door to door service and charge a small fee for a boxed bicycle. Check the Yellow Pages for company names.

Who To Call — IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Maintenance Phone Numbers

To report potholes, broken glass or other minor road problems, identify the correct jurisdiction (Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, County) and call the appropriate public works department:

Olympia Public Works	(360) 753-8565
Tumwater Public Works	(360) 754-4140
Lacey Transportation	(360) 438-2674
Thurston County Roads	(360) 786-5495
Thurston County Trails:	
Chehalis Western Trail (Martin Way to Woodard Bay)	(360) 748-2383
Chehalis Western Trail (South of Pacific Ave)	(360) 786-5595
All Other Thurston County Trails	(360) 786-5595

To Report Roadway Incidents

Emergency	911
Animal Services	(360) 352-2510
Reckless/Negligent Driving Database	(360) 704-2740

Record vehicle type, license number and a description of driver, if possible.

Other Useful Contacts

Bicycle Commute Guide	www.thurstoncommutes.org
Commute Options	www.thurstoncommutes.org
The Capital Bicycling Club	www.capitalbicycleclub.org
Online Thurston County Bike Map	www.thurstonbikemap.org
To Obtain a State Bicycle Map	(360) 705-7277
To Obtain a Pierce County Bicycle Map	(253) 798-7250

Share the Road — BICYCLISTS & MOTORISTS

Same Road, Same Rules, Same Rights

The safety of bicycle riders is a responsibility shared by both motorists and cyclists. Bicyclists are not out of place on the roadway – they are part of the traffic. Every bicycle rider has the same rights and responsibilities as a motor vehicle driver. All persons who use public roads must understand state traffic laws and use caution and common sense. Bicyclists' and motorists' actions are more predictable and safer when everyone follows traffic laws.

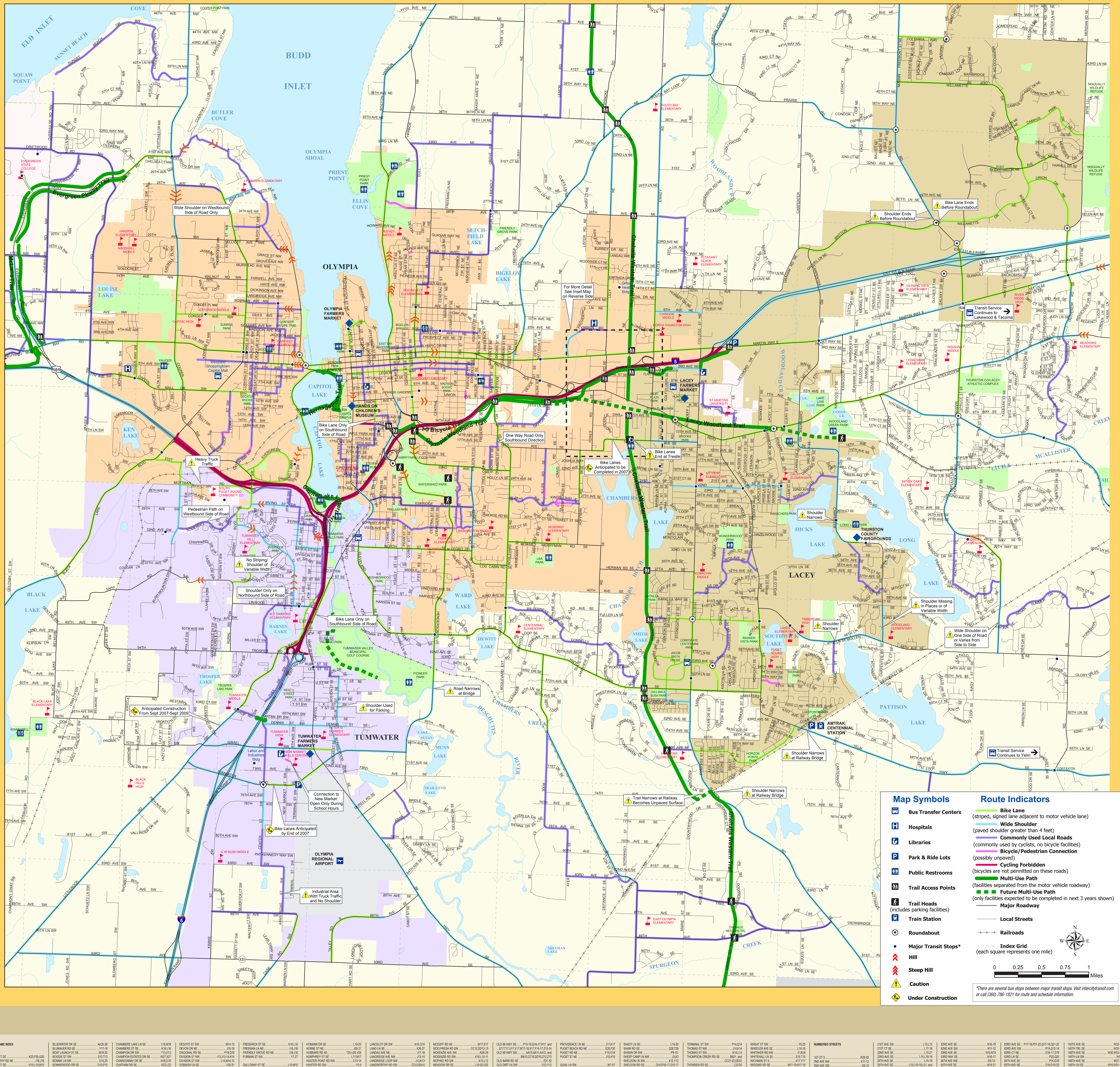
Here are some important safety tips for sharing the road

As a motorist:

- Yield to bicycles in a bicycle lane.
- Do not drive in a bicycle lane except when making a turn.
- Do not park in a bicycle lane.
- If parked at a curb, look before opening a car door. You may be in the path of, and could hit, a bicyclist, pedestrian or other car.
- Look carefully for bicycles: scan intersections before entering or turning and yield to bicycles as you would for any vehicle.
- Pass a bicycle the same way you would a car, or any other vehicle, allowing at least three feet of space.
- Motorists must stop for bicyclists crossing in a crosswalk. There is a crosswalk at the intersection of any two streets, whether painted or not. Bicyclists must dismount if using a crosswalk to cross the street.

As a bicyclist:

- Obey all traffic laws when riding in the street.
- In some downtown business districts, bicycling on sidewalks is prohibited; walk with your bike.
- Bicyclists have the choice to ride on the roadway, on the shoulder of a road, in a bike lane, or on a sidewalk (except where prohibited).
- Bicyclists riding on a sidewalk or crossing in a crosswalk are granted all the rights and responsibilities of a pedestrian.
- Yield to pedestrians on sidewalks and in crosswalks. Use an audible signal to warn pedestrians before passing, such as "on your left."
- Be aware that not all roads in this map have bicycle facilities. Expect to share the road with motorists.



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NUMBERED STREETS