

Communicate



Use hand signals so that drivers know where you're going. Signal all your turns and stops ahead of time. Also, before turning, look over your shoulder for any traffic. Check and only move when it's safe.



Make eye contact.

Confirming eye contact with motorists helps them know that you're on the road.



See. Be seen. Be heard.

Use lights at night or when visibility is poor. A white headlight and rear red reflector are required by law. Flashing lights are Use bike reflectors, reflective clothing



ever use earphones because you won't be able to hear what's going on around you.

Street-Smart Cyclist

- **Always** wear a bicycle helmet to reduce the risk of permanent injury or death from a crash.
- To make sure your helmet fits correctly, put it on and use the "eyes, ears, mouth" test. Eyes: When you look up, you should see the front rim. If not, your helmet won't protect your forehead. **Ears:** The side straps should come to a "V" just below each ear. Mouth: When you open your mouth wide, you should feel the helmet push down on your head. If your helmet doesn't pass the test, adjust its buckles.
- Wear bright clothing and use lights, reflectors, a bell and a mirror to see, be seen and be heard.
- Consider using the other equipment illustrated below to make



Theft Prevention

Most bike thefts are due to unlocked or improperly locked bikes. Following these tips will help prevent your bike from being stolen.

Vicinity Map

- Never leave your bike unlocked—not even for a second.
- Always use a high-quality U-lock or chain. For added



- Always lock the frame and front wheel to either a rack
- For extra security, remove the front wheel and lock it with the frame and rear wheel (see illustration 2)
- Note Some bike locks with cylindrical keys may be opened with a pen or similiar object. Check with your local bike shop to determine the need to upgrade or replace your lock.

THANK YOU...

to all those who contributed to the Anchorage Bike Map Project!

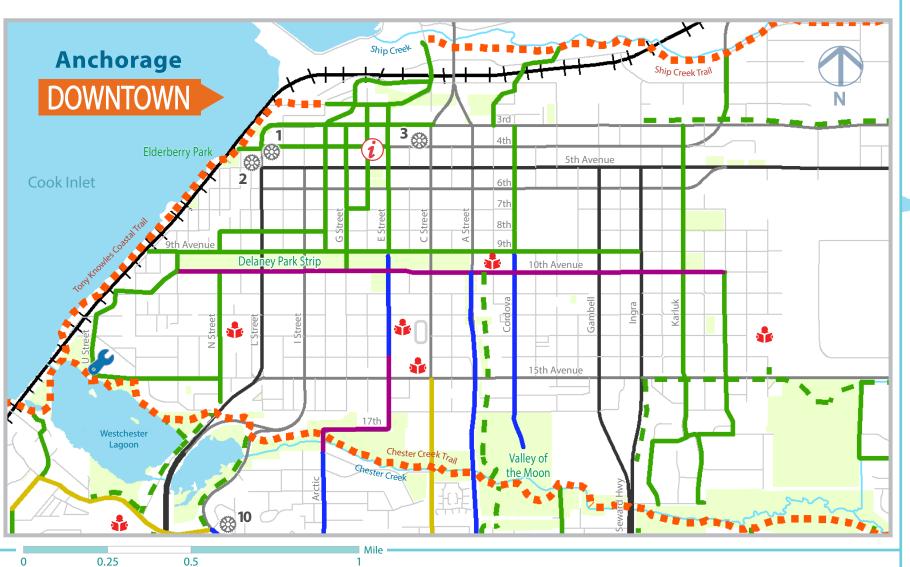
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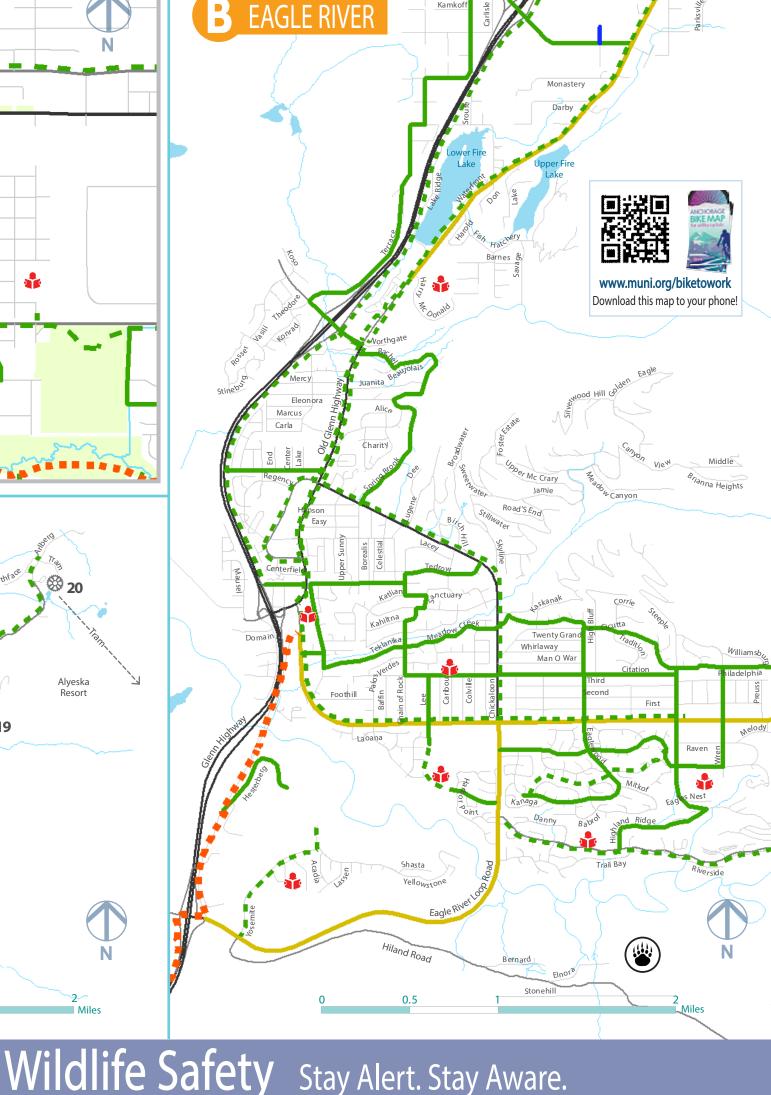
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- Travel in groups; make noise to avoid surprising a bear.
- Never approach cubs. Mother bears will close, circle around, or investigate.
- aggressively protect them. • Put your bike between you and the bear. If it follows, stop moving and call for help.
- NEVER turn and run from a bear; it may chase.
- Avoid bad-smelling areas.
- Move closer to friends. A bear may get
- Talk calmly then leave slowly.

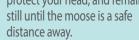
trying to 'remove the threat.'

If it attacks, play dead until it leaves. It is



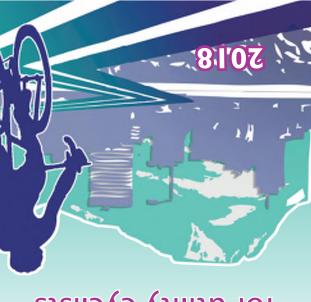
MOOSE

- Never feed or touch a moose.
- Never get between a cow and her calf. • Give moose at least 50 feet of clearance &
- never chase them away. Be patient.
- Wheels and heels always yield to hooves. • If a moose lays its ears back, it's angry or afraid and may charge.
- If a moose charges, get behind a tree or something solid.
- Moose kick with their front and hind feet.
- If you are knocked down, curl into a ball, protect your head, and remain





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- Never approach cubs. Mother bears will Make yourself as big and loud/scary as possible.
 - If it attacks, fight back.



for utility cyclists **ANCHORAGE**



Message from the Mayor

Dear Friends,

Whether you're commuting downtown in the summer or taking your fat bike onto the Coastal Trail in February, biking is a year-round activity in Anchorage. That's why we're making Anchorage's bike routes safer, more functional, and connected. With the Vision Zero initiative, we've set the goal of preventing future deaths and major injuries on Anchorage roadways.

We are updating our roads and intersections using a 'complete streets' approach to accommodate everyone who uses them. You can take a ride along the Park Strip on the new 10th Ave. bike boulevard, bike to shops on Spenard Road bike lanes, make it to class on time on the new UAA Drive, or fill a flat at the new fix-it station on 100th Ave. We've upgraded many of our pathways and trails with new surfacing, LED lighting, and signs. New single track trails are coming to the Chester Creek Corridor.

We've also launched a new mobile app called Link AK and need your help. The more people that create an account and track their commutes, the more data we will have to inform policy decisions around biking infrastructure.



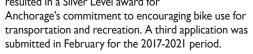
It's an exciting time to be a part of Anchorage's growing bike community. Please contact me with suggestions for more improvements at mayor@muni.org or (907) 343-7100.

SILVER THE LEAGUE

Mayor Ethan Berkowitz

Anchorage: Silver-Level Bicycle **Friendly Community**

In 2009 the League of American Bicyclists designated Anchorage a Bicycle Friendly Community at the Bronze Level. A 2013 application resulted in a Silver Level award for

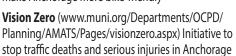


Information & Resources

The League of American Bicyclists

(www.bikeleague.org/ridesmart) Instructional videos, class listings

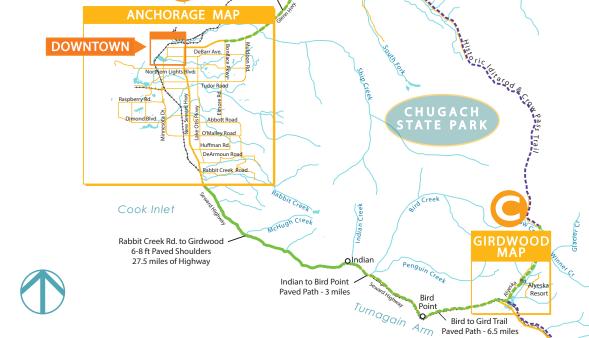
Bike Anchorage (www.bikeanchorage.org) Advocacy, education and encouragement to VISION ZERO make Anchorage more bike-friendly



People Mover Bus System

(www.muni.org/Departments/transit/PeopleMover/Pages/ Tools.aspx) Tools for planning rides, tracking buses, receiving timely notifications, loading bikes and bike-to-bus trips

LinkAK (https://linkak.org/#/) Planning and tracking trips for all travel modes; includes event listings



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