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The Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia works to make bicycling better through advocacy and education by promoting biking as a healthy, low-cost, and environmentally-friendly form of transportation and recreation. Learn more at



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Your membership includes a free regional bike map, discounts to bike shops and on Coalition sponsored rides such as Bike Philly and Bike Freedom Valley, and a monthly e-newsletter.

Support the region's only bicycle advocacy organization that is working to make bicycling better.

Join the region's bicycling revolution.

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The Bicycle Ambassadors are an education and outreach program of The Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia sponsored by The City of Philadelphia, University City District and Fairmount Park. Bicycle Ambassadors encourage adult bicyclists to ride more often and ride more safely as well as educate motorists on the rules of the road and provide tips for sharing the road.



Spruce and Pine Bike Lanes



The new Spruce/Pine bike lanes are finally here! Thanks to the advocacy of the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia, Mayor Nutter fulfilled a campaign promise to create river to river bicycle friendly streets. The bike lanes are being evaluated by the Mayor's Office of Transportation and Utilities over the course of a six week period. The City will be resurfacing portions of both streets in spring 2010; if the pilot project is successful, the city will re-stripe the lanes. If it is considered not successful, the lanes will be altered or removed. The Bicycle Coalition urges bicyclists to make a concerted effort to **follow the rules of the road** and treat motorists and pedestrians with respect and civility. *Give respect to get respect.*

Set a good example by following these steps:

- Remember that a bicycle is a [legal vehicle](#) with the same rights and duties as a motor vehicle.
- Obey all traffic signals (that means STOP at a red light), signs and rights of way; wait for the signal to change.
- Walk your bike on sidewalks. Cyclists double their chances of a crash by riding on the sidewalk.
- Use a white front light and rear red light from dusk to dawn

What to do if a vehicle blocks the bike lane

- Scan behind you to make sure that there is no traffic and merge into the travel lane, returning to the bike lane when it is safe to do so.
- Motor vehicles are permitted to make brief stops to unload passengers or goods.
- Motor vehicles are permitted to park cars in the bike lane when attending services at near-by religious institutions.

Are you familiar with State and Local Laws pertaining to bicycles?

Take a few minutes to review Pennsylvania bike laws and Philadelphia regulations on the Bicycle Ambassador website www.bicycleambassadors.org

Tell us what you think! Send your thoughts, opinions and suggestions to spruce-pine@bicyclecoalition.org