

INFORMATION for RESIDENTS and MOTORISTS

BE SAFE!

As a motorist:

- Do not drive, stop or park in the bicycle lanes
- Watch out for cyclists and be courteous
- Obey speed limits
- Follow the rules of the road

INFORMATION for CYCLISTS

BE SAFE!

As a cyclist:

- Follow bicycle lanes and sharrows to stay on the bicycle network
- Keep your distance from parked cars
- Be predictable, follow the rules of the road

» Why did you take the parking away?

In order to ensure that roads can accommodate motorized vehicles and bicycles, permanent parking bans will be instituted in specific areas along the new bicycle routes where there is limited roadway width. These parking bans are required to facilitate the operation of the bicycle lanes.

» Will the curb extensions at crosswalks in my neighbourhood be removed to facilitate the new bicycle lanes?

No, the curb extensions will remain.

» Why isn't the bicycle lane placed on the curb side of parked cars?

To ensure that cyclists are visible to motorists on the street, especially when approaching intersections, and to avoid cyclists riding in the "door zone."

» Are you increasing the travel lane widths for motor vehicles by taking away a parking lane?

No. By removing parking and adding two dedicated bicycle lanes, motor vehicle travel lanes will be narrower than they were before the bicycle lanes were introduced.

» Why put bicycles on the street? Why not on sidewalks?

Bicycles are legal vehicles and have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicles. Sidewalks are for pedestrians and bicycles on sidewalks may pose safety issues for both users.

» Can I cross the solid white bicycle lane lines in my motor vehicle?

Motor vehicles may cross the bicycle lane when turning into accesses or driveways along the roadway or when parking is permitted between the curb and the bicycle lane, provided they have checked for cyclists in the bicycle lane and it is safe to do so. Motorists cannot stop, park or encroach on the bicycle lane.

» Why is the bicycle lane dashed in some instances?

Bicycle lanes are dashed to indicate to motorists that they may cross the bicycle lane for certain manoeuvres, provided they have checked and it is safe to do so. For example, the bicycle lane is dashed before intersections, allowing the motor vehicle to move to the right to make a right hand turn.

» What do I need to know about parking beside a bicycle lane?

According to the *Alberta Traffic Safety Act*, a motorist "shall not open a door of a vehicle unless it is reasonably safe to do so." Motorists must be especially careful when parking next to bicycle lanes to check their mirrors and shoulder check before opening their vehicle door.

» How do I use a bicycle lane?

Always ensure you are travelling in the same direction as traffic, unless the bicycle lane is a clearly marked contra-flow bicycle lane. You may use the other travel lanes when necessary to avoid hazards, to pass other vehicles or to make left hand turns which are not possible from the bicycle lane. Cyclists are able to use the other travel lanes as there is no law that requires cyclists to use the bicycle lane.

» Do cyclists have to ride in the dedicated bicycle lane?

No. Cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicles and therefore may ride outside the bicycle lane. For example, a cyclist making a left hand turn, may join the flow of motor vehicle traffic and turn left from the left turn lane.

» What do I need to know about cycling beside parked cars?

When cycling alongside parked cars, always be aware that car doors may suddenly open. You often need to cycle along the left edge of the bicycle lane when parking is present to avoid riding in the door zone. Do not be afraid to leave the bicycle lane when necessary for your safety, providing you have checked for other vehicles prior to manoeuvring.

» What happens to bicycle lanes at bus stops?

At bus stops, the bicycle lane is dashed to indicate that the bus can pull across the bicycle lane, and to notify the cyclist that buses will be pulling over. When a bus is at a bus stop, the cyclist should either wait behind the bus or legally pass it on the left by making a proper lane change. The cyclist should not pass the bus on the right as they may conflict with people getting on or off the bus.

» Will bicycle lanes be closed in the winter?

No. Bicycle lanes will be maintained year round including snow clearing and roadway sweeping.

» How are laws enforced for cyclists?

Cyclists are vehicles and have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicles. There is enforcement in place as well as educational programs to help users to follow the law.

» Is it legal to ride my bicycle on a sidewalk?

A bicycle can be ridden on a sidewalk as long as the bicycle has a wheel diameter of 50 centimetres or less. For adults, cycling on sidewalks is not recommended. There is greater risk of being in a collision as motorists are not watching for quick moving vehicles coming from the sidewalk at intersections and driveways. Always dismount your bicycle and

walk it when using crosswalks and sidewalks that are not designated as shared-use.

» How do I turn left in a bicycle lane?

You can turn left as a vehicle using hand signals and maneuvering into the left-hand lane when safe to do so. You can also proceed through the intersection and cross at the crosswalk as a pedestrian.

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GO the EXTRA MILE

- Start with a small goal. Short trips to the grocery store or a friend's house are great ways to get into a routine.
- Get your bicycle back into gear. You don't need a shiny new bicycle or fancy gear to start biking again.
- Try combining your trip with transit. Ride to your local bus or LRT station, and take transit the rest of the way.
- Leave extra clothing at work, so that you do not have to carry as much on your bicycle.

BICYCLE LANES 2011

COMING THIS SUMMER ON EDMONTON STREETS >>

BE INFORMED:

**SOUTHGATE CENTRE
(By the Food Court)
5015 - 111 Street**

**June 04, 2011
9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

ABOUT the PROJECT

This summer, the City will install dedicated bicycle lanes and sharrow markings. Cycling is not only fun, it is a sustainable mode of transportation, which is **inexpensive, healthy and environmentally friendly**. Along with carpooling, walking and public transportation, cycling offers an opportunity to:



LOWER
your cost of
transportation



IMPROVE
your physical
condition



REDUCE
traffic congestion



REDUCE
vehicle emissions

Edmonton is a cycle-friendly city. The City of Edmonton plans to install close to 500 km of on-street cycling facilities. It's all part of a larger plan to create an integrated bicycle network envisioned in the City's *Bicycle Transportation Plan*.

ROUTE HIGHLIGHTS

- Connection to University of Alberta, Whyte Avenue, McKernan/Belgravia LRT Station, Mill Creek Ravine and the River Valley
- 20 km of on-street bicycle routes to be installed this summer in Edmonton

BICYCLE LANES and SHARROWS

While a **sharrow** represents the shared use of a roadway between motorists and cyclists, a **bicycle lane** is dedicated to the exclusive use of bicycles only.



» Bicycle Lanes

Bicycle lanes are marked lanes that separate the bicycle right-of-way from motor vehicle traffic and parking. They are separated by solid white lines, and marked with an image of a bicycle and a white diamond. If parking is permitted, they will appear along the left side of parked cars. If parking is prohibited, they will be along the curb.



» Sharrows

Sharrows are pavement markings consisting of an image of a bicycle, capped by a pair of arrows indicating a shared use lane. The sharrows guide cyclists on the road, and remind drivers to expect cyclists in their travel lane. Cyclists are not required to ride over the sharrows as they are only a guide.

Strategy > Concept > Design > **Where we are today BUILD PHASE** > Operate

» TO FIND MORE ABOUT BICYCLE LANE PROJECTS

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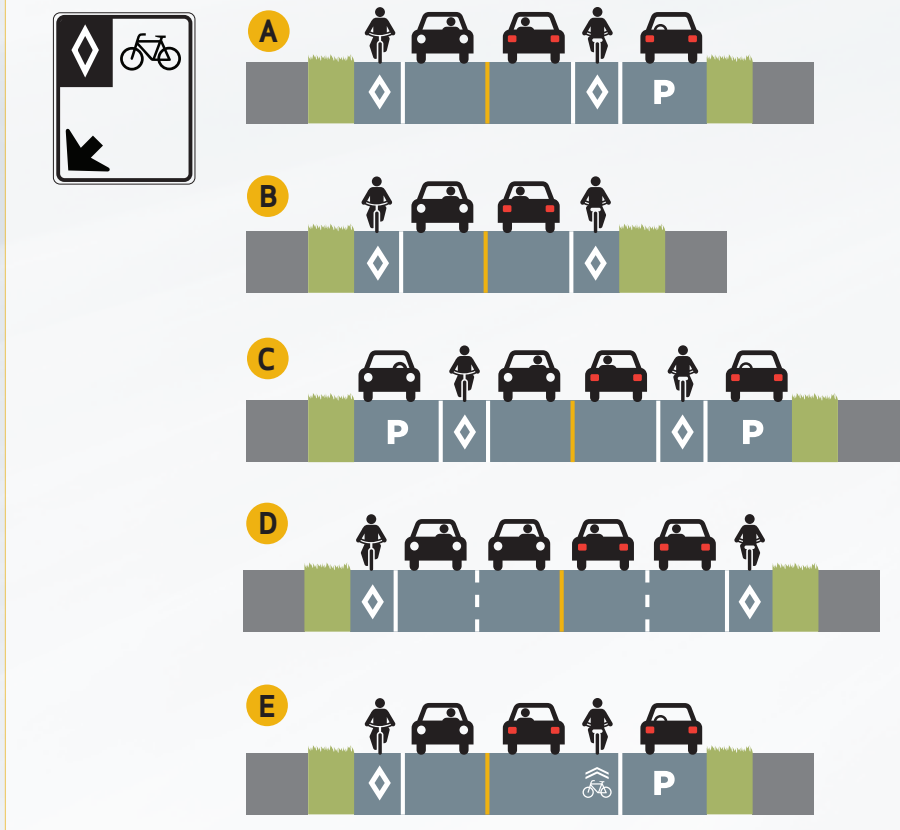
SOUTHSIDE BICYCLE LANES

» to be installed in 2011

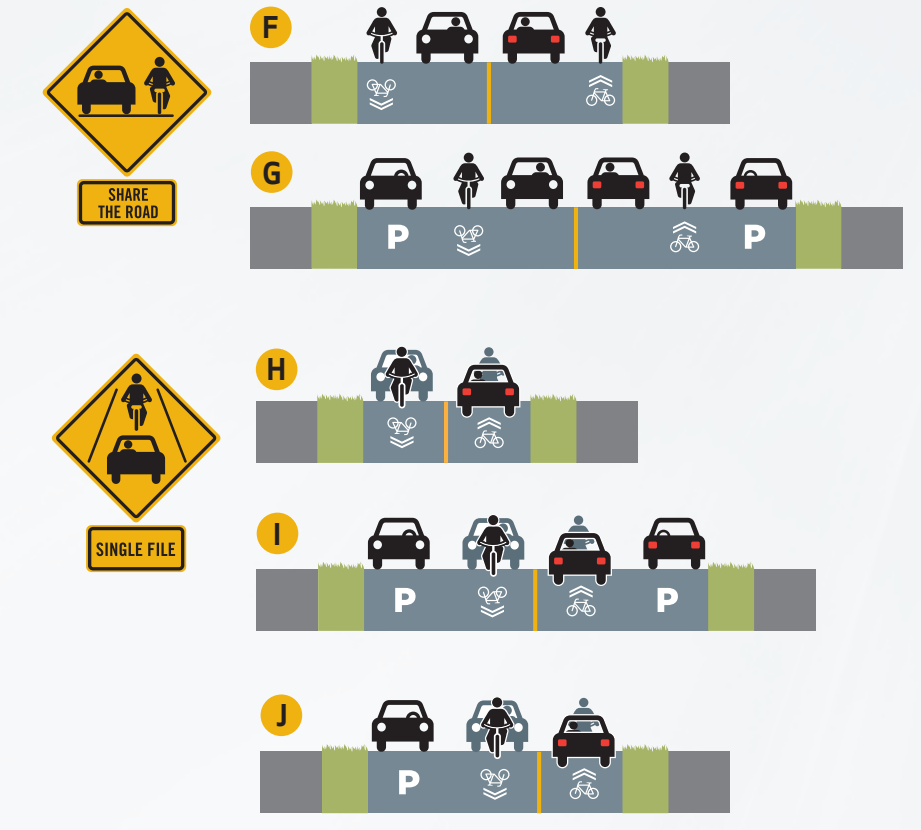


» ROAD CONFIGURATION

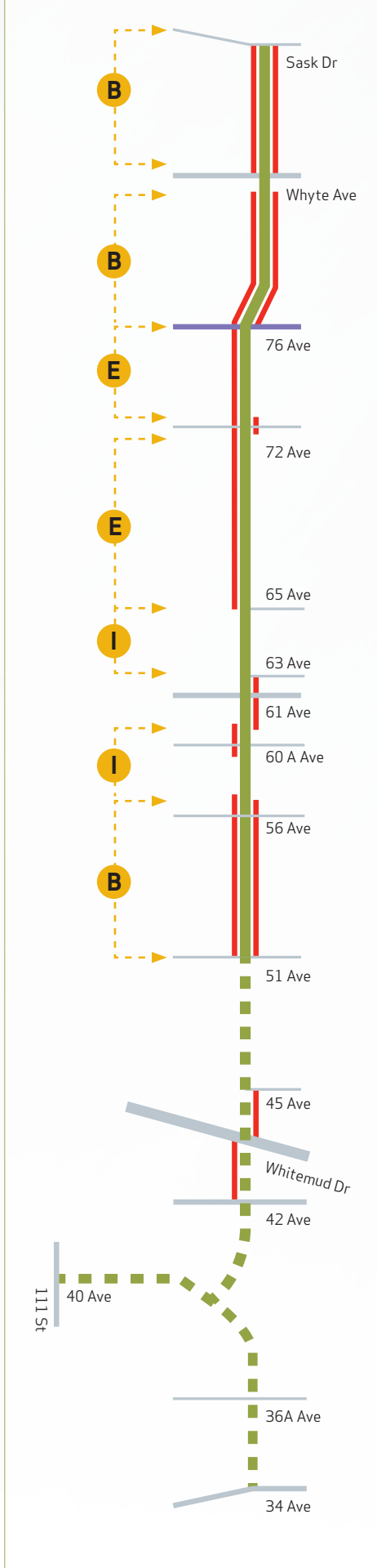
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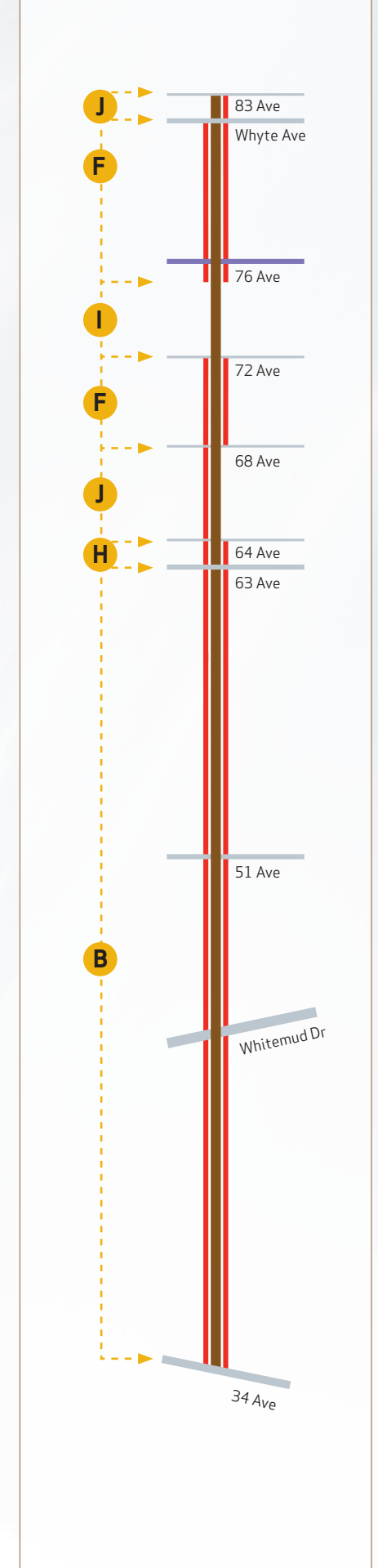
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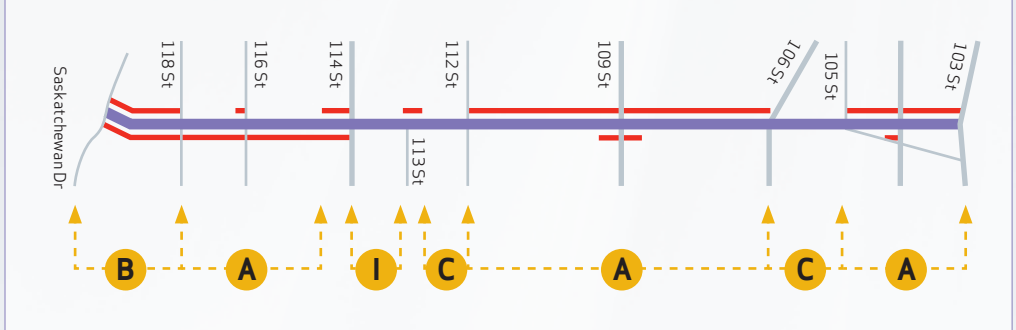
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» 76 AVENUE



» SADDLEBACK ROAD LOOP

