Cycling in New Westminster

Queensborough Bridge Interchange and Connections

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one-way section

TWENTY-THIRD ST

Queensborough Bridge

91A

HIGHWAY

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Paved or unpaved pathway physically separated from vehicular traffic, shared with other cyclists, pedestrians and other recreational users.

On-Street Bike Lane or Shoulder:
Paved and marked portion of the street for the exclusive use of cyclists.

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Signed and marked street, shared with vehicular traffic.

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Symbols to know: Look for these on streets and signs

Bicycle Route:
Indicates that you are on a bicycle route.

Dedicated bicycle lane: Buses, motorcycles and other motor vehicles are not permitted to travel or stop in this lane unless making a right turn onto a cross street. Transit buses may stop at designated stops for passengers.

Bicycle with arrow: Indicates the direction of a bicycle route is changing.

Bicycle box: Indicates area where cyclists may position themselves at a red signal, allowing them to turn or go straight in advance of other vehicle traffic when the signal turns green.

Sharrow (shared roadway symbol): Indicates where cyclists should generally position themselves while sharing the roadway with other vehicles.

Public Transit

SkyTrain

Bicycles are allowed on SkyTrain for no extra charge at all times of operation except in the peak direction (toward downtown in the morning and away from downtown in the afternoon), Monday to Friday from 7 am and 6 pm. Only two bicycles per SkyTrain car are allowed. Bicycles are not permitted at any time at Metrotown Station. Bicycles must not be carried on station staircases. Use elevators or stairs to access platforms. Cycling access to SkyTrain is commonly restricted during special events. Contact TransLink for further information.

Bus

Most bus routes in Metro Vancouver provide bicycle racks on the front of buses. Bicycles can be loaded onto racks during all hours of bus operation at no additional charge. Only two bicycles can go on each rack at a time. Motor-powered bicycles are not permitted on racks.

For more on bicycles on the transit system and bus routes with bicycle rack service, TransLink at 604.953.3333 or visit their website: translink.ca/en/cycling

Contacts

Police Emergencies 911
Police Non-emergencies 604.525.5411
TransLink 604.953.3333
Bicycle Lockers 604.926.1076

Websites

City of New Westminster: www.newwestcity.ca/residents/services/transportation.php

Metro Vancouver cycling routes and information: translink.ca/en/cycling

VACC (New Westminster): www.vacc.bc.ca/advocacy/advocacy.php

New Westminster Bike Shops

Cap’s Bicycle Shop
64 East Columbia Street
604.524.3611

Custom Cycle
616A 12th Street
604.526.3835

New Westminster’s Street Traffic

Bicycle Lockers

Lockers are available for monthly rentals from TransLink at many SkyTrain stations and Park and Rides. For more information: cmedalondon.com (see Lock and Ride) or 604.926.1076

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Ride Safely: Follow the Rules of the Road

Cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers: The Motor Vehicle Act and City by-laws apply to cyclists too. Remember:

• Obey all traffic regulations and speed limits.
• Yield to pedestrians and watch for school children crossing the roads.
• Do not ride on sidewalks where cycling is prohibited by New Westminster’s Street Traffic Bylaw: www.newwestcity.ca/database/1/to/64270(1)(c).pdf
• Signal before turning.

• Yield to a bus when it is leaving a stop.
• You must use front and rear lights on your bicycle after dark.
• All bicycles must have a warning bell.
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To the left:

Passing:
Pasing on the left is best. Ride no closer than one metre from parked cars.

To the right:

Passing:
Pasing in the left lane is best. Ride no closer than one metre from parked cars.

Lane position: If a lane is narrower or has no shoulders, ride near the middle of the lane for improved visibility and safety.

Pedestrians:

• Always shoulder check before changing lanes or making a turn.

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By-law: www.newwestcity.ca/byz/...