



Sharing The Road (Motorist/Cyclist Education/Diversion) Course Syllabus



“Sharing The Road” is a 3-hour course for adult and teenaged motorists and cyclists which can be easily added to a driver's education curriculum, such as diversion training for errant or reckless drivers (or cyclists), or a course designed to orient local bus, truck, and cab drivers in being aware of cyclists and pedestrians. Directed towards motorists in general, topics covered in this course include perceptions of cyclists, causes of car/bike collisions and measures to avoid or prevent such crashes, roadway positioning of cyclists, traffic and hand signals, principles of right-of-way and left and right turn problems. Materials include Share the Road literature for bicyclists and motorists as well as other fact sheets.

Section I	Time	r Student Manual Pages		
Introduction & Basic Principles	0:10			
I. Prevailing Attitudes	0:15			
1. Group Exercise	0:15			
2. Facts About Crashes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Facts • Falls & Collisions • Layers of Protection 	0:15			
II. Cyclists & Traffic	1:00			
1. The Basic Concepts of Smart Cycling	0:05			
2. Principles of Traffic Law	0:10			
3. How Cyclists Deal With Traffic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driving on the Right • Right-of-Way • Superior & Inferior Roadways • Traffic Signals • Channelization • Courtesy • Road position of bicycles • Riding Abreast • Left Turns 	0:40			
III. What Can (& Will) Go Wrong, and What We Can Do About It	1:10			
1. Conflict Between Motorists & Cyclists	0:10			
2. Bike Lanes & Bike Paths	0:10			
3. Conflict Between Cyclists & Pedestrians	0:10			
4. Motorist Resentment	0:10			
5. Bad Cyclist Behavior	0:10			
6. Bad Motorist Behavior <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excerpt 1: <i>Ride On By II</i> • Excerpt 2: <i>Ride On By II</i> 	0:20			
7. Defusing Road Rage	0:10			
Closure				
1. Specific Recommendations for				

Motorists in a Bike-Friendly World 2. Specific Recommendations for Public Officials in a Bike-Friendly World 3. Conclusions				

References:

Dave Glowacs, *Mr. Bike's Guide: Sharing The Road With Bikes*

All times depend on no one being late, and all sessions ending in a timely manner (including me).

Students should bring:

- Something to write with
- Open Mind

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