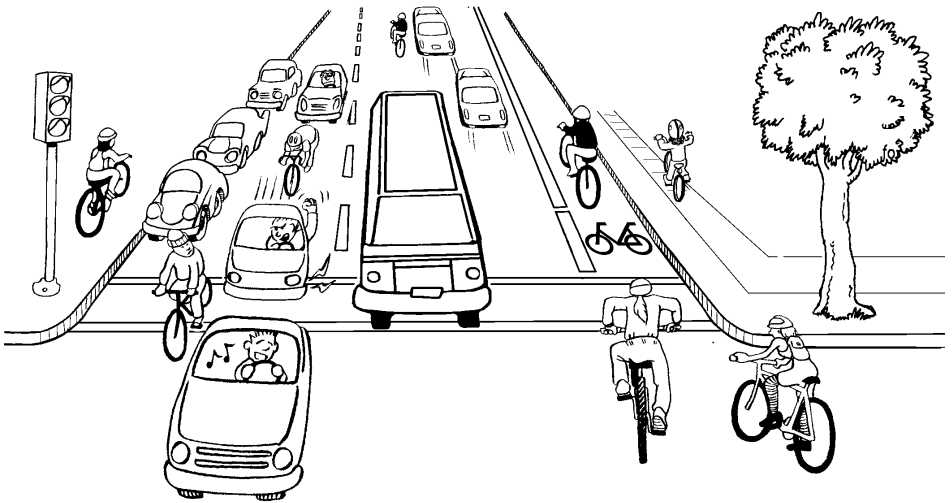


Using the Bike Lane

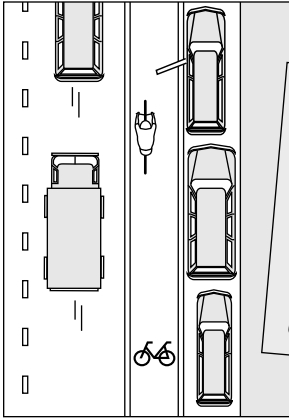
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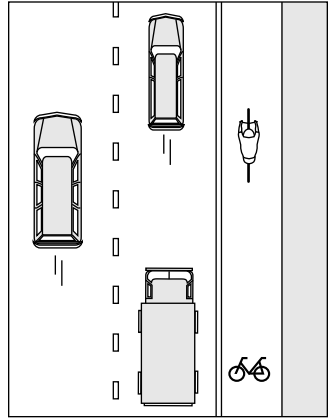
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How should you position yourself in the bike lane?



tip
Look through car windows for drivers' heads. You'll be able to see if you should move out of the way before they open their door.

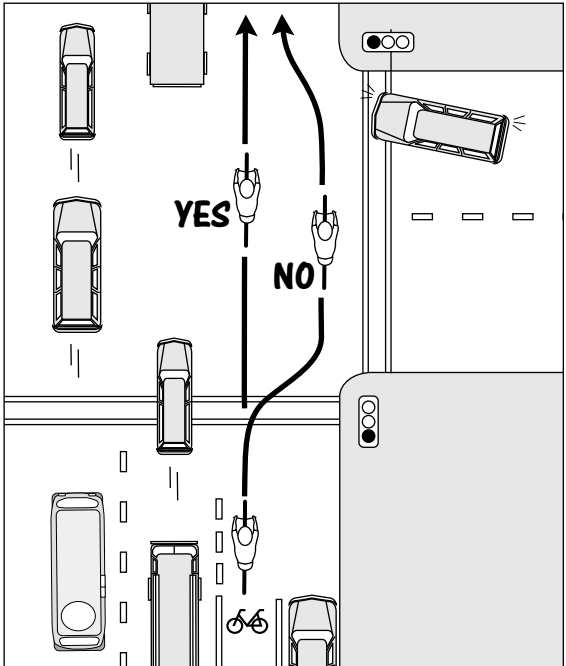


RIDE ON THE LEFT in the bike lane if there are parked cars on your right. This way you can avoid doors or pedestrians that suddenly appear in your path.

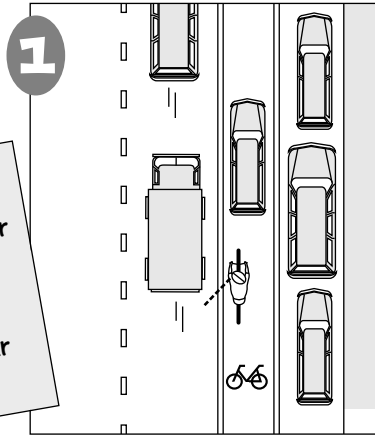
RIDE IN THE MIDDLE of the bike lane when there are no cars between you and the curb. This way, you are visible to motorists and you avoid debris that gathers at the curb.

What should you do when the bike lane ends?

- Try to move in the straightest possible line to where you'll ride on the other side of the intersection.
- Don't veer into the right-turn lane. If you stay away from the curb, motorists can see you better.

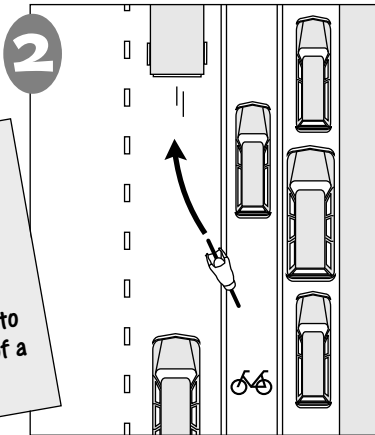


What should you do if a car is parked in the bike lane?



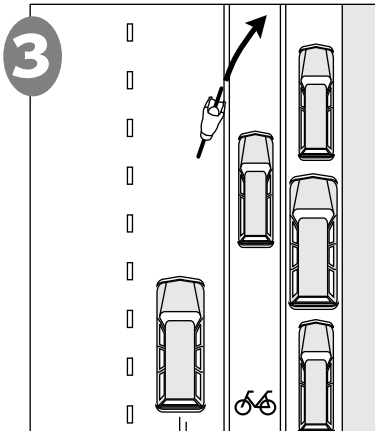
First, check behind you to make sure you can safely move out into traffic.

tip
Practice looking over your shoulder without swerving your bike. It'll be easier to pass obstacles in your path.



When there's room to pass the car, pass far enough away so you don't get doored.

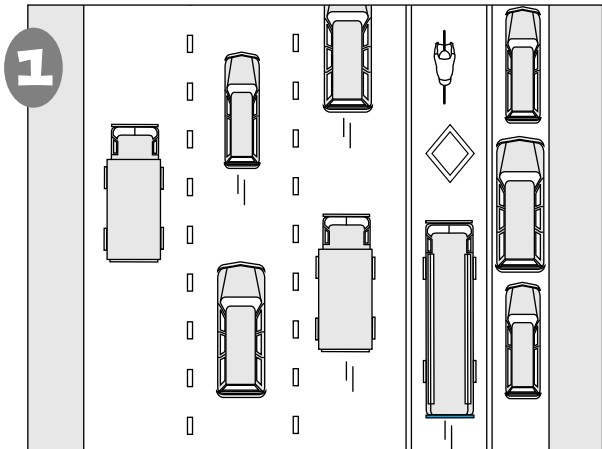
tip
Q: What does getting "doored" mean?
A: When a bike rider crashes into the open door of a parked car.



Once you pass the car, move back into the bike lane.

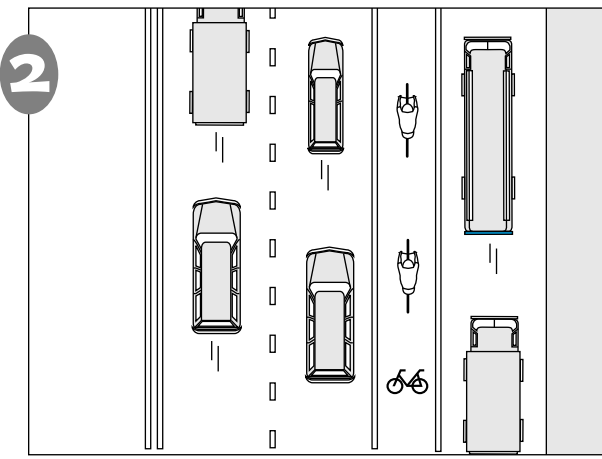
Two other kinds of bike lanes

Shared bus-bike lane



Yield to buses as you normally would to other vehicles.

Bike lane between two traffic lanes:



When the bike lane ends, watch for vehicles merging from the right.