

BIKES AND MOTOR VEHICLES

LET'S ALL ARRIVE SAFELY!

CROSSING INTERSECTIONS



Motorists: Stopping well back from a crosswalk provides a wider view of those crossing. Drivers should wait a few seconds at green to check that all have cleared before proceeding.

Riders: don't step in front of any car without the driver's attention. Clear each lane as you cross, waving your arm if necessary.

CROSSING INTERSECTIONS

Riders: complicated intersections require the most care. Photo: International/Spenard, drivers can turn right, left go straight, and can fixate on their brief light to turn. Walking your bike makes you more flexible in an emergency.

Motorists: Make a conscious effort to watch for people crossing; proceed slowly.



RIDING ON SIDEWALKS AND PATHS



View of rider is screened by parked cars; ride slowly and in same direction as vehicle traffic. Paths and sidewalk riding can give a false sense of security. Those on paths must go slowly, yielding to those walking, kids, etc. To travel faster, learn to use roadways and choose a safe route for traveling.

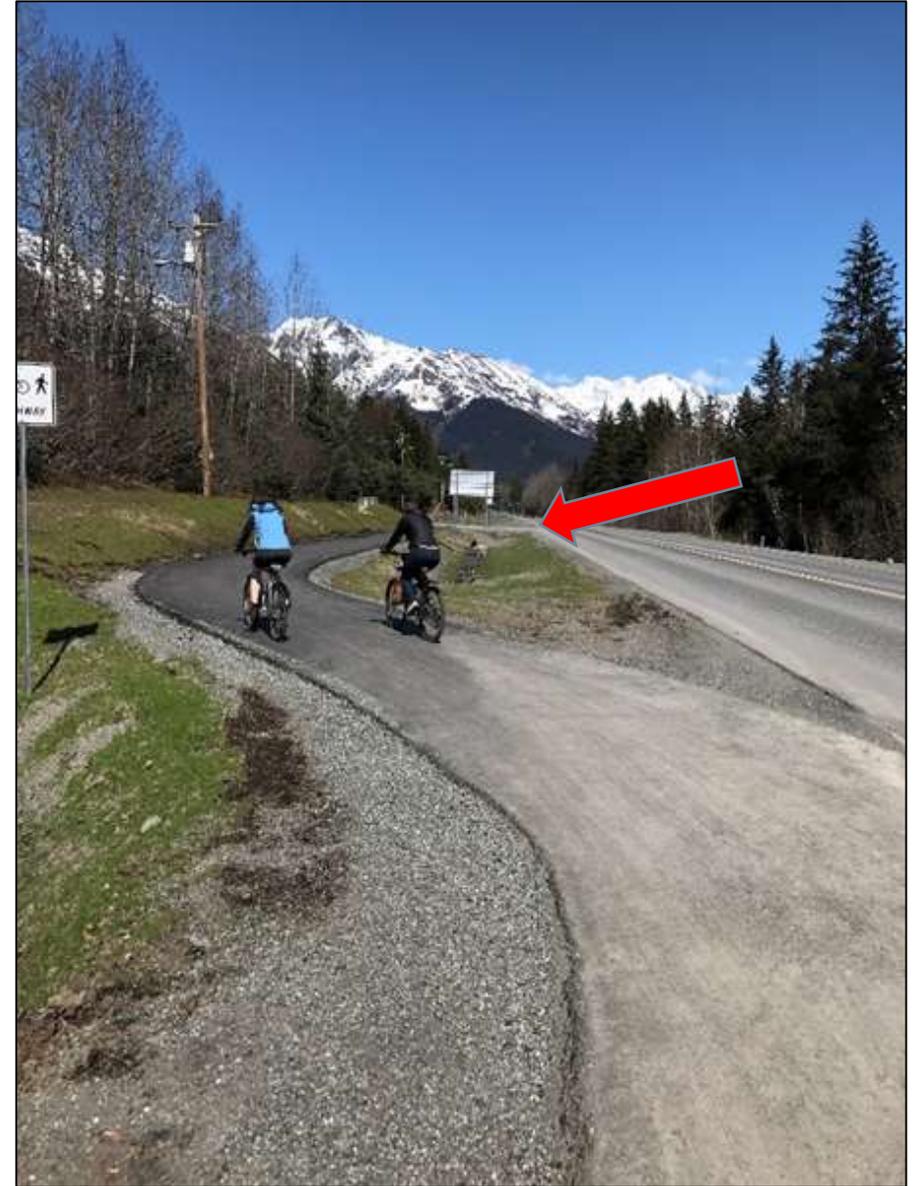
VISIBILITY

Even in summer, low light conditions or dappled shade make visibility challenging. Visibility is enhanced by bright colors and lights. These may be best seen high on a rider (a bright helmet) and on body parts in motion (bright/reflective cuffs on pant legs). Brightly colored safety wear for work sites is an inexpensive option.



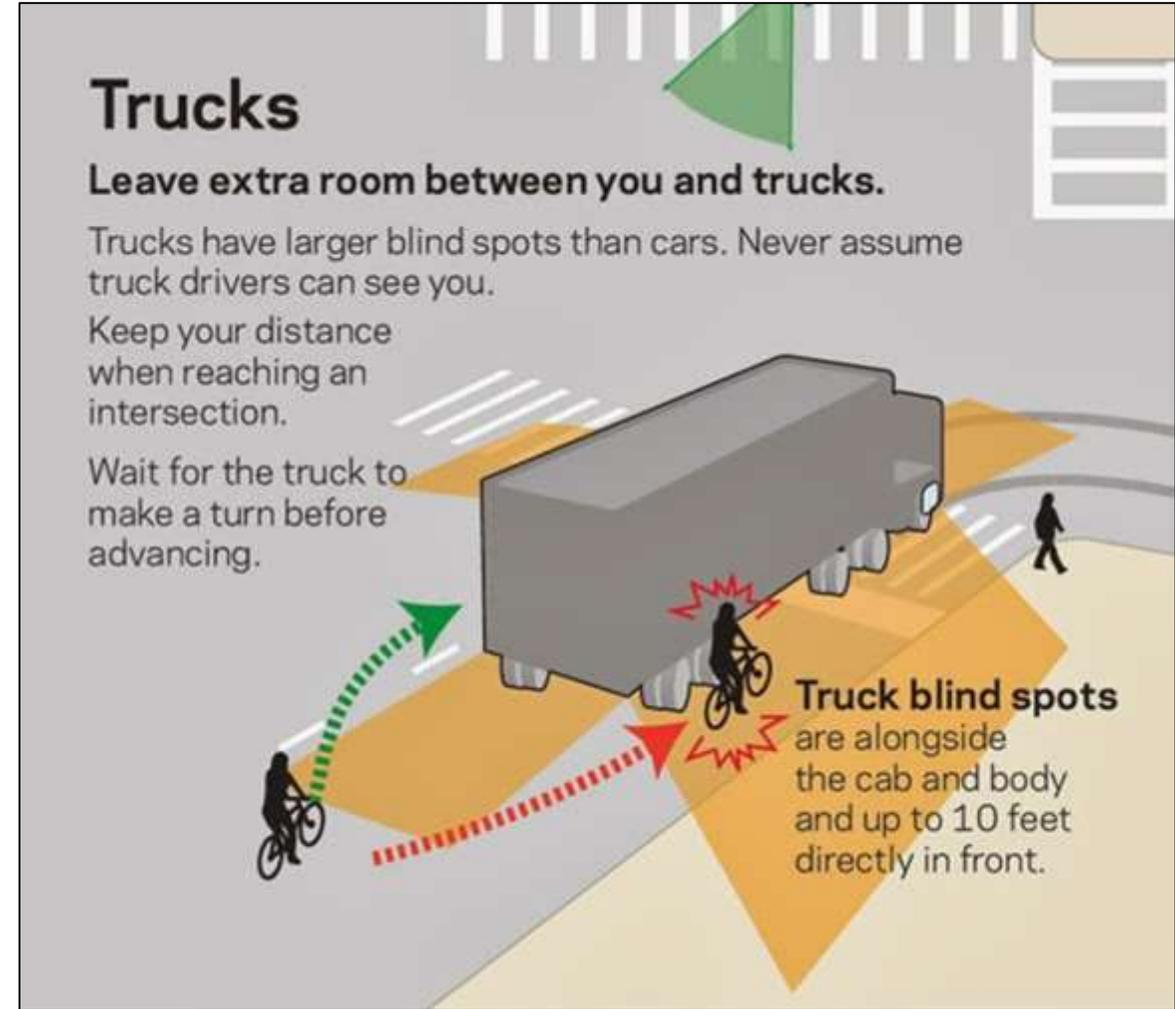
PATH DESIGN

Path in Girdwood: modern design brings those traveling on paths and roads together at intersections to increase awareness and visibility.



VISIBILITY LIMITATIONS: LARGE VEHICLES

All vehicles have blind spots; these are significant on semi trucks and buses, especially their right sides.



BRIEF SUMMARY FOR RIDERS

Riders:

- Wear a helmet
- Follow traffic code riding or crossing roads, and in the same direction as traffic
- Be predictable by signaling and checking behind before turning
- Wear bright clothing
- Don not assume others will follow signs and signals
- Watch for road hazards
- Ensure your bike functions well before riding



BRIEF SUMMARY FOR MOTORISTS

Drivers:

- Watch for those crossing. Start slowly to allow any crossing to clear.
- Look right and behind before any right turns on red to avoid a 'right hook'.
- Before changing directions or lanes, look for anyone traveling behind you in the direction of your turn.
- Pass vehicles stopped in the road with extreme caution; a rider may be in front of them.
- Stop well back from crosswalks to allow those crossing to be seen.

