



ON-STREET BIKE ROUTE SYSTEM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS AN ON-STREET BIKE ROUTE?

An on-street bike route is a road segment or a series of road segments identified for bicycle use due to their lower volumes of traffic, such as residential or collector streets. On-street bike routes are also identified for their strategic connections. Plano's bike route network provides connections to shared-use paths, schools, libraries, recreation centers, [DART bus and rail transit stops](#), as well as shopping centers or places of employment throughout Plano.

DO THE BIKE ROUTES HAVE SIGNS?

Yes. All of Plano's bike routes are uniquely signed with wayfinding signs comprising the Plano logo, a bicycle symbol, and the route number. Directional signs comprising a guiding arrow and the route number are also used along our bike routes to navigate bicyclists to intersect with another bicycle route. Some directional signs include a destination and the mileage remaining to the destination.



In addition to Plano's unique bike route wayfinding, regulatory shared-use signs (shown below) are positioned along bike routes to indicate to both cyclists and motorists that the cyclist has the legal right to occupy the whole travel lane. Please check out [Bike Plano's Safety & Laws](#) to understand your rights and the regulations of cycling in road.



HOW DOES THE BIKE ROUTE NUMBERING SYSTEM WORK?

Plano's bike route numbering system mimics the US interstate highway numbering system. Odd numbers indicate north-south routes, while even numbers are designated for east-west routes. Route numbers also decrease as cyclists move from north to south as well as from east to west.

WHICH OF PLANO'S SHARED-USE PATHS ARE CONNECTED TO THE BIKE ROUTE SYSTEM?

Many of Plano's shared-use paths and trails connect to a bike route, including some of our regional trails (i.e., Preston Ridge Trail, Bluebonnet Trail, and Chisholm Trail). More information as well as specific connection points can be found under [Bike Plano's Bike & Trail Maps](#).

DO OTHER CITIES CONNECT TO PLANO'S ON-STREET BICYCLE ROUTES?

Yes. The Cities of Dallas, The Colony, Frisco, Allen, and Murphy currently provide some level connection to Plano's bikeway system either via an on-street bike facility or a trail. Those connections as well as planned future connections can be found under [Bike Plano's Bike & Trail Maps](#) or on each City's respective bike webpage.

HOW CAN I PLAN A ROUTE?

You can plan a route using our bike maps found under [Bike Plano's Bike & Trail Maps](#). Google Maps can also be used in 6 easy steps, just check out our [How to Plan a Route Using Google Maps](#) breakdown. Planning out your route with Google Maps is sure to make the process easier and convenient. You can get bicycling directions from point A to B directly to your phone.

WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO RIDE IN THE STREET?

Outside of Downtown Plano and Legacy West, bicycles are permitted on sidewalks. However, safety and comfort are very important when biking, and you should only bike what you are able and willing to handle. With that in mind, Plano continues to encourage cyclists that choose to ride on a sidewalk to adhere to Plano's [Safety & Laws](#) and [Trail Etiquette](#), given that sidewalks are still a shared-use space.

For those cyclists that choose to utilize our on-street bicycle facilities, [Texas state law](#) considers a bicycle to be a vehicle and cyclists must operate their bike accordingly.

Please check out our [Bike Plano's Safety & Laws](#) to understand your rights and the regulations of cycling in Plano.

I DON'T SEE MY QUESTION, IS THERE SOMEONE IN THE DEPARTMENT I CAN SPEAK TO?

Yes. If you don't see your question and have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out to our [Trail System Planner](#).