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Sincerely,

Dear Friends,
In Central Indiana, we're taking the bike seriously.
Now, thanks to on-going efforts to identify and implement a network of preferred biking routes, Marion County and the surrounding area can offer enthusiasts the option of cycling to the store, peddling to the park, or even wheeling to work. It's not just for fun anymore! Our expanding route network connects on-street bike routes with our beautiful regional greenways system – long the link between our neighborhoods and nature. So, hop on your bike to run errands, get to your job, or just for the fun of it. The result will be greater family fitness, improved traffic flow and better air quality for the entire region! There's never been a better time to bike around the Greater Indianapolis region.

A message from the Mayor of Indianapolis



Marion County
And Surrounding Area
Bike Routes
Streets & Trails for Cycling



Riding Tips

Bikes are a legitimate form of transportation and have the same right-of-way on the road as a car or truck. Motorists need to understand and accept this fact and learn to drive safely and legally around cyclists. At the same time, cyclists need to remember their responsibilities. When cyclists obey stop signs and all traffic laws, they increase good will and legitimacy in the eyes of car drivers.

- Don't dart in and out of traffic.**
Stay in your lane and chart a steady, predictable course with your bike.
- Ride defensively.**
Be especially careful around cars that may pull away from the curb or into/out of a driveway.
- See and be seen.**
Do everything you can to make sure surrounding motorists see you. Use brightly colored clothing, reflectors, a bell or horn, and/or a mirror.

- Use hand signals.**
Let drivers know where you're going. Signal all turns and stops ahead of time. Before turning, look over your shoulder for any traffic.
- Never ride against traffic.**
Motorists are not expecting bicyclists to be riding on the wrong side of the road.
- Watch out for parked cars.**
People inside could unexpectedly open their doors right in front of you.

- Anticipate upcoming changes.**
Look down the road to prepare for potholes, drain grates and other hazards that lie in your path.
- Yield to pedestrians.**
They hold the legal right-of-way over all vehicles, including bikes.
- Don't pass on the right at intersections.**
Pass on the left (not the right!) to avoid risking a crash.

- Never leave your bike unattended.**
Think of it as a friend and keep it safe. That's what bike chains, lock, racks and lockers are for.



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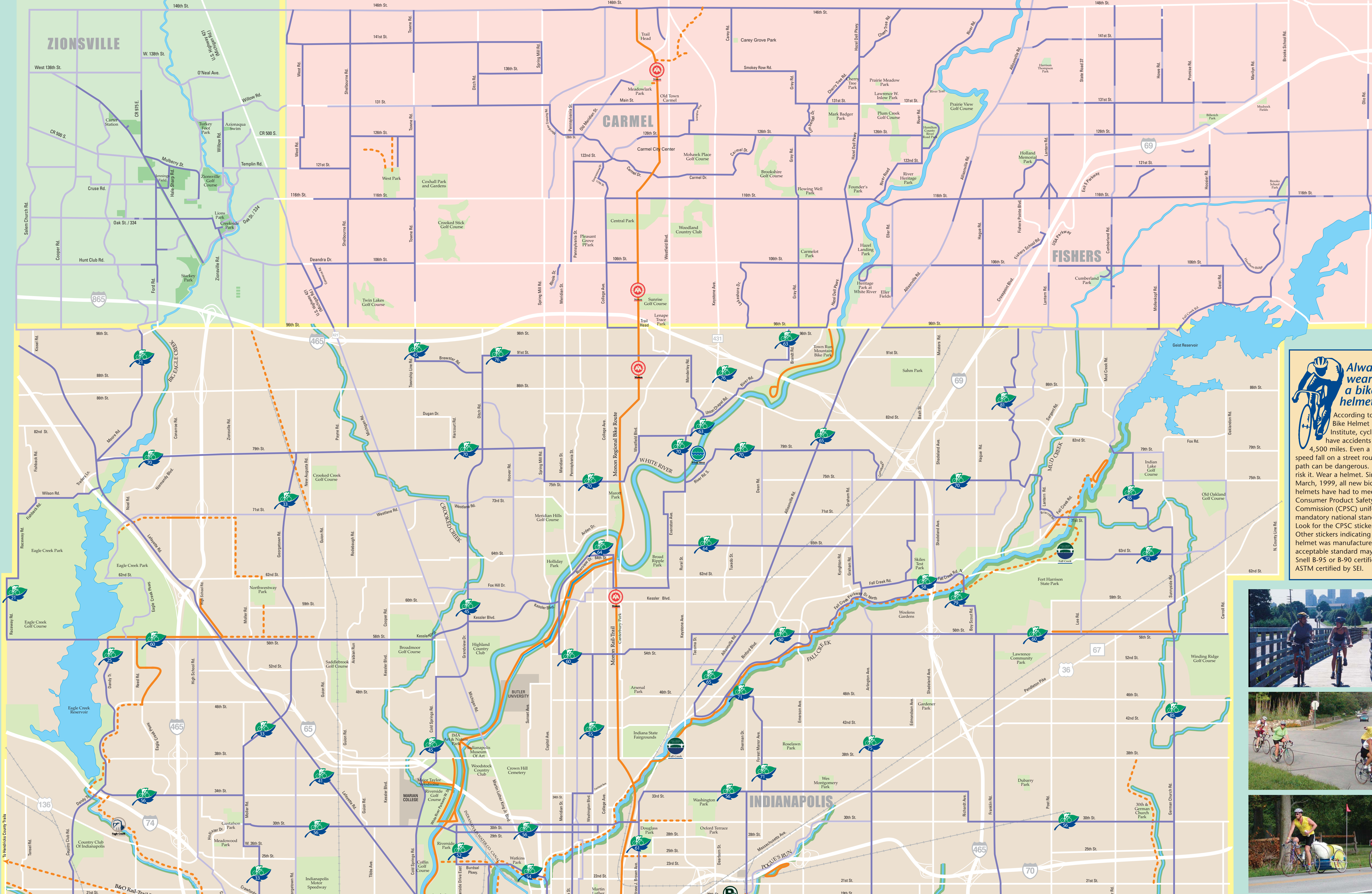
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MILES APPROXIMATE



Always wear a bike helmet.
According to the Bike Helmet Safety Institute, cyclists have accidents every 4,500 miles. Even a low speed fall on a street route or path can be dangerous. Don't risk it. Wear a helmet. Since March, 1999, all new bicycle helmets have had to meet new Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) uniform mandatory national standard. Look for the CPSC sticker. Other stickers indicating that a helmet was manufactured to an acceptable standard may read Snell B-95 or B-90 certified or ASTM certified by SEI.



Biking...

On-Path

Keep to the right, except when passing. When paths are crowded, slow down and always yield to pedestrians and slower moving traffic.

Bike where you belong. Never ride on paths intended exclusively for walking or jogging.

Cross carefully. Always look both ways and yield to "through" traffic. Pedestrians have the right-of-way but need to exercise caution and be aware of the stopping limitation of cyclists and skaters.

Pass left and loud. When approaching pedestrians or slower riders from behind, always let them know you are coming. Ring your bell, blow your horn or call out. Then, pass safely on the left.

On-Street

Obey all laws and ride predictably to keep cycling safe. Being familiar with, and following, applicable traffic regulations help riders, drivers and pedestrians "look out for the other guy." Know the rules of the road and use 'em!

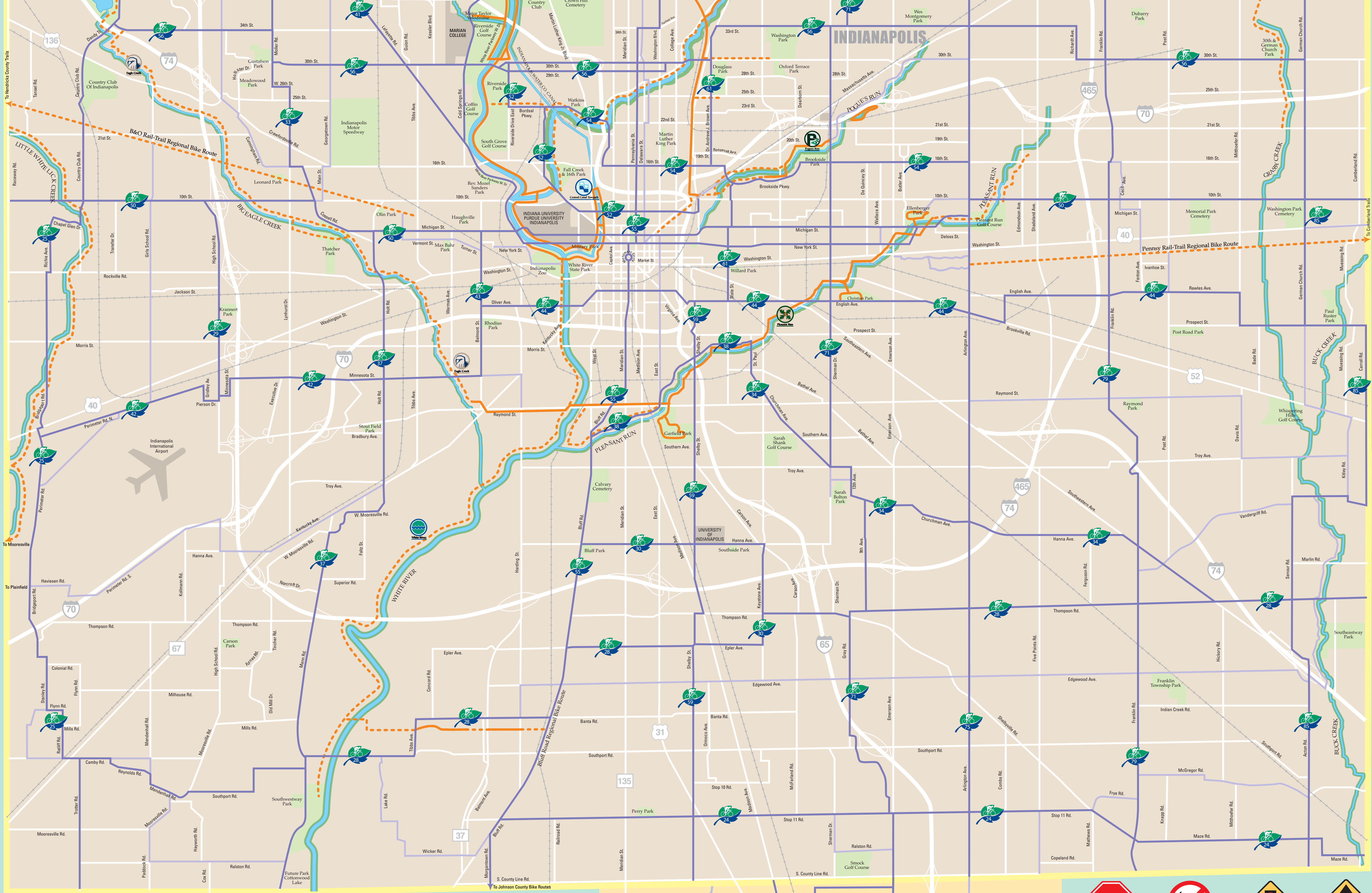
Stay right to be right. To cross an intersection, use the lane farthest to the right that points to where you want to go.

Follow lane markings to cross an intersection. If you can't change lanes to turn left, ride across the street to the other side and align your bike with traffic.

On-Guard

Be a Window Watcher. Be on the look out for people in parked cars whose movement may obstruct your own. When possible, move out of the range of their doors, slow down and pass carefully.

Beware what's behind. If you need to swerve suddenly, it's good to know if you have enough room to do it safely. A mirror can help you keep track of traffic behind you.



This map is provided as a guide for those who intend to bicycle throughout Marion County and the surrounding area. The Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Indianapolis Greenways, the City of Indianapolis and the State of Indiana over whose facilities you will travel are not responsible for your safety. No representation is made or intended as to the safety or fitness for bicycle travel of the routes shown. Bicyclists are urged to observe the "Rules of the Road," all state bicycle laws and municipal vehicles codes and to exercise extreme caution at all times. Approved bicycle routes may not be officially signed or striped.

Conditions considered in identifying primary and proposed bicycle routes in the network include enough room for cars and bikes to share the road, traffic signals or stop signs at busy intersections, and average daily traffic volumes. Always remember that potential hazards exist along all routes and that conditions vary by time of day, day of week and season.

Indy Parks Greenways and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization have published this map to help cyclists use their bicycles on the streets of Marion County and its surrounding communities. Users of this map should be aware that potential hazards and obstructions may exist on routes shown and that the City of Indianapolis and area bicycle user groups in no way warrant the safety or fitness of the suggested routes. To report any safety or maintenance concerns, contact Indy Parks Greenways by calling 317/327-7431, faxing 317/327-7067 or e-mailing www.indygreenways.org or www.indygo.org/parks/greenways. This map does not expand the liability of the City of Indianapolis, Indy Parks Greenways or the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization beyond existing law. The user of this map bears full responsibility for his or her safety.

To download sections of this map, visit www.indygreenways.org. Suggestions to improve this map and accompanying information are welcome. Please call us at 317/327-7431 or contact us on-line at www.indygreenways.org.

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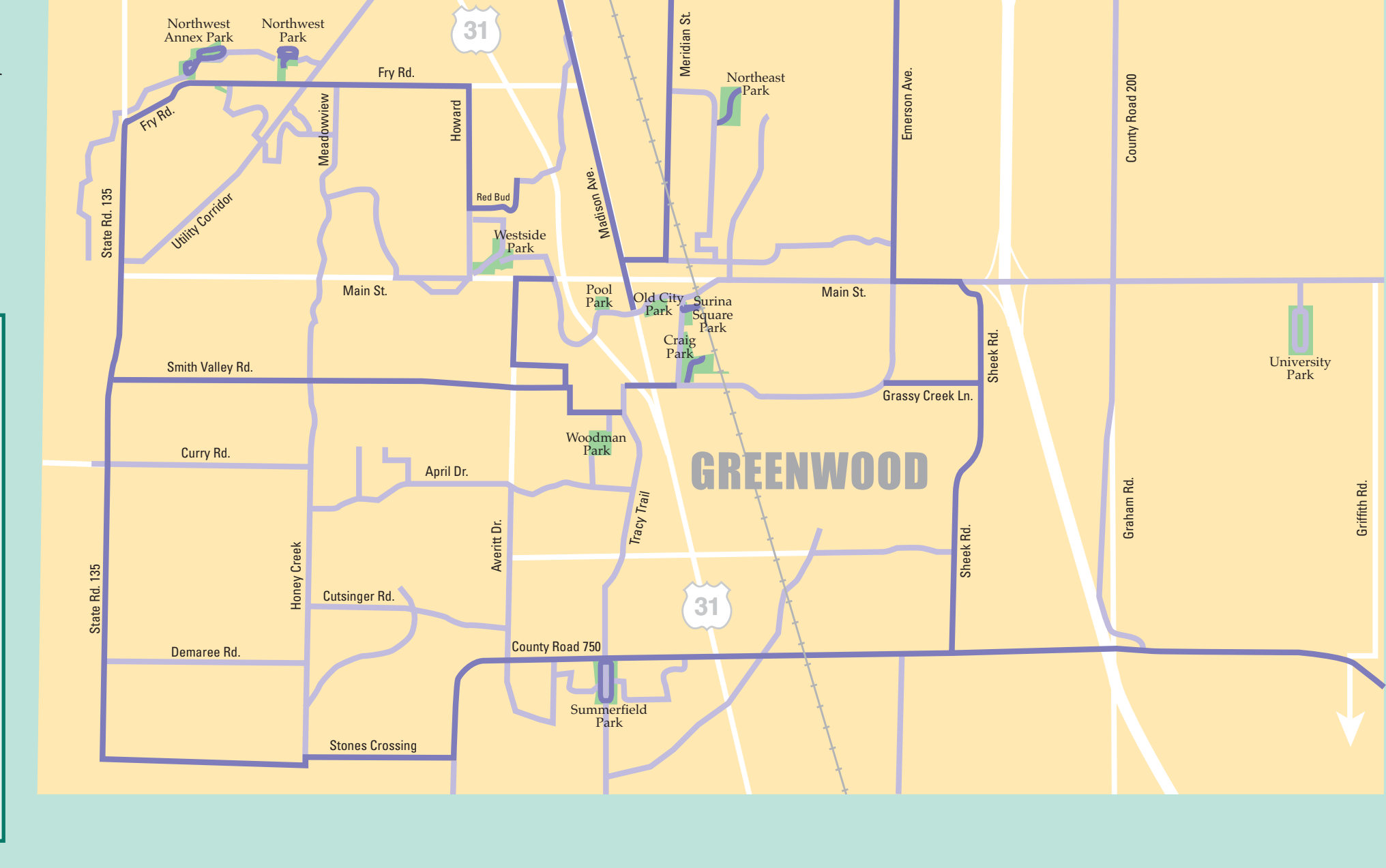
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STOP

YIELD

NO LEFT TURN

STOPLIGHT AHEAD

HIDDEN INTERSECTION

RAILROAD CROSSING

SCHOOL ZONE

SHARP TURN

WINDING ROAD

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State Bike Code

In Indiana, this is the Law

Bike riders throughout the City of Indianapolis and Marion County must meet all applicable state laws governing the operation of a bicycle, including:

Indiana Code 9-21-11 Children and wards; bicycles; violations
Sec. 1. (a) The parent of a child and the guardian of a protected person may not authorize or knowingly permit the child or protected person to violate this chapter.
Sec. 1. (b) Subject to the exceptions stated in the provisions of this chapter, applicable to bicycles apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon a highway or a path not set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

Indiana Code 9-21-11 Riding on roadway; rights and duties
Sec. 2. A person riding a bicycle upon a roadway has all the rights and duties under this article that are applicable to a person who drives a vehicle, except the following:
(1) Special regulations of this article.
(2) Those provisions of this article that by their nature have no application.

Indiana Code 9-21-11 Seats
Sec. 3. (a) A person propelling a bicycle may not:
(1) ride other than upon the permanent and regular seat attached to the bicycle; or
(2) carry any other person upon the bicycle who is not seated upon a firmly attached and regular seat on the bicycle.
Sec. 3. (b) A person may not ride upon a bicycle unless seated under this section.

Indiana Code 9-21-11 Passengers
Sec. 4. A bicycle may not be used to carry more persons at one (1) time than the number for which the bicycle is designed and equipped.

Indiana Code 9-21-11 Hitching rides on motor vehicles or street cars
Sec. 5. A person upon a bicycle, a coaster, roller skates, or a toy vehicle may not attach the bicycle, coaster, roller skates, or toy vehicle to the person to a street car or vehicle upon a roadway.

Indiana Code 9-21-11 Riding two abreast
Sec. 6. A person riding a bicycle upon a roadway may not ride more than two (2) abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

Indiana Code 9-21-11 Carrying articles
Sec. 7. A person who rides a bicycle may not carry a package, a bundle, or an article that prevents the person from keeping both hands upon the handlebars.

Indiana Code 9-21-11 Bells or other audible signal devices
Sec. 8. A person may not ride a bicycle unless the bicycle is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least one hundred (100) feet. A bicycle may not be equipped with and a person may not use upon a bicycle a siren or whistle.

Indiana Code 9-21-11 Lamps and reflectors
Sec. 9. A bicycle operated on a highway from one-half (1/2) hour after sunset until one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise must be equipped with the following:
(1) A lamp on the front exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the front.
(2) A lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear or a red reflector visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear.

Indiana Code 9-21-11 Brakes
Sec. 10. A bicycle must be equipped with a brake that will enable the person who operates the bicycle to make the braked wheels slide on dry, level, clean pavement.

Indiana Code 9-21-11 Traffic regulation and requirements
Sec. 11. A person who operates a bicycle upon a highway shall observe the regulations and requirements of this article.

Indiana Code 9-21-11 Violations
Sec. 14. A person who violates this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

