New to Franklin Street in downtown Richmond!

Two-way parking protected bike lane



What is it?

This is a separated, protected lane of travel for two-way bike traffic traveling east and west through downtown Richmond.



How should people riding bikes use it?

- Enjoy the physical separation from traffic, but watch for bike traffic coming the other way.
- Yield to pedestrians.
- Be mindful that drivers turning left across the bike lane might not expect you with this new traffic pattern.
- When traveling west, use the pedestrian signals to know when to cross intersections.
- Anticipate 2-4 weeks for drivers to adjust to the new lane configurations.



What can people driving motor vehicles expect?

- Do not park, load, or drive in the bike lane at any time.
- Park next to the buffer on the north side of the street, not in it. Treat the buffer like the curb. This will give you space to get in and out of your vehicle without being in the bike lane.
- Watch for two-way bike traffic when turning across the bike lane and when getting in or out of your vehicle.
- On Franklin Street during the morning peak (7–9 AM), the floating parking lane next to the bike lane will be open to rush hour traffic.
- Green paint highlights conflict areas where people driving motor vehicles might need to turn across the bike lane.





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