

Keeping Bicyclists Safe

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On July 25, 2019, Mayor de Blasio announced the Green Wave plan for Bicycling in NYC. Biking in NYC is more popular and prevalent than ever. Biking can be a healthy and fun way to get around town and without the need to depend on cars and burn polluting fuels. The City and DOT have made substantial investments to expand bike lines and encourage the growth of biking, and bike sharing is more common than ever.

Under the plan, there will be additional development of protected bicycle lanes, renewed enforcement, and a focus on safety with private and public trucks fleets.



As biking expands, fleets and drivers need to do more to keep bicyclists safe and better share the roads. Through our Vision Zero Safe Fleet Transition Plan we are re-designing vehicles to make them safer including for bicyclists. Our truck side-guard initiative, fleet telematics tracking, high vision truck requirements, and lane and collision alert systems will help prevent collisions with bicyclists and keep bicyclists safe.

There are also critical steps our nearly 80,000 fleet operators can take. Please follow these common sense safety practices:

- **Respect the use of bike lanes by bicyclists.** Do not park, stop, or idle in a bike lane unless for an emergency response or unavoidable work specific purpose, such as repairs to the lane itself.



- **After parking, check for bicyclists before opening the door.** You can use the opposite hand technique to open the door. Use your hand furthest from the door to open the door. This will help shift your body in a better position to see bicyclists coming from behind you.
- **Allow extra space for bicyclists and drive cautiously near them.** Just like pedestrians, bicyclists are greatly exposed and at risk in potential crashes with cars and trucks and we must give them the benefit of any doubt on the roads. Provide 3 feet or more of extra space for bicyclists and be especially careful when making

turns.

Please find the full plan at the link below:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/bike-safety-plan.pdf>

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