Bike Safety Tips

Always Ride with Traffic
- State law requires bicyclists to ride on the same side of the road as other vehicles.

Observe Traffic Rules
- Bicycles must be driven like other vehicles and obey all traffic rules, including stop signs.

Use Hand Signals
- By law, you must signal your intent to turn to other vehicles and fellow cyclists.

Keep Clear of the Door Zone
- It is unsafe to ride too close to parked cars. Keep a distance of at least 4 feet between yourself and parked cars.

Use Lights at Night
- Headlights must be visible from 500 feet, and a rear reflector or light from 300 feet. Wheel and pedal reflectors are also required.

Follow Lane Markings
- Like a vehicle, you cannot go straight from a right turn lane.

Choose Best Way to Turn Left
- You can turn left as a vehicle, from the left lane, or as a pedestrian, in the crosswalk. If you use a crosswalk, dismount and walk your bike across.

Avoid Road Hazards
- Be especially aware of railroad tracks and drainage grates. Cross railroad tracks perpendicularly and avoid parallel-slat drainage grates.

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Contact Info:

City of San Leandro:
- General Questions: San Leandro Engineering & Transportation Department 510.577.3428 or www.ci.san-leandro.ca.us/slengland.html
- Bikeway Maintenance Needs: Public Works Department 510.577.4440

511 Bicycling Info:
- Visit bicycling.511.org to get the latest Bay Area bike info, bike maps, resources, and recommended bicycle trips.

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Regional Trails and Bikeways:
- Bay Trail: http://baytrail.abag.ca.gov or 510.464.7915
- Bay Area Online Bike Map: http://vader.abag.ca.gov:8080/BikeQuest