



Pacific Avenue Contraflow Lane: Dos and Don'ts for Drivers, Cyclists Pedestrians

The new contraflow bike lane on Pacific Avenue creates a two-way street for bikes, but one-way for motor vehicles. Here are some tips to keep you and other road users safe when you drive, bike or walk on Pacific.

Tips for Cyclists:

- Always ride on the correct side of the yellow line, in the same direction as the bike lane or sharrow markings.
- Pedestrians have the right of way. In the crosswalk or not, people on bikes are required to yield to pedestrians. Stop at all stop signs, and leave crosswalks clear for pedestrians by stopping behind the line.
- Approach intersections cautiously, and assume that turning vehicles do not see you. Use lights when riding at night to ensure that drivers can see you—light colored or reflective clothing can also help you be visible.
- Before leaving the contra-flow lane, signal and yield to vehicles already in the travel lane. Watch out for passengers in parked cars who may be opening their doors.
- Stay on the street. Riding on the sidewalk is illegal in commercial areas.

Tips for Drivers:

- Expect to encounter bicyclists traveling in both directions, and keep the green lane clear for cyclists when you drive on Pacific Avenue.
- Drive as if it were a normal two-way street—watch ahead for turning cyclists, and make left turns with care. Always use your turn signals; if you don't signal your turns, bicyclists can't anticipate them.
- Check to make sure the lane is clear of bicycle traffic before crossing the contraflow lane to enter or exit a parking space.
- Let passengers know to check ahead for cyclists before opening car doors. Cyclists will be riding near parked cars in the contraflow lane, which means you could hit them with your door if you don't look first.

Tips for Pedestrians:

- When crossing Pacific Avenue on foot, look for vehicles traveling in both directions. Cross in the crosswalk, and don't step out from between parked cars without checking for cyclists first.
- Pedestrians should use caution when entering the roadway, and yield to cars and bikes that are close enough to constitute a hazard.