Map Legend

Bicycle Facilities

The Bicycle System Map is composed of City designated bike lanes, bike routes, pedestrian/bike paths and undesignated streets. Bicycle riders are expected to use appropriate care and safety and to follow the rules of the road relating to bicycling. The following definitions are provided to illustrate the types of bicycle facilities found within the City of Santa Clara.

Bike Lanes - ▬▬▬▬
are portions of the streets reserved for the exclusive use of bicycles. They are designated by a white stripe marked on the pavement and by a sign which limits the use to bicycles.

Bike Routes - ▬ ▬ ▬
are the streets which are well-suited to bicycling but do not have adequatewidth to accommodate a bike lane. They are identified by a green sign which
serves to advise motorists that cyclists use the roads.

Pedestrian / Bike Paths - ▲▲▲▲▲▲▲▲▲▲
are pathways used for non-motorized travel and are typically physically separated from the street.
They are used by bicyclists, joggers, skaters, and walkers.

Undesignated Rated Streets - ■■■■■■■■■
are unmarked streets suitable for bicycling.

Bicycle Suitability Ratings

The map color scheme is intended only to indicate the bicycle suitability rating for Santa Clara streets. The rating includes a review of traffic considerations such as volumes, street capacity, lane widths and speeds. The suitability rating is intended to provide cyclists with an indication of rider comfort level. Ratings indicated are made regardless of the existence of signs or markings.

Beginner -
Individuals with limited cycling ability and some knowledge of safety rules and the responsibilities of cyclists and motorists. Typically bike lanes, routes or residential streets with low traffic volumes and vehicle speeds under 30 mph.

Intermediate -
Individuals having some previous experience in cycling and knowledge of the safety rules and responsibilities of cyclists and motorists. Typically collector streets with modest traffic volumes and 25-35 mph speed limits

Advanced -
Individuals capable of riding on roadways with high speeds and high traffic volumes and those thoroughly informed of the safety rules and responsibilities of the cyclists. Could include those who use the bicycle as a mode of transportation in excess of 50 miles per week. Typically roads with high traffic volumes and high speeds over 40 mph.

Disclaimer: This map is intended for informational purposes only. The City of Santa Clara assumes no responsibility for bicyclists using these routes. Bicyclists should refer to adjacent city maps or other more detailed maps for additional information.