

Shared Streets and Paths



Coquitlam is committed to providing a variety of transportation options and encourages residents to walk, bike, scoot and use transit to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve personal health.

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Micromobility Designations and Pavement Markings



Bike Lane: A bike lane is a portion of the roadway that has been designated by striping, signage and pavement markings for the use of cyclists and other micromobility users.



Conflict Green: The green pavement alerts everyone to pay extra attention in areas where people biking, scooting and driving cross paths.



Cross-ride: People biking and scooting are permitted to cross without dismounting - riders should still proceed with caution.



Multi-Use Pathway: Stencil icon indicating an off-street pathway that can be used by pedestrians and all micromobility users, including e-bikes and e-scooters.



Protected Bike Lane: A protected lane that is physically separated from motorists and distinct from the sidewalk.



Shared Use Lane (Sharrows): A shared lane environment identified by stencil marking indicating that people biking and scooting share the lane with people driving. Micromobility riders should ride in position to share the road with the other vehicles and away from opening car doors.

Where Can I Ride a Bike or E-Scooter ?

Bicycles

- ✓ **Yes** on Multi-Use Pathways, Bike Lanes, Public Roads
- ✗ **No** on Sidewalks

E-Scooters

You can ride your scooter the same locations as you can cycle, multi-use pathways, bike lanes and public roads with speed limits of 50km/hour or less. coquitlam.ca/escooter

Where Not to Roll

- ✗ Roads with 50-plus km/h speeds unless in a micromobility/bike lane or on a multi-use pathway.
- ✗ Sidewalks, park trails or pathways unless identified by signs or pavement markings.



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Rules and Safety Considerations

Understand the rules of the road to stay safe and courteous when using our streets or pathways to move about.

When Riding or Scooting

- Use lights day and night to lower your risk by 47% of being hit by a vehicle.
- Choose the safest route possible by consulting the Tri-Cities or regional bike maps.
 - Safest routes are separated from motor traffic, or with less vehicles and lower vehicles speeds.
- Watch for vehicle doors opening and closing (avoid riding or scooting within 1m of parked cars), and for vehicles pulling in and out of parking spots.
- Be cautious around large vehicles such as semi-trucks and buses, their drivers have reduced visibility and make wider turns.
- Avoid passing vehicles on the right, unless in a designated bike lane.
- Ride with care around pedestrians and yield at crosswalks.
- Bell or yell – call out on your left or ring your bell before passing.

- Obey traffic signs and signals.

- It's the law to wear a helmet, have a warning bell and use lights front and rear at night.

People on E-scooters generally have the same rights, rules, and responsibilities as people cycling.

When Walking

- Be aware and listen for a 'bell or yell' from a rider passing.
- Pause or move to the right so others can safely pass.
- Make eye contact with approaching people driving or riding before crossing intersections.



When Driving

- The safety of people walking, biking and scooting on shared roads is your responsibility.
- Slow down and obey all posted speed limits.
- Avoid distractions such as cell phones.
- Stay alert and pay attention to vulnerable road users such as people walking, biking or scooting.
- Yield to people in crosswalks, green paint conflict zones and marked, designated riding areas.
- Be aware of “no right on red light” signs at intersections

- When approaching an intersection to make a turn, remember to look and yield to any people walking in crosswalks, or people biking or scooting in marked, designated riding areas.
- Avoid sounding your horn near someone cycling or scooting; the noise can startle them and cause an unpredictable reaction
- Drive with care and leave a minimum of 1m of space when passing people on scooters and bikes.

When parking on-street, check your surroundings before opening your door into traffic. Opening the door with your hand furthest from the door when exiting forces your upper body and head to turn making it more likely to get an unobstructed view of oncoming micromobility users

