# **FLOOD RECOVERY & CYCLING**

Boulder County has worked tirelessly to fix damaged roads around the county since the historic flooding last September. There is still more work to be done as communities continue to recover which requires extra patience from both cyclists and motorists.

### WHY TEMPORARILY CLOSE ROADS TO BIKES?

During construction, there will be a big increase in heavy truck traffic. Fully loaded trucks may not be able to stop suddenly to avoid cyclists. Blind corners and reduced road widths in damaged areas create additional safety concerns. To ensure safety, Boulder County may prohibit bikes during construction on some segments of roads.



# **TEMPORARY PAVING**

In fall 2014, Boulder County is paving the gravel sections in Fourmile, James, and Lefthand Canyons. This paving project is a temporary measure until designs for the permanent rebuild of the road can be completed. These sections will not have shoulders, meaning that motorists and cyclists will need to share the travel lane through these sections.

Please visit **BoCoConeZones.com** before your ride or drive for updated information on closures.

# **STAY INFORMED**

**Road Closures, Flood Recovery Information**BoCoConeZones.com

# Bicycling in Boulder County, Bike Maps, Safe Cycling

BoulderCountyBike.com

# ${\it Receive Transportation Updates via Twitter:}$

BoCoDOT@Twitter.com

# **Boulder County Transportation Listserv**

Register to receive updates on cycling around Boulder County including road restrictions and closures.

BoulderCountyBike.com

# **BOULDER COUNTY RESOURCES**

**Boulder County Transportation:** 303-441-3900 BoulderCounty.org/Transportation (Road Closures, Transit, Multi-Use paths)

Boulder County Road Maintenance: 303-441-3962 Boulder County.org/Transportation/Road Maintenance (Report Road Damage or Hazards, Overhanging Vegetation, Debris in Roadway)

Boulder County Parks & Open Space: 303-678-6200 Boulder County Open Space.org (Roadside Mowing, Trails)

# **Boulder County Sheriff:**

Accidents & Emergencies: 911
Non-emergencies: 303-441-4444
To Report Aggressive Drivers: \*277
BoulderSheriff.org



# SHARE THE ROAD GUIDE

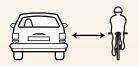


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# **KNOW THE LAW**

# **MOTORISTS**

- It's okay to cross a double yellow centerline to give cyclists 3 feet of room when passing, but wait until it's safe.
- Cyclists and motorists have the same rights & responsibilities; courtesy goes both ways.
- Cyclists are only required to ride as far right as is deemed safe.
- Obey all posted speed limits.



# IT'S THE LAW! GIVE 3 FEET OF ROOM WHEN PASSING A BICYCLE!

### **CYCLISTS**

- Cyclists must follow all rules of the road, obey all traffic laws. Signal intention to turn.
- Don't ride more than two abreast; single file advised in curves.
- Don't impede the flow of traffic.
- Obey all posted speed limits.
- Headlights and a red rear reflector are required when riding at night. Taillights are recommended.

For full text on Colorado bicycle laws, visit: BoulderCountyBike.com

# NO MATTER THE MODE SHARE THE ROAD!

# **SAFETY TIPS**

Drivers and cyclists share the responsibility to be safe!

### **MOTORISTS**

- Avoid passing in curves.
- Leave driver's side doors closed and unload from passenger side instead while on mountain canyons to prevent collisions.

## **CYCLISTS**

- Always wear a helmet.
- · Always carry an ID.
- Play it safe and ride single file on canyon roads.
- Wear brightly colored clothing.

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT!** During the flood recovery, certain roads may experience higher traffic volumes from both bicycles and motor vehicles as other roads are closed while being repaired. Roads may also become narrower in places even while the temporary paving is in place. Expect the unexpected and use caution!



Lefthand Canyon, July 2014

# **ROAD SIGNS EXPLAINED**

Road signs can be confusing due to the sheer number and variety of colors. Some signs are regulatory, which means they are enforced by law. Some signs simply inform travelers to use caution due to safety concerns.

**REGULATORY- Indicate a required action** White, Black, Red







**ADVISORY/ CAUTION- Warn of hazards ahead** Yellow, Orange, Florescent Lime Green









# **CYCLIST REST AREAS**

Paved cyclist rest areas are located in several places on Boulder County mountain canyon roads to allow to bicycles to safely pull off the roadway and allow motor vehicles to pass. Rest areas are located on the following areas:

- Olde Stage Rd.
- Olde Stage Overlook
- · Lefthand Canyon Dr.
  - Mile marker 11
- Sawmill Road

