# **Bike Safely**



# Wear your helmet and buckle it every time.

It's the law. To best protect your brain, your helmet must fit properly: snug and level on your head, just above your eyebrows.



## Be predictable.

Avoid crashes as well as traffic tickets by following the same rules of the road that apply to car drivers when riding your bike. This includes obeying ALL stop signs and traffic signals, as well as yielding to pedestrians.



#### Be alert.

Watch out for drivers turning left or right, or cars coming out of driveways. Avoid doors being opened in front of you by riding out of the door zone.

# Walk or Skate Safely



#### Be alert.

Look for cars from all directions before entering the street including from behind you. Cross at corners. This is where drivers expect vou.



#### Don't assume drivers see you!

Make eye contact - especially at intersections and driveways.

# **Drive Safely**

#### Slow down in school zones.

The safe speed may be below the posted 25 mph speed limit.

#### Be aware of school commute routes.

Children walking or biking to school help reduce traffic congestion—give them a brake and use extra caution. Young children think drivers can stop instantly and may not be able to judge speed or distance of vehicles moving toward them.

## Obey "No Right Turn on Red" signs where posted at school intersections.

This allows students to cross safely without cars turning through the crosswalk.

Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

Avoid making U-turns and other unsafe maneuvers.

### Never double park.

Avoid blocking red curbs or disabled access ramps.

Make sure your child gets out of your car on the curb side, not near traffic.

#### Use booster seats.

They make adult seat belts safer for children younger than 8 years old or under 4'-9" tall.

Set a good example by following the instructions of crossing guards.

Try to carpool whenever possible.

Carpools help to reduce traffic congestion.

Parents: Help your student learn how to share the road safely. Help your child choose the best walking or cycling route - it may not be the same way you would drive in a car! Children who regularly practice safe walking and biking skills when young are more likely to make safer choices as teenagers.

Kids: Obey adult crossing guards. They are there to help you cross congested intersections safely.





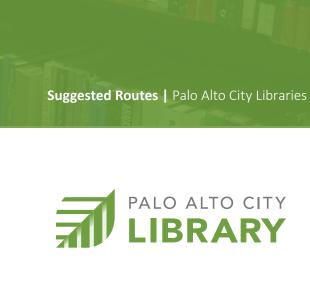


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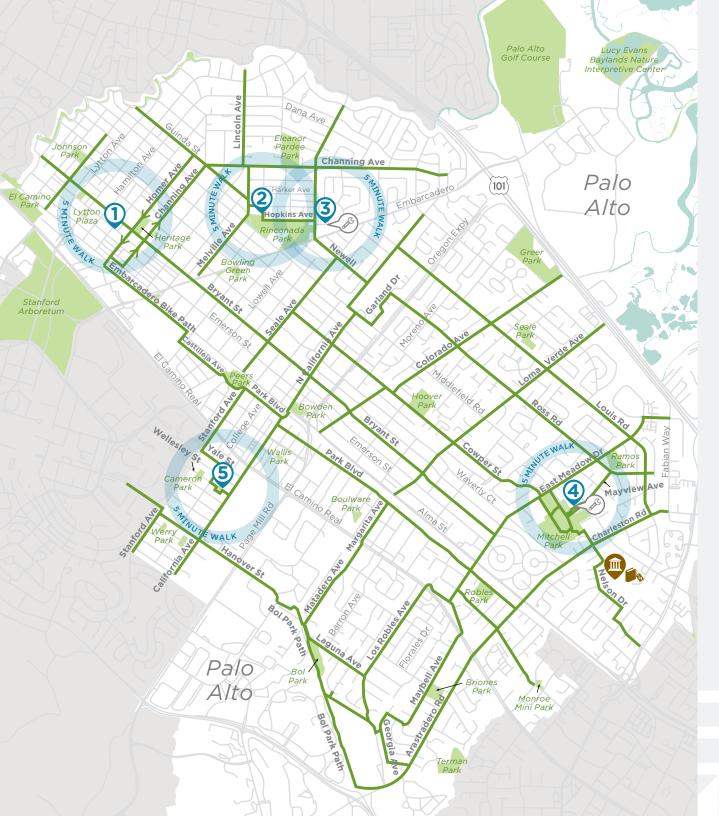
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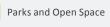
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# Walk & Roll

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1276 Harriet St

Mon - Sat ..... 10am - 6pm Sun ...... 1pm - 5pm



Mon - Th ...... 10am - 9pm Fri - Sun ...... 10am - 6pm



## **Mitchell Park Library** 3700 Middlefield Rd

Mon - Th ...... 10am - 9pm Fri - Sun ...... 10am - 6pm



Mon, Th, & Sun .....Closed Tues, Wed, Fri, & Sat...... 10 am-6pm



**Bike Repair Station** 



**Palo Alto Historical Association Archives** 

4000 Middlefield Rd Room K-7

www.pahistory.org

Tues	4pm - 8pm
Thurs	1pm - 5pm



Friends of the Palo Alto Library Book Sale Room 4000 Middlefield Road www.fopal.org

The Safe Routes to Libraries suggested routes are based on Palo Alto Safe Routes to School routes. For more Safe Routes to School information, please visit: www.cityofpaloalto.org/saferoutes

The Palo Alto Safe Routes to School Partnership encourages parents to walk or bike with students and use this mapping tool to explore options for traveling by foot or bicycle. Parents are responsible for choosing the most appropriate route based on their knowledge of conditions on the route between home and libraries and the experience level of their child.