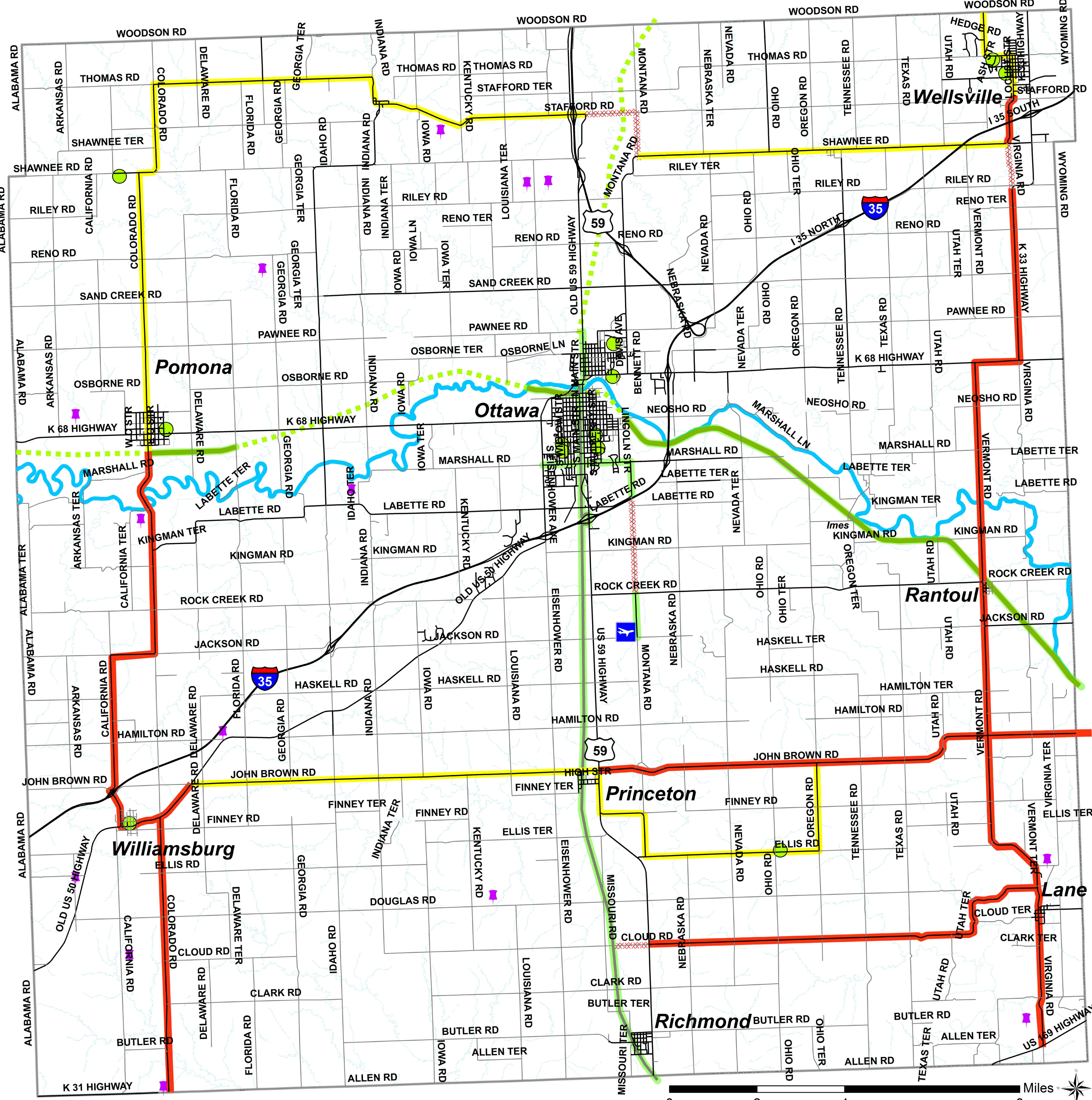
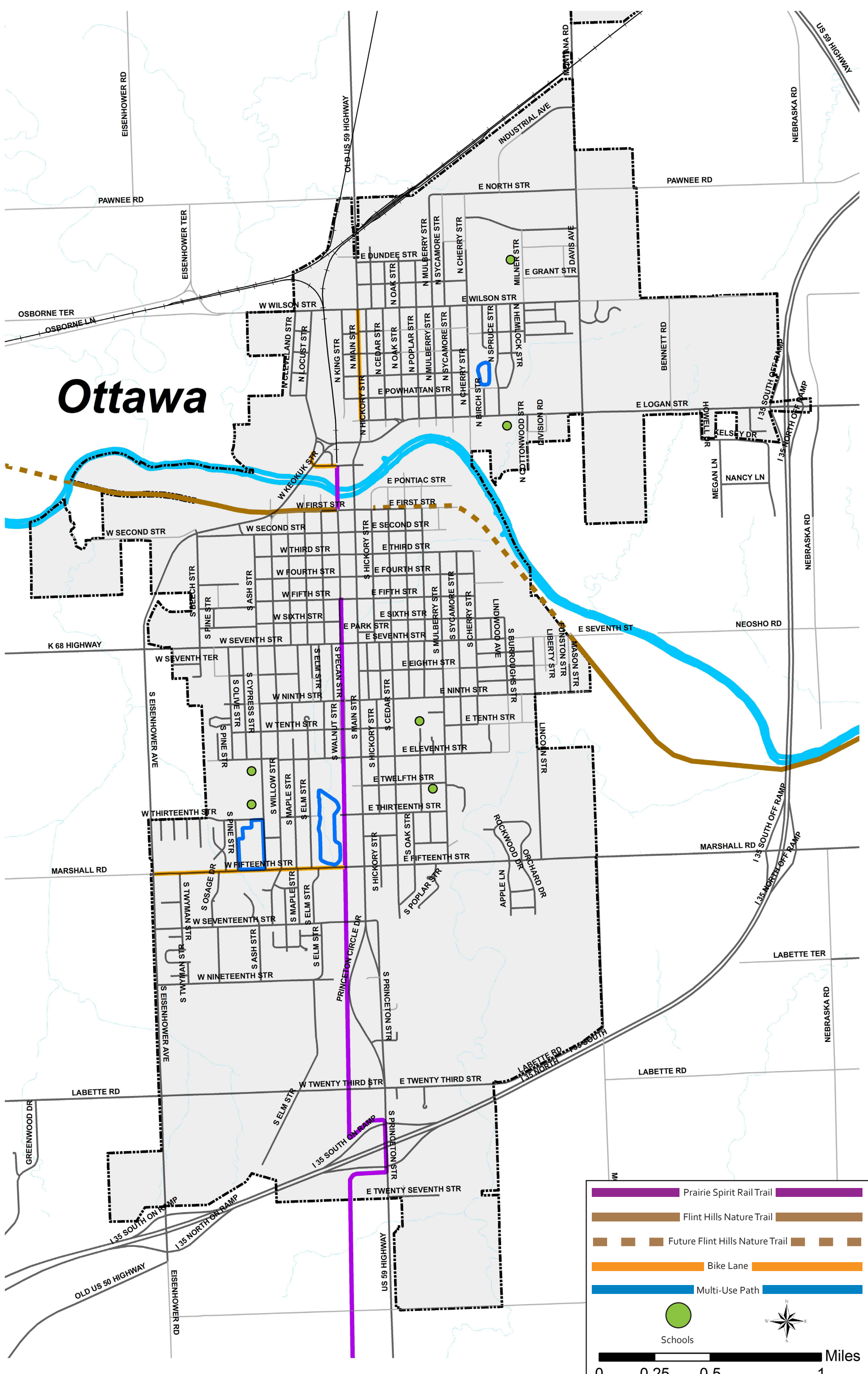




# FRANKLIN COUNTY KANSAS



- Experienced Riders
- Above Average Riders
- Suitable for All
- Future Bicycle Path Planned
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- Flint Hills Nature Trail
- Historical Sites
- Schools



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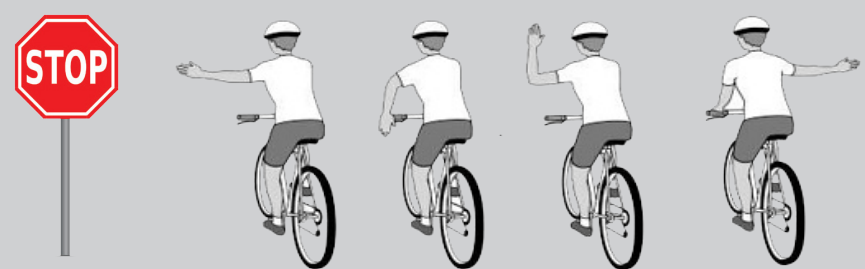
### Be Visible

**Ride a Well-Equipped Bike** - Be sure your bike is adjusted to fit you properly. For safety and efficiency, outfit it with a bell, rear-view mirror, rack or basket, lights and reflector. Carry a water bottle, bike pump and patch kit.

**Light your Bike** - Make yourself as visible as possible. Use a strong solid beam front headlight and rear flashing light and/or red reflector at night and when visibility is poor. Wear light-colored clothes with reflective tape for extra protection. Required equipment includes, a white light visible from at least 500 feet & a red rear reflector visible from all distances 100-600 feet. Additional red rear lights are recommended.



**Hand Signals** - Use signals to tell motorists what you intend to do. Signal as a matter of law, courtesy and self protection.



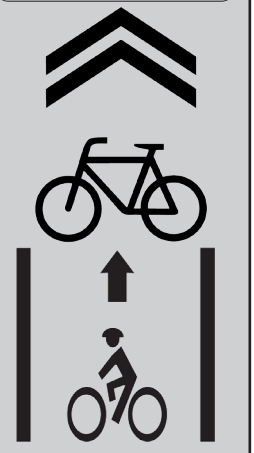
Stop at ALL stop signs    Left    Stop    Right and Alternate Right

### Street Markings

**Bike Lanes** give bicyclists and motorists their own, assigned and separate spaces on the road. Bicyclists should always ride in the direction indicated by the arrow painted on the street.



**Sharrow** markings indicates that the street is planned for bike traffic, but are too narrow for separate bike lanes. Sharrows indicate to motorists and bicyclists that they must share the road and use the same space on the street as they travel.



**Bike Route** signs indicate roads with light to moderate traffic and lower speeds that are expected to have bicycle traffic and where motorists and bicyclist share the roadway.

### Be Safe

**Wear a Helmet** - Helmets should sit flat on your head just above the eyebrows and fit snugly. Modern helmets are lightweight and affordable. Riders under 15 are required by law to wear a helmet.

**Scan the Road Around You** - Look ahead and anticipate what other traffic is likely to do. Ride with both hands ready to brake, and do not ride with headphones.

**Be Pedestrian Friendly** - Sidewalks are designed for pedestrians. It is highly recommended that you avoid riding on sidewalks. But when you do, ride with the direction of traffic, and dismount and walk your bike across all intersections and driveways. On shared use paths, trails and sidewalks, give an audible warning before passing pedestrians on the left. It is your responsibility to ALWAYS yield to pedestrians!

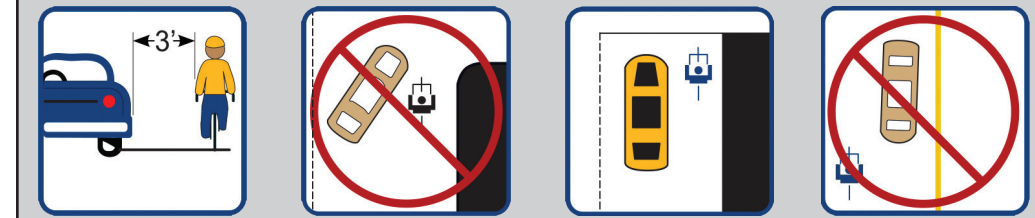
**Position on the Road** - Ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practical, in the same direction as traffic, except when passing another vehicle, preparing for a left turn, or avoiding hazards. Take a position centered in the lane if the road width is too narrow for cyclists and cars to share the lane or if motor and bicycle traffic is traveling at the same speed. At intersections, proceed in line and in turn as you would in a car. Before intersections and turns, take a position in the lane that maximizes visibility and makes your intention clear.

**Use Caution when Crossing a Railroad** - Obey signs then look each way twice before crossing. Cross tracks at a right angle or as close to a right angle as possible.

### Be Predictable

**Obey All Traffic Signs & Lights** - Bicyclists must follow the same laws as motorists. Stop at red lights and stop signs just as you would in a car. In Ottawa, bicycles are not allowed to ride on the sidewalks in the downtown.

**Ride Consistently** - Ride in a straight line. Always look and signal prior to turning. Avoid swerving and sudden changes. Stay at least a car door length away from parked cars. Bicyclists shall not ride more than two abreast.



**Don't Pass on the Right** - Motorists may not see you passing on the right and you could be seriously injured. When stopping in traffic, it is safer to hold your place in line with traffic.

**Yield to Wide Vehicles** - Be aware of farm equipment during travels on rural roads. Pull off road to a location that will safely allow the equipment to pass or if you feel you must pass, do so with caution.

### Tourist Information

- For information on tourist attractions in Franklin County, visit the:
- Franklin County Historical Society: [olddepotmuseum.org](http://olddepotmuseum.org)
  - Kansas Historical Society: [kshs.org](http://kshs.org)
  - Ottawa Main Street Association: [ottawamainstreet.org](http://ottawamainstreet.org)
  - Convention and Visitors Bureau: [visitottawakansas.com](http://visitottawakansas.com)
  - Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce: [ottawakansas.org](http://ottawakansas.org)

Note: This information is available in alternative accessible formats. To obtain an alternative format, contact Planning & Codes Department, 101 S Hickory, 2nd Floor, Ottawa, KS 66067, (785) 229-3620

### Community Resources for Bicyclists

- Flint Hills Nature Trail - Kanza Rail-Trails Conservancy: [kanzatrails.org](http://kanzatrails.org)
- Prairie Spirit Rail Trail: [bikeprairiespirit.com](http://bikeprairiespirit.com)
- Street Maintenance and Traffic Safety - Ottawa Public Works Department: (785) 229-3630. To report problems on County routes, contact Franklin County Public Works Department: (785) 229-3550
- Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) - For more information about state bicycle laws, trails, route information and maps: [ksdot.org/burRail/bike/](http://ksdot.org/burRail/bike/)
- For more information about the Franklin County Healthy Communities Initiative (HCI) visit: [healthylivingfrco.org](http://healthylivingfrco.org)

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