



# TAKE THE PLEDGE

## to share Michigan roads to be a safer bicyclist to be a safer driver

As a Michigan driver and/or bicyclist, I recognize my personal responsibility to ensure our roadways are safe and comfortable for all users. I hereby make a personal commitment to share the road and to be courteous to other roadway users by abiding by the following.



### As a DRIVER, I pledge to:

- ☛ Recognize that bicyclists have the right to ride on the roads
- ☛ Leave at least 5 feet between a cyclist and my side mirror when passing and to only return to the lane when I can clearly see the cyclist in my rearview mirror
- ☛ Use signals to indicate my turns
- ☛ Yield to bicyclists (on both sides of road) who have the right-of-way before turning at intersections and into driveways
- ☛ Never “hook” a bicyclist by overtaking them and then immediately turning in front of them
- ☛ Recognize that the risk to bicyclists increases exponentially as my speed increases
- ☛ Never drive distracted, especially texting while driving
- ☛ Recognize that bicyclists may move away from the curb and use the full travel lane in order to avoid hazards or to prepare for turns
- ☛ Understand that bicyclists are not required to use sidewalks or other off road facilities, even when these amenities are present, and that riding on sidewalks is extremely dangerous



### As a BICYCLIST, I pledge to:

- ☛ Model exemplary bicycling behavior by obeying all laws and traffic control devices that apply to bicyclists
- ☛ Ride predictably in the same direction as traffic and do not swerve in the road or between parked cars
- ☛ Use hand signals to indicate my turns
- ☛ Ride in the furthest right lane that travels in the direction I'm going (except when making left turns or on one-way roads where bicyclists can ride on the left side of the road)
- ☛ Be assertive and assume that drivers do not see me
- ☛ Recognize that I have a right to move away from the curb to prevent getting “squeezed” and to avoid debris, hazards including car doors, or to prepare for turns
- ☛ Equip my bike with front and rear lights and wear brightly colored reflective clothing when riding in poor visibility
- ☛ Recognize that sidewalks are one of the most dangerous places to ride
- ☛ Never ride more than two abreast and single up to let others pass when it is safe to do so



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Share MI Roads is an education campaign by the League of Michigan Bicyclists in partnership with Transportation for Michigan focused on promoting safety between Michigan motorists and bicyclists.



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