

Bicycle Education/Street Skills

Project Number: ED-7



LOCATION

Countywide

COST

\$70,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

WalkBikeMarin worked with the Marin County Bicycle Coalition to conduct free classes on Basic Street Skills for Cyclists. The program is intended for novice cyclists, age 16 and up, to improve riding skills on the road. In total, 24 classes were held throughout the county in 2009 and 2010, six of them conducted in Spanish. The two-hour course taught students:

- How to read the road and position themselves for safety and visibility
- A 3-step method for crossing any intersection without car conflicts
- Legal rights and obligations
- How to take their bike on buses and ferries
- How to outfit themselves and their bike for practical transportation and maximum visibility

Additionally, there were two Confident Cycling skills classes given, targeted to regular cyclists looking to improve their riding skills on the road and in traffic.

Over 560 took advantage of the classes over the two-year period.

STATUS

The WalkBikeMarin-funded program has concluded. However, courses continue to be offered by the Marin County Bicycle Coalition. For more information, visit www.marinbike.org

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BASIC RIDE SAFE RIDE LEGAL
STREET SKILLS
FOR CYCLISTS

Do you stop at stop signs while riding your bicycle?

In just two hours, learn how to safely and confidently ride your bike on the roads. Topics covered include how to avoid crashes and citations, improve visibility, ride between and through intersections, and learn your legal rights and obligations.

Class Information
Classes are held 8 times per year at various locations throughout Marin County. Check WalkBikeMarin www.walkbikemarin.com or the Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC) www.marinbike.org website for current class dates.

Traffic Infraction Fee Reduction
The Marin County Superior Court allows for traffic infraction citation fee reduction to \$50, regardless of the fine received by the bicyclist, after attending the class.

How to Register
Admission is FREE. Classes are open to individuals ages 16 and up. Advance registration is required. You won't need your bicycle unless you plan to ride it to the class.

Provide your name, address, email, phone and class date in one of the following ways:

- On-line at www.marinbike.org
- Fax to 415-456-9344
- Email to streetskills@marinbike.org
- Call MCBC at 415-456-3469 ext. 8#

Funding is provided by the Non-motorized Transportation Pilot Program, administered by WalkBikeMarin (www.walkbikemarin.org).

Classes are implemented by the Marin County Bicycle Coalition in their ongoing effort to improve bicycle safety in Marin County.

Marin County Law Enforcement

For questions, please contact Peggy Clarke, Marin County Bicycle Coalition, streetskills@marinbike.org or call 415. 456. 3469 ext. 8#