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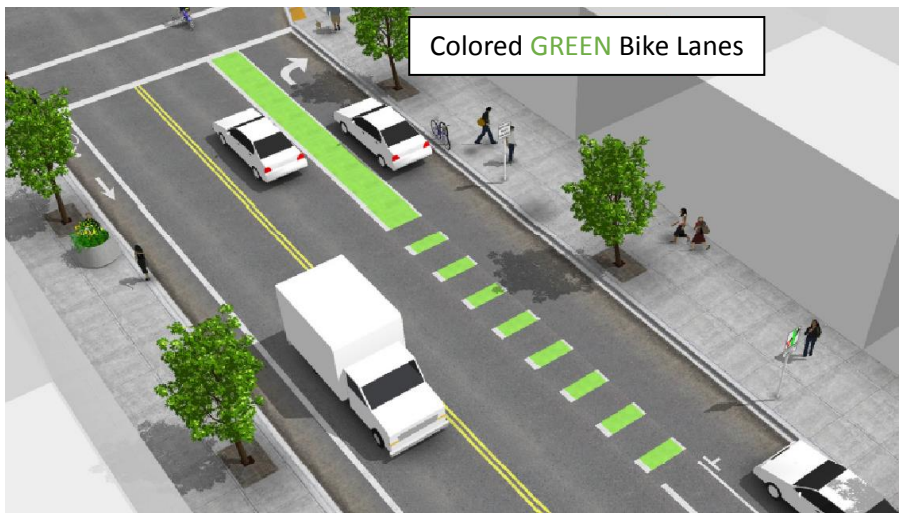
Navigating the new GREEN bike features in Buena Vista

New safety features for multi-modal travel have been incorporated as part of the Buena Vista Enhancement Project. These features include many cycling, pedestrian and vehicle safety features throughout the US 24 business corridor.

Here's how to navigate the new GREEN bike lane features…



COLORED GREEN BIKE LANE Motorists are expected to yield to bicyclists at these locations. The dashed colored bike lanes are placed at areas of potential conflict, such as the start of right-turn lanes, right turns at signalized intersections from a through lane, and where right turns cross a bike lane. Motorists and cyclists should travel with added caution through the dashed areas.

BIKE BOX A bike box is a designated area at the head of a traffic lane at a signalized intersection that provides bicyclists with a safe and visible way to get ahead of queuing traffic during the red signal phase. Bicyclists will have better left-turn positioning at intersections during the red signal phase and within the box, bicyclists are grouped together so they can clear an intersection quickly, minimizing the impediment to motorized traffic. As shown, motorists are instructed to **WAIT HERE** in advance of the bike box.

Signal Detection: *Bike Boxes have multi-radar cyclist detection that turns the signal green for cyclists regardless of waiting motorized traffic. The same traffic detector is also used to turn the light green for motorists waiting in their respective lanes.*

Pedestrians and cyclists have the right to travel along and across roadways, and increases in congestion are leading more people to choose walking and biking for transportation. While pedestrians and cyclists have historically represented a small portion of the total traffic volume along roadways, typically less than two percent nationwide, in 2012 they accounted for more than 14 percent of all traffic fatalities. As a result, legislation and policies are being enacted across the US to help protect these highway users—including here in Colorado (CRS 43-1-120).The field of bicycle and pedestrian transportation is rapidly evolving, and new highway features to accommodate these modes of travel may be unfamiliar to many. But it's only a matter of time until these features become very recognizable, as cities and states continue to deploy them nationwide.

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