

Organizing Your Bike Commute

Getting set up makes biking the easy choice. With most U.S. trips under three miles, many destinations are a quick ride away. A little prep goes a long way— so set yourself up for success, and you'll reach for your helmet more often than your car keys.

Keep Your Bike Ready. Store your bike where it's easy to grab. Keep your helmet, lock, and gloves with it—no searching, no excuses.

Ride a Comfortable Bike. Make sure your bike fits and feels good. If your old high school ride isn't cutting it, consider upgrading to a commuter or upright cruiser built for everyday trips.

Carry More with Ease. Add a rear rack and panniers. Groceries, work gear, even small errands become simple and stable.

Dress Smart. For rides under three miles, regular work clothes usually work. Add fenders to stay clean and keep rain gear handy for wet days.

Be Visible & Predictable. Use a white front light and red rear light. Ride predictably, in the right third of the lane, with traffic—not against it—and avoid sidewalks.

Choose Better Routes. Bike routes aren't always the same as driving routes. Look for neighborhood streets and trails for your rides. Whatcom Smart Trips offers excellent local [bike maps](#) to help you plan.

Think Bike-Friendly. Choose shops and services you and your kids can easily bike to. Picking convenient locations means fewer car trips—saving time, gas, and missed work.

Make It a Family Habit. Ride together. Teach kids safe routes and skills early—their confidence and independence will grow, and you'll all save time and stress.



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Got questions? Need help planning a route? Want advice? Give Smart Trips a call, 360-756-TRIP (8747) or email us at info@WhatcomSmartTrips.org

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We're here to help.