

Section 9: BICYCLE ROUTES

9.1 Bike Paths (Class 1)

Construction on off-street bike paths shall provide an alternate route for bicyclists either by use of an alternate paved path or a temporary bike lane on the street. Any re-routing of bicyclists from an off-street path requires a special traffic permit (STP).

9.2 Bike Lanes (Class 2)

Contractor shall maintain all existing bike lanes. During construction, temporary bike lanes may be delineated by cones but at no time shall the clear width of a bike lane be less than 5 feet. Any bike lane that is effectively narrowed below 5 feet is considered a bike lane closure.

The Contractor shall maintain a clear and clean path of travel for bicyclists at all times. For Further instructions on housekeeping requirements, refer to San Francisco Public Works Municipal Code.

Bike lanes may be closed but only with an approved Special Traffic Permit or City Contract Specifications. An approved STP may require that additional bike signs such as “Bicyclists Allowed Use of Full Lane” or “Bicycle Route Detour” signs be posted as part of the conditions of the permit (see signs in Appendix E).

9.3 Bike Routes (Class 3)

Certain streets on the bicycle route network may not have painted bicycle lanes but are nonetheless important because they provide connectivity to the rest of the network. In particular some bike routes allow bicycles to travel side-by-side with cars in the same lane. These streets are identified as having wide right-hand curb lanes. A curb lane is measured from the curb to the nearest lane line. Wide curb lanes are those that are 22 feet or more in width on streets with parking, or 14 feet or more on streets without parking.

The Contractor should maintain these widths wherever possible. If a wide curb lane will be affected during construction, the Contractor shall post a “Bicycles May Use Full Lane” (R4-11) sign at the beginning of the block, and / or a “Bicycle Route Detour” sign with the legend “⚡ BIKE LANE” at the point where there is room enough to provide a separate bike lane see signs in Appendix E).

9.4 Closure of Bike Routes

A Special Traffic Permit is required for any street closure or the closure of one direction of a street. The STP may require that a bicycle route detour be provided and that additional bike signs such as “Bicyclists Allowed Use of Full Lane” or “Bicycle Route Detour” signs be posted as a permit condition (see signs in Appendix E).