

PASSING CYCLISTS

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How to Pass a Cyclist

- 1) Slow Down
- 2) Look and wait for other traffic
- 3) Change lanes to pass
- 4) Cross a double-yellow line if there is no oncoming traffic

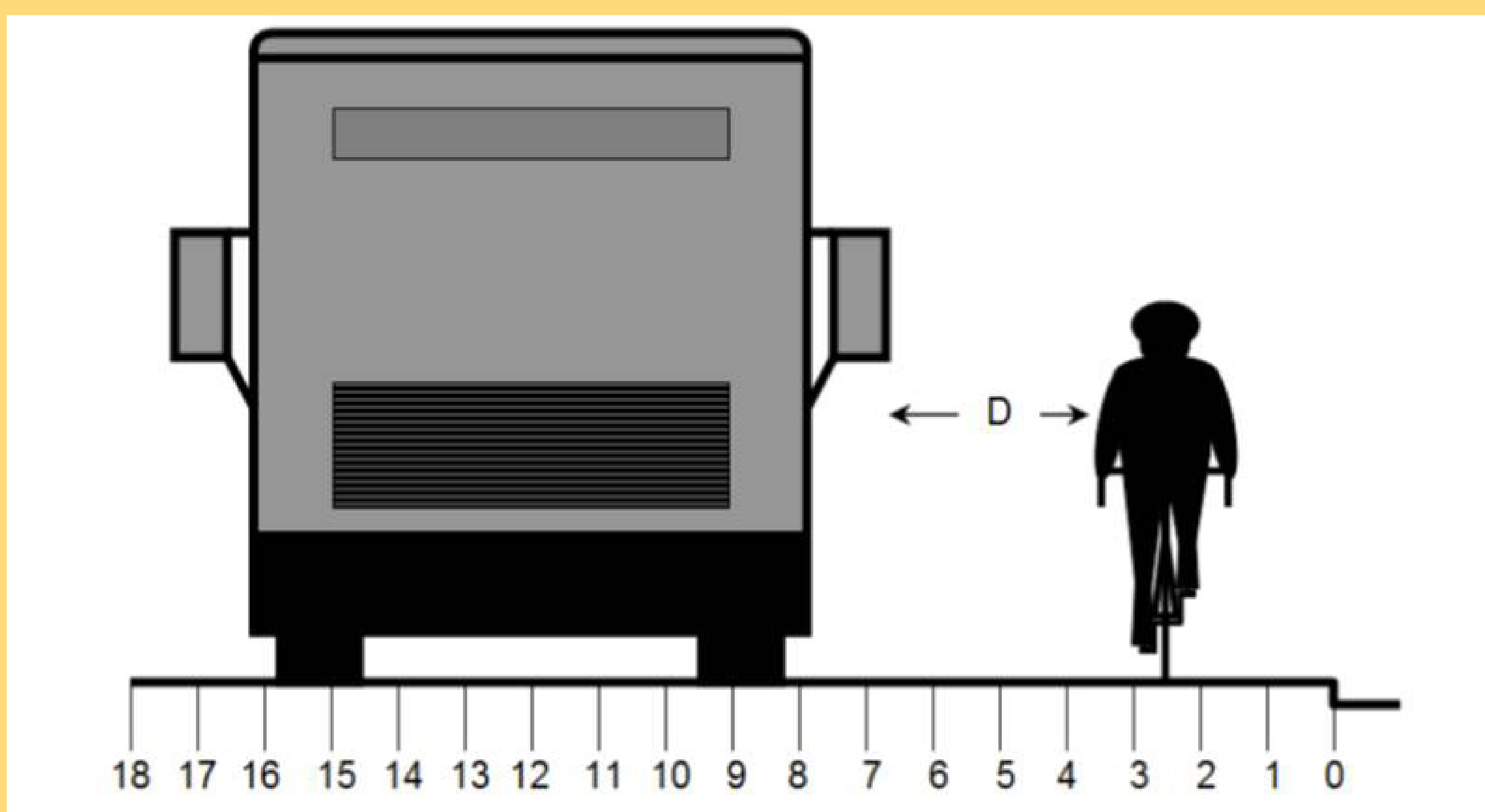


GENERAL DESIGN GUIDE

- Rural Roads: Paved shoulders
- Urban Streets > 35mph: Bike lanes with buffer
- Urban Streets 30-35mph: Bike lanes
- Adjacent to On-Street Parking: Sharrows or 7ft bike lane

“Bicyclists usually ride on the right side of the lane, but are entitled to use the full lane... Drivers wishing to pass a bicyclist may do so only when there is abundant clearance and no oncoming traffic in the opposing lane. When passing a bicyclist, always remember the bicyclist is entitled to use the full lane.”

- North Carolina Driver’s Handbook, p. 95
<http://www.ncdot.gov.dmv/driver>



Distance (in feet)

How wide he thinks his car is

Where Savvy Cyclists ride to discourage that mistake.

How wide it really is

MAY USE FULL LANE

CHANGE LANES TO PASS

Most lanes are too narrow for a car to pass a bicyclist safely within the lane. Savvy Cyclists make that clear by leaving less space to their left. This is defensive driving. And it is legal in all 50 states. Regardless of where a bicyclist is, please don't risk a mistake. Change lanes to pass.

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Sources:
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