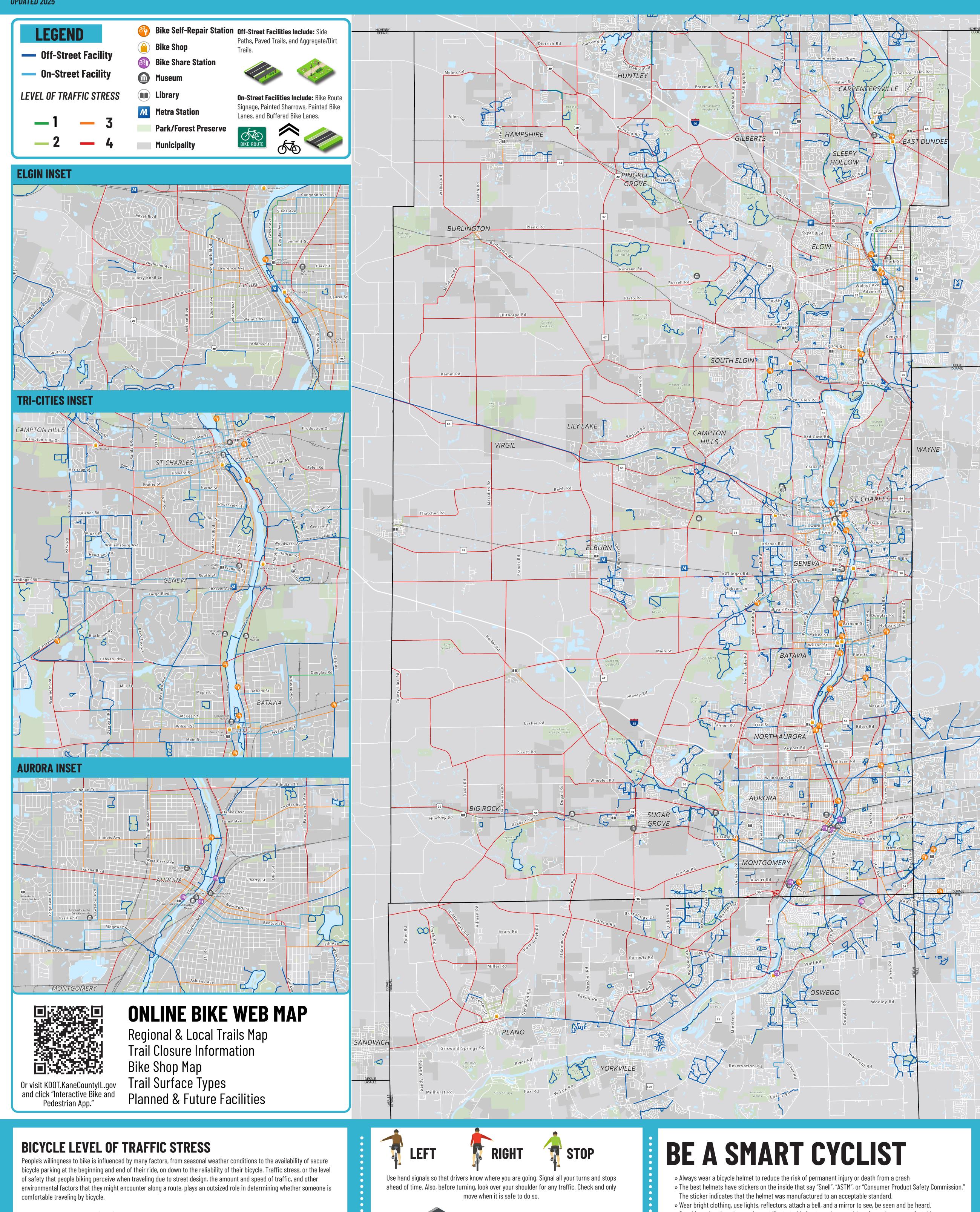
KANE & NORTHERN KENDALL COUNTIES BIKE MAP



Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress (BLTS) is a planning approach developed to estimate the perceived safety of different streets and off-street facilities based on design. BLTS can be used to assess the stress of a single street segment, intersection, or an entire network. The tool is powerful because it considers different types of cyclists and the conditions and facilities they would need to feel comfortable.

MORE COMFORTABLE

LESS COMFORTABLE



most children can tolerate.

LEVEL: 2 **SCORE:** 1.1-2.0 Comfort Level: The level tolerated by most adults, the "interested but concerned".

LEVEL: 3 **SCORE:** 2.1-3.0

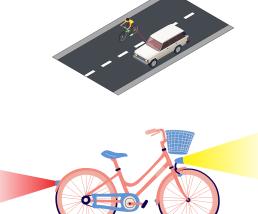
"enthused and confident"

but prefer having their own dedicated space.

Comfort Level: The level tolerated by cyclists who are

LEVEL: 4 **SCORE:** 3.1-4.0 Comfort Level: The level tolerated only by "strong and

fearless" cyclists.



MAKE EYE CONTACT

Confirming eye contact with motorists helps them know that you are on the road.



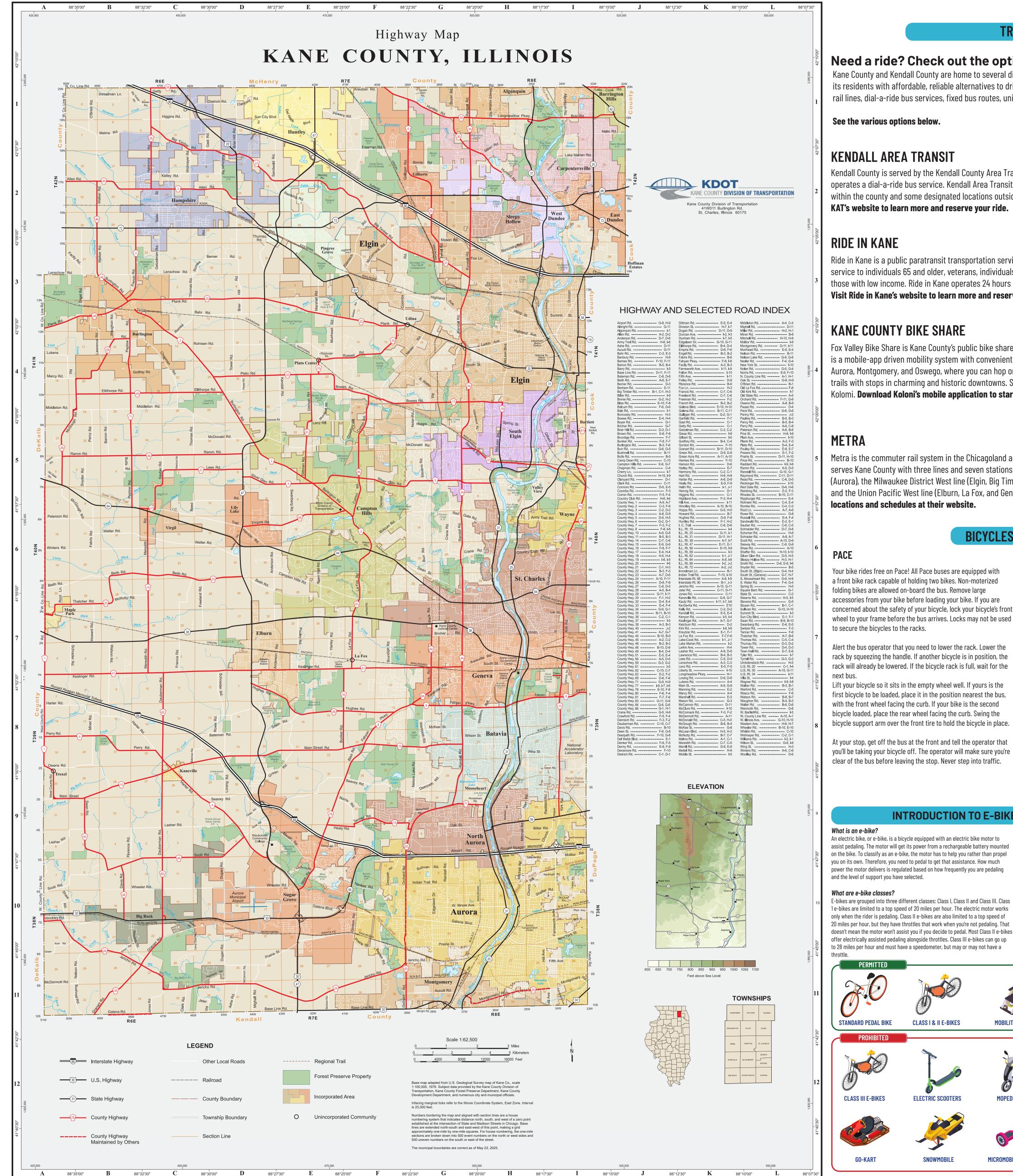
SEE, BE SEEN, AND BE HEARD Use lights at night or when visibility is poor. A white headlight and rear red reflector are required by law. Flashing lights are especially effective. Use bike reflectors, reflective clothing, and a bell.



PAY ATTENTION For the safety of yourself and others, never use earphones because you will not be able to hear what is going on around you. Using earphones is not only dangerous, it is illegal.

» Consider using the other equipment illustrated below to make your ride safer and more comfortable.





TRANSIT

Need a ride? Check out the options.

Kane County and Kendall County are home to several different public transportation options that help to serve its residents with affordable, reliable alternatives to driving. These transportation options include commuter rail lines, dial-a-ride bus services, fixed bus routes, university shuttles, and bike sharing systems.

See the various options below.

KENDALL AREA TRANSIT

Kendall County is served by the Kendall County Area Transit system (KAT), which operates a dial-a-ride bus service. Kendall Area Transit services all locations within the county and some designated locations outside of the county. Visit KAT's website to learn more and reserve your ride.



RIDE IN KANE

Ride in Kane is a public paratransit transportation service providing curb-to-curb service to individuals 65 and older, veterans, individuals with a disability, and those with low income. Ride in Kane operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Visit Ride in Kane's website to learn more and reserve your ride.



KANE COUNTY BIKE SHARE

Fox Valley Bike Share is Kane County's public bike share program. The program is a mobile-app driven mobility system with convenient locations in downtown Aurora, Montgomery, and Oswego, where you can hop on and tour miles of scenic trails with stops in charming and historic downtowns. Service is provided by Kolomi. Download Koloni's mobile application to start riding today.



Metra is the commuter rail system in the Chicagoland area. Metra currently serves Kane County with three lines and seven stations: the BNSF Railway (Aurora), the Milwaukee District West line (Elgin, Big Timber, and National Street), and the Union Pacific West line (Elburn, La Fox, and Geneva). View the Metra locations and schedules at their website.



BICYCLES ON TRANSIT

Your bike rides free on Pace! All Pace buses are equipped with a front bike rack capable of holding two bikes. Non-moterized folding bikes are allowed on-board the bus. Remove large accessories from your bike before loading your bike. If you are concerned about the safety of your bicycle, lock your bicycle's front wheel to your frame before the bus arrives. Locks may not be used to secure the bicycles to the racks.

Alert the bus operator that you need to lower the rack. Lower the rack by squeezing the handle. If another bicycle is in position, the rack will already be lowered. If the bicycle rack is full, wait for the

Lift your bicycle so it sits in the empty wheel well. If yours is the first bicycle to be loaded, place it in the position nearest the bus, with the front wheel facing the curb. If your bike is the second bicycle loaded, place the rear wheel facing the curb. Swing the bicycle support arm over the front tire to hold the bicycle in place.

At your stop, get off the bus at the front and tell the operator that you'll be taking your bicycle off. The operator will make sure you're clear of the bus before leaving the stop. Never step into traffic.

METRA

Bicycles and scooters, including e-bikes and e-scooters, are permitted on all trains, either in the priority seating areas of ADA-accessible railcars or in the new racks on railcars with the bike logo. There is no charge. Bicycle and scooter spaces are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, and customers with disabilities have priority in the priority seating areas on ADA-accessible railcars. Cars with a green bike logo have bike racks for 2-4 racks. Cars with a blue paint scheme have multiple bike racks on-board.

Bicycles and scooters must not exceed 80 inches long and 30 inches wide. Gas-powered bicycles and scooters are prohibited. Folding bicycles and folding scooters may be brought onto any train car and may accompany a person to a seat provided they are small enough to fit between the legs of a seated customer or can be stored under a seat. Folding bicycles and folding scooters must be in the folded position prior to boarding and cannot block any other seats from use by other customers.

Crews have the right to refuse bikes and scooters if all spaces are filled or if ADA seating is needed for customers with disabilities. Take caution when planning a trip on a high ridership weekend.

Sharing the Road Sharing the Trail Keep to the right Ride in a straight line traffic except when passing. Slow cars. Ride in a straight line at down when there are lots of users on least 4 feet away from parked the trail. Follow lane striping where it cars to avoid opening doors. Avoid blocking the trail Step off to the side if you stop for any reason. Allow room for others to pass, or go single-file if necessary, if you're biking or walking two abreast. Make sure that a younger child biking with OPEN CAREFULLY you stays on the right. ocated 4 feet along the sig of a parked car where an pening door can hit and eriously injure a cyclist. alert for hazards cautious and slow wn when approaching predictable trail users, luding younger children a Look inside each parked car before you pass it If yo<mark>u c</mark>an't see someone inside or you spot someone <mark>in</mark>side, move outside the **Door Zone**, o ound your bell, horn, or call out when slow down and pass carefully. pproaching pedestrians or slower iders, then pass safely on the left. Keep track of traffic behind you, so you'll know whether vou have enough room if vou <mark>m</mark>u werve suddenly out of the **Door Zone**. A mi<mark>rr</mark>or SPEED elps you see traffic behind you as you ped<mark>al</mark> LIMIT

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR KANE COUNTY LEADER

Welcome to Kane County!

Kane County continues to make significant improvements in enhancing the safety and efficiency of the county highway system for both the motoring and non-motoring public. While county highway departments were originally created by the state to build roads, today's transportation system has evolved to offer so much more. What began as scattered of dirt roads has grown into an impressive network of roadways,

ntersections, bike paths, pedestrian, and transit accommodations. Our communities are working together to promote bicycling, not only as an excellent recreational activity, but also as an economical, healthy and environmentally friendly

form of transportation that promotes a sense of place. Biking also brings economic benefits. According to the Outdoor Industry Association, bicycling participants across the nation spend \$83 billion annually on trip-related sales

or bicycle tourism, and generate \$97 billion in retail spending each year.

We encourage you to grab a bike, bring along a map, and discover where Kane County's bikeway system can take you! Visit our cities and villages along five major regional trails:: the Fox River Trail, the Great Western Frail, the Virgil Gilman Trail, the four spurs of the Illinois Prairie Path, and the Mid-County Trail. These regional trails connect to an extensive local bikeway system that can take you across Kane County, through historic

downtowns, along the Fabulous Fox! National Water Trail,

and past farmlands, prairies, and open space.

Venture off the trails to explore local shops, restaurants, and attractions in our towns. Ride through peaceful rural areas and discover hiking, camping, and fishing opportunities in our forest preserves, as we proudly celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County (1925-2025)!

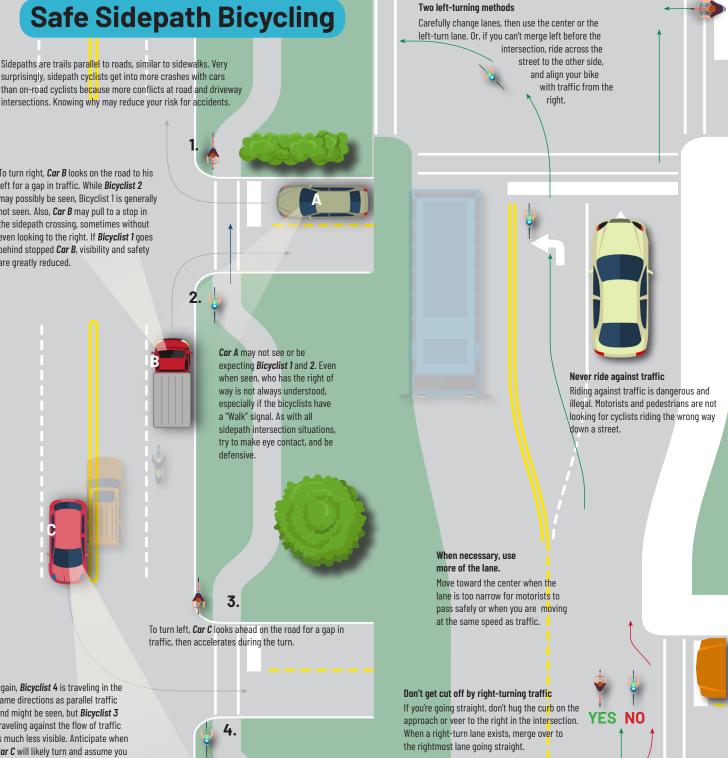
Corinne Pierog Madam Chair, Kane County Board

President, Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Mayor Jeffery Schielke

Chairman, Kane Kendall Council of Mayors

KANE COUNTY Two left-turning methods Carefully change lanes, then use the center or the left-turn lane. Or, if you can't merge left before the





KANE KENDALL

ILLINOIS BICYCLE LAWS

Every person riding a bicycle upon a highway shall be granted all of the

INTRODUCTION TO E-BIKES & PERMITTED USES

What is an e-bike?

An electric bike, or e-bike, is a bicycle equipped with an electric bike motor to assist pedaling. The motor will get its power from a rechargeable battery mounted on the bike. To classify as an e-bike, the motor has to help you rather than propel you on its own. Therefore, you need to pedal to get that assistance. How much power the motor delivers is regulated based on how frequently you are pedaling

What are e-bike classes?

1 e-bikes are limited to a top speed of 20 miles per hour. The electric motor works only when the rider is pedaling. Class II e-bikes are also limited to a top speed of 20 miles per hour, but they have throttles that work when you're not pedaling. That doesn't mean the motor won't assist you if you decide to pedal. Most Class II e-bikes offer electrically assisted pedaling alongside throttles. Class III e-bikes can go up to 28 miles per hour and must have a speedometer, but may or may not have a

Where are e-bikes allowed?

» Any bike lane on the street.

Make sure your bicycle with an electric motor is classified as an e-bike. The definition of an e-bike and rules on where to ride will vary. Like most states, Illinois' wattage limits for e-bikes is 750 watts. In Kane County, you can ride Class I & II e-bikes at the following locations:

» Shared use paths that are reserved for bicycles and pedestrians. » For state parks and forest preserves, you can ride on paved trails that allow bicycles, unless otherwise stated.

Please review all applicable rules and ordinances before riding.

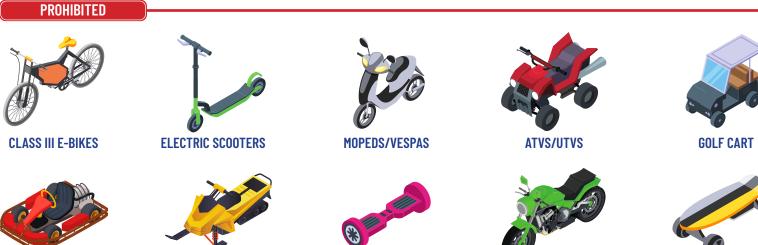
MOTORCYCLE/MOTORBIKE

ELECTRIC SKATEBOARD

» Any trail where motor vehicles are permitted.

Along with e-bikes, there are a variety of other vehicles that are permitted on the trails. These vehicles include standard pedal bikes, mobility devices (wheelchairs, electric wheelchairs, etc.), cross-county skis, and adaptive bikes.





REPORTING ISSUES

In an emergency, call 911.

Kane County Non-emergency Number: 630-232-8400 Kendall County Non-Emergency Number: 630-553-5856 Forest Preserve District of Kane County: 630-232-5980 Forest Preserve District of Kendall County: 630-553-4025

For issues on Forest Preserve District of Kane County property including the Great Western Trail, Illinois Prairie Path Batavia Spur, and the Illinois Prairie Path Elgin Branch use the QR code below to access the "Kane Forest Notify" tool to report maintainace concerns or visit www.kaneforest.com/kane-



If you are unsure of which agency to contact, contact the Kane County Division of Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator with any

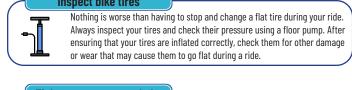
PlanningStaff@KaneCountyIL.gov

GET INVOLVED

Local Community and Advocacy Groups: Illinois Prairie Path Non-Profit: ipp.com Friends of the Great Western Trail: friendsofthegreatwesterntrails.com Ride Illinois: rideillinois.org Active Transportation Alliance: activetrans.org Fox Valley Bike & Ski Club: fvbsc.org Elgin Community Bikes: elgincommunitybikes.org

BICYCLE MAINTENANCE TIPS

When you clean your bike, it will help prevent dirt and grease buildup from eating through your bike's mechanical parts. All you need is a bucket, water, biodegradable soap, a large sponge, a towel, and an old toothbrush or other small brush to get everything clean



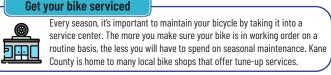
or wear that may cause them to go flat during a ride. Don't let your bike fall apart while you ride! You can keep things intact by

quickly checking for any loose bolts, screws, or nuts before leaving. If you do notice that you've lost some nuts or bolts while on your ride, ensure you can fix things right away by carrying some spare nuts and bolts with you.

Brake pads wear down over time, so be sure to check your brake pads between bike service visits. All you need to do is take a quick ride at home and pump your brakes. If you can feel that your brakes are soft, your brake



If you're out riding alone and you get a flat tire, what will you do? Ensure you don't get stranded out in the middle of nowhere by learning how to patch tubes. YouTube has some helpful videos on the subject.



Store your bike indoors

If indoor storage isn't an option, consider purchasing a tarp to cover your bike behind your building or even on the sidewalk. Protection from the elements is really the best way to prevent needing a new chain, new hardware and new grip accessories.



rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to a driver of

625 ILCS 5/Ch. 11 Art. XV

a vehicle, except those which cannot be applied to bikes. Any person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic shall ride as close as practicable and safe to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway except:

. When overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction; or 2. When preparing for a left turn at an intersection; or

3. When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions including fixed or moving objects or vehicles, ...surface hazards, or substandard width lanes that make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge. A "substandard width lane" means a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane. Any person operating a bicycle upon a one-way highway may ride as near the left-hand curb or edge of such

roadway as practicable. 4. When approaching a place where a right turn is authorized.

Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than 2 abreast, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for their exclusive use. A signal of intention to turn right or left when required shall be given during not less than the last 100 feet traveled by the bicycle before turning.

Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear which shall be visible

from 100 to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lower

ILCS 5/Ch. 11-703 Art. VII (d) The operator of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle or individual proceeding in the same direction on a highway shall leave a safe distance, but not less than 3 feet, when passing the bicycle

3 FEET MINIMUM TO PASS or individual and shall maintain that distance until safely past the overtaken bicycle or individual.