BICYCLE COMMUTING TIPS

- Share the road. Don't assume motorists can see you.
- Ride on the right, but not too close to parked cars. Drivers might open a car door without seeing you.
- Never ride against traffic. Follow signs, signals and pavement markings.
- When turning left, merge with left-turning traffic or walk your bike across as a pedestrian if traffic is heavy.
- Inform others of turns by using hand signals. These are the same as motorists' hand signals except that for turning right you can use your right arm and point.
- Slow down and yield for pedestrians.
- Be predictable. Avoid sudden swerves.
- Common sense, courtesy, and caution are the three C's of good cycling.
- Watch the road. The American Automobile Association suggests using an accident avoidance technique called "SIPDA": scan, identify, predict, decide, and then act.