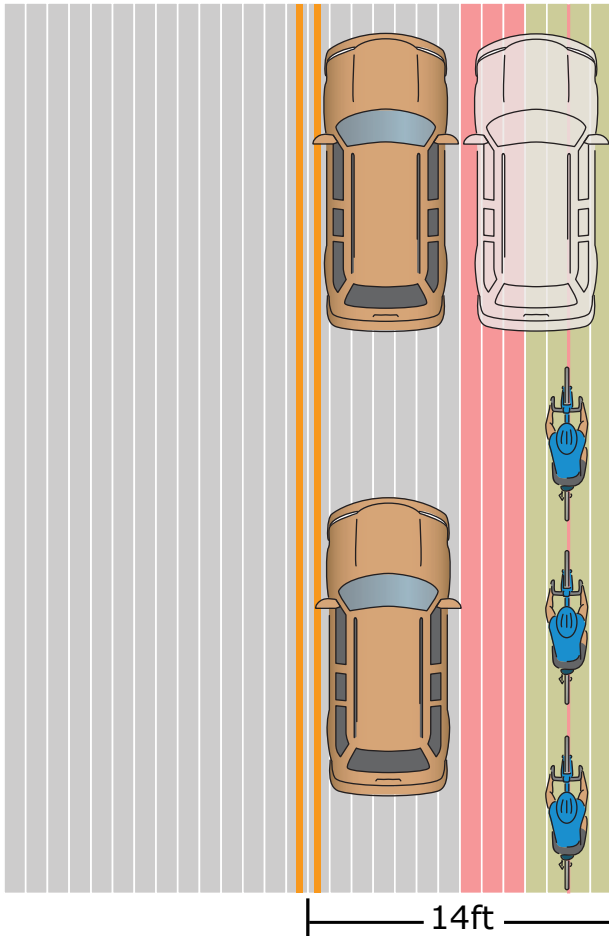


Wide Curb Lanes (WCLs) - Lanes that can be shared



The Florida Department of Transportation's Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards recommends an outside lane width of 14 feet as the "minimum width that will allow passenger cars to safely pass bicyclists within a single lane," i.e., without the need for passing motorists to use part of the next lane.

Here's how they get the minimum:

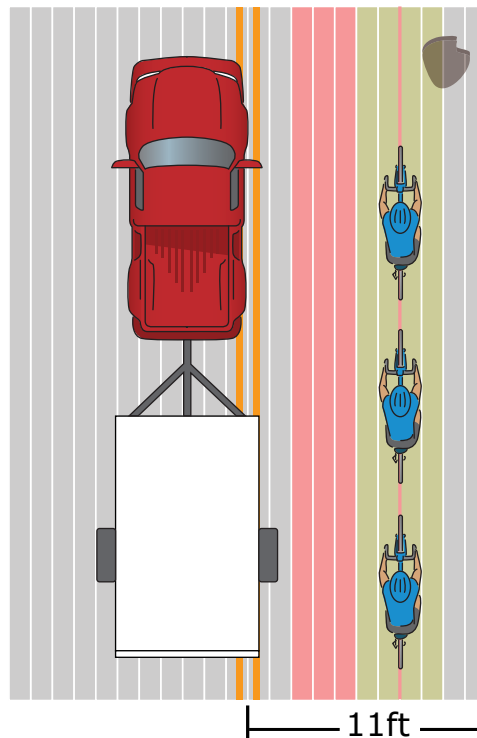
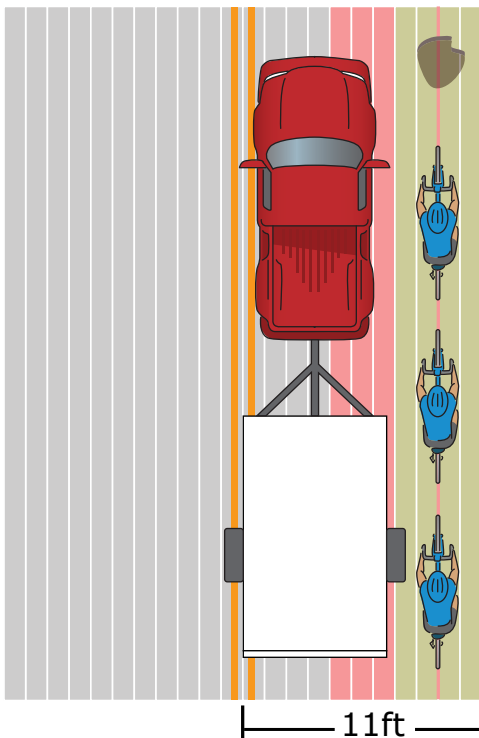
- A cyclist is defined as being 2.5 ft wide with a minimum operating space of 4 ft. This includes the minimum safe distance from the edge of useable pavement (2 ft).
- The legal minimum passing clearance for an overtaking vehicle is 3 ft.
- A typical passenger vehicle is 6 - 7.5 ft wide.

What it looks like:

A WCL is roughly the width of two large passenger vehicles.

The minimum does not account for commercial vehicles and utility trailers which are 8.5 ft wide and can have mirrors extending to ~10 ft. Those vehicles MUST use part of another lane to pass safely.

Sub-standard - Lanes that cannot be shared



Most traffic lanes in Central Florida are 10 -12 feet wide. Such lanes do not allow for safe sharing with a passenger vehicle of any size.

The **practicable** lane position for a cyclist in a substandard lane is one that discourages motorists from attempting to pass within the lane.

To protect bicycle drivers from misinterpretation of "as far right as practicable," the law specifies that cyclists are entitled to the full use of a substandard lane.