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Issue 22: Turn Queue Boxes



Two-Stage Turn Queues

You can't get there from here. Sometimes that's how it can feel if you're biking along a wide, fast road and need to turn left across traffic.

While some bicyclists may take the far-left lane to make a left turn, a newly (interim) approved option can help reduce stress.

Enter the Two-Stage Bicycle Turn Box

This treatment, [recently given interim approval by FHWA](#), provides a place for bicyclists to wait to turn from one direction to another. For instance, bicyclists traveling in a conventional bike lane interested in turning left at a cross-street can make a slight right and queue in front of traffic waiting to continue along that cross-street. When the traffic light changes, bicyclists can continue straight on the cross-street.

In essence, the turn box makes it safer and more comfortable for bicyclists of various levels to get where they need to go.

The treatment can also be used along a left-side bicycle facility to help make right turns.

Specific design criteria and information on how to gain interim approval in your jurisdiction can be found at the link above.

Check Out These Resources to Learn More

- [*From NACTO — When to Use A Two-Stage Turn Queue*](#)
- [*How to Use A Two-Stage Turn Queue*](#)

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