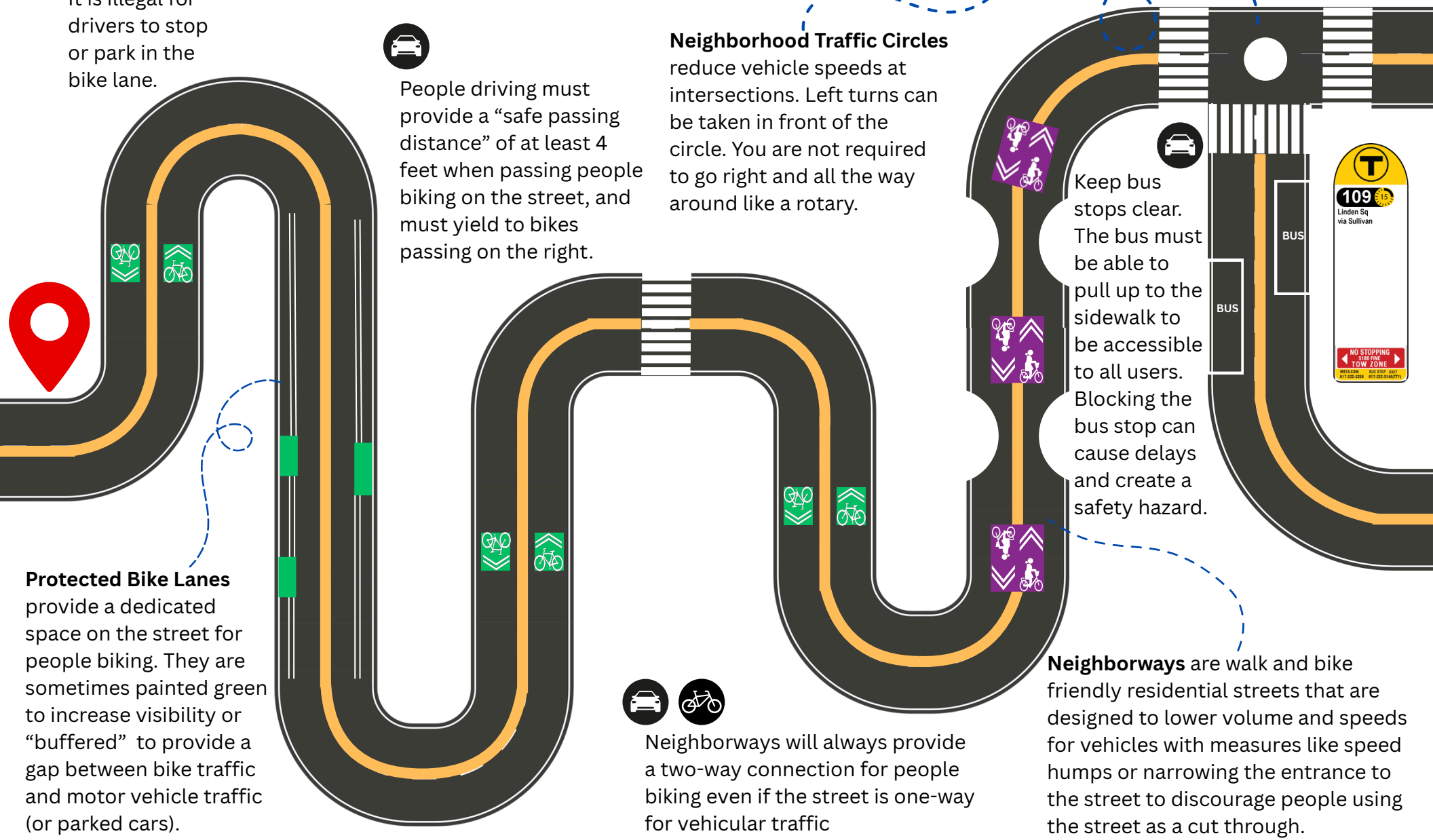
What's this on the street?

Learn about all the things you see on the street on your way to school.

It is illegal for drivers to stop or park in the bike lane.

People driving must provide a "safe passing distance" of at least 4 feet when passing people biking on the street, and must yield to bikes passing on the right.

Neighborhood Traffic Circles reduce vehicle speeds at intersections. Left turns can be taken in front of the circle. You are not required to go right and all the way around like a rotary.



Keep bus stops clear. The bus must be able to pull up to the sidewalk to be accessible to all users. Blocking the bus stop can cause delays and create a safety hazard.

Protected Bike Lanes provide a dedicated space on the street for people biking. They are sometimes painted green to increase visibility or "buffered" to provide a gap between bike traffic and motor vehicle traffic (or parked cars).

Neighborways will always provide a two-way connection for people biking even if the street is one-way for vehicular traffic

Neighborways are walk and bike friendly residential streets that are designed to lower volume and speeds for vehicles with measures like speed humps or narrowing the entrance to the street to discourage people using the street as a cut through.

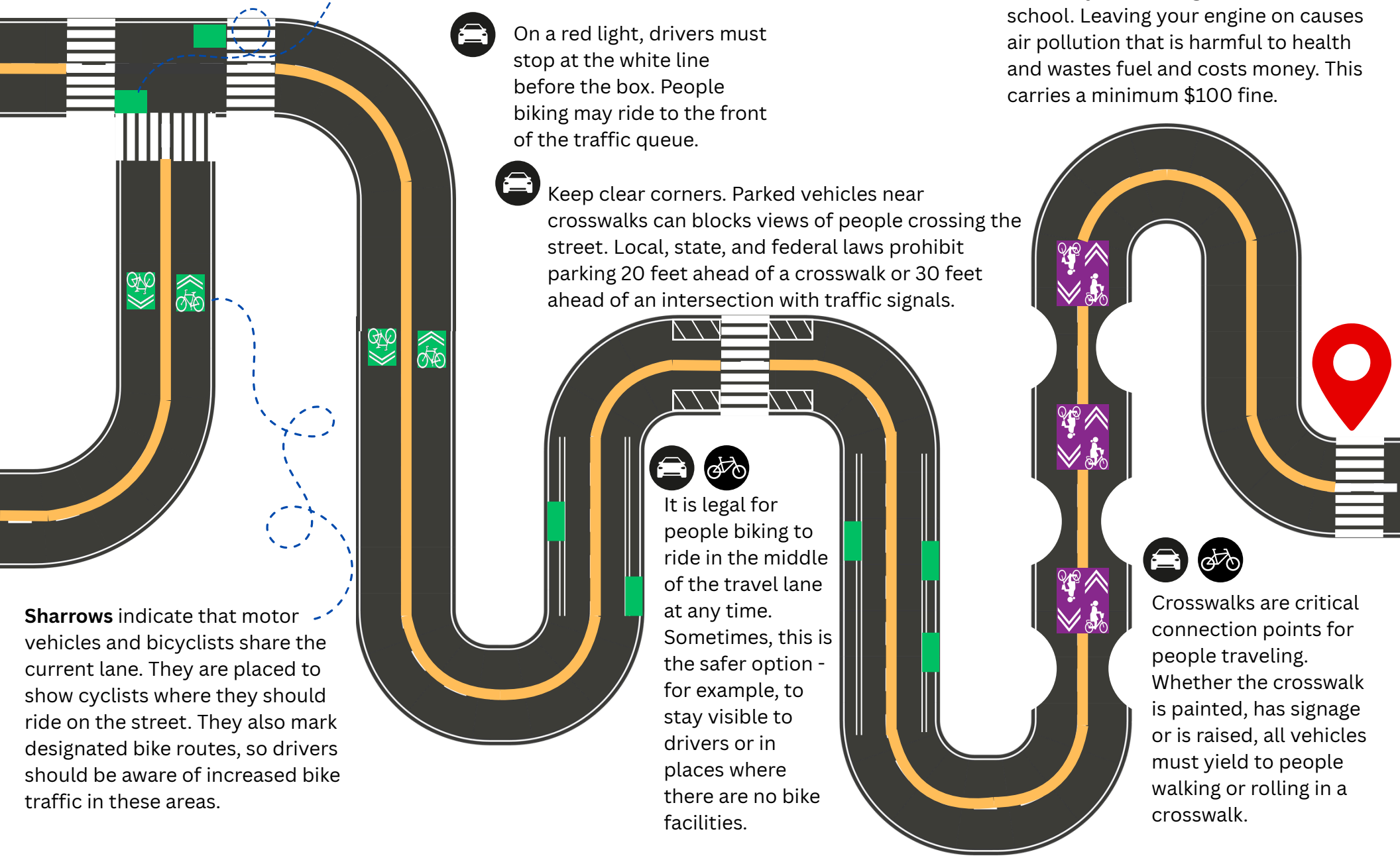
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A **bike box or left-turn box** is a designated waiting space that allows people biking to make themselves visible to drivers while waiting at intersections and minimizes turning conflicts.

On a red light, drivers must stop at the white line before the box. People biking may ride to the front of the traffic queue.

Keep clear corners. Parked vehicles near crosswalks can blocks views of people crossing the street. Local, state, and federal laws prohibit parking 20 feet ahead of a crosswalk or 30 feet ahead of an intersection with traffic signals.

Turn off your car engine outside the school. Leaving your engine on causes air pollution that is harmful to health and wastes fuel and costs money. This carries a minimum $100 fine.



Sharrows indicate that motor vehicles and bicyclists share the current lane. They are placed to show cyclists where they should ride on the street. They also mark designated bike routes, so drivers should be aware of increased bike traffic in these areas.

It is legal for people biking to ride in the middle of the travel lane at any time. Sometimes, this is the safer option - for example, to stay visible to drivers or in places where there are no bike facilities.

Crosswalks are critical connection points for people traveling. Whether the crosswalk is painted, has signage or is raised, all vehicles must yield to people walking or rolling in a crosswalk.

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