

On May 15 to 17, Nova Scotian cyclists will begin four cross-province relays to deliver Bill 93 to the legislature for proclamation. Bill 93 enacts legislation that helps drivers and cyclists to share the road.

Media are encouraged to join us in sharing information about the new laws, and the importance of cycling to Nova Scotians for transportation, recreation and sport. "Bill 93" relays begin on May 16 and end— in Halifax on June 1. Relays will pass through the South Shore, Annapolis Valley, Cape Breton, Amherst/Parrsboro, Highlands, and all points between. A blog will be updated with reflections from the relay participants, showcasing cyclists and routes from various parts of Nova Scotia and the importance of Bill 93.

Below is a summary of the amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act.

- * Drivers are required to leave a minimum of 1m between their vehicle and a cyclist while passing.
- * Drivers may cross the centre line in order to pass a cyclist, when safe to do so.
- * Drivers may not park in a bike lane, or drive in a bike lane except to avoid a hazard or to pass a left turning vehicle – drivers must always yield to a cyclist in a bike lane.
- * Cyclists are to use bike lanes if present on their route and it is safe to do so (i.e. free of hazards).
- * Cyclists must ride single file, unless passing another bicycle.
- * Cyclists may pass on the right of stopped motor vehicles, if safe to do so.
- * Cyclists are to ride on the right side of the road in the direction of traffic, but may use more of the lane when necessary, including when riding through a roundabout, turning left, passing another cyclist or vehicle, or avoiding unsafe road surfaces or obstacles.

To track the current location of each relay and updates from riders, check the Bicycle Nova Scotia web site (bicycle.ns.ca). Supporting organizations include Bicycle Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Bikeways Coalition and Velo Cape Breton.

For further information, please contact relaybill93@gmail.com.

Relay map on following page.



CAPTION AND INFORMATION: The routes followed by the four Bill 93 relays. Cyclists travel on their own or in groups of twos or threes. Legs vary in length with the shortest (Kentville-Wolfville) 12 km and the longest (Parrsboro-Truro) 100 km. Long legs may take two or more days. Each relay carries Bill 93 in a baton passed from cyclist to cyclist, ending at the Legislature at 1:00pm, June 1.