

Driving and Parking Along the Streetcar Route

New Pavement Markings Help Guide Motorists

To ensure the safety of motorists and efficient operation of the streetcar, new pavement markings and signage have been added along the 3.6-mile route. The markings, outlined below, are designed to help motorists understand how to drive and park near this new transportation infrastructure.

Single Solid White Lines

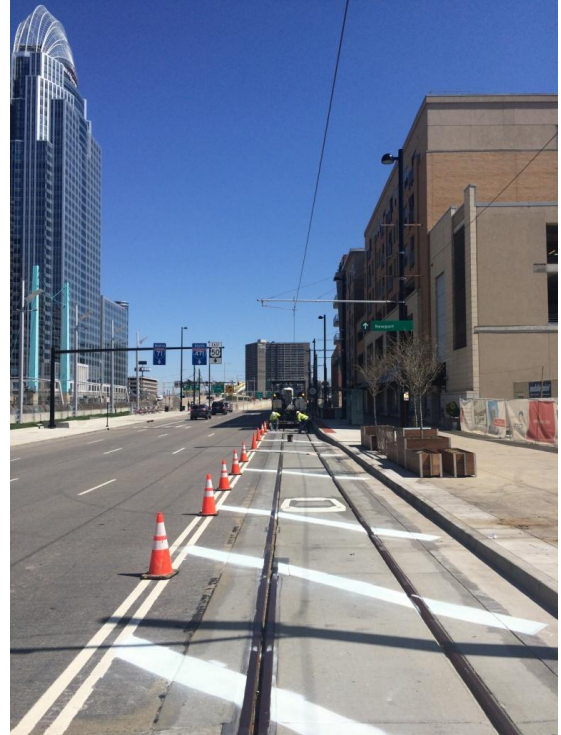
Motorists are allowed to cross over single solid white lines with caution. You see these anywhere along the route with on-street parking. However, when parking, motorists must keep all parts of their vehicle completely within the white line, including side-view mirrors.

Photo below shows example on Walnut just south of Sixth Street.



Double Solid White Lines

Double solid white lines with diagonals indicate six stretches along the route where motorists are not allowed to drive, stop, park or cross over. Only streetcars and Metro buses are allowed in these areas because the streetcar needs extra room to maneuver. See example pictured below on Second Street between Main and Walnut.



Driving in the Streetcar Lane

Motorists, however, are allowed to drive in the streetcar lane in most areas. Example pictured below shows Main Street just south of Seventh.



Stop Bars

Stop bars, extra thick, solid white lines painted horizontally across the width of a street at intersections, help manage the timing of general vehicular traffic moving with the streetcar. In those several areas, stop bars have been placed a few feet before crosswalks to allow the streetcar to begin traveling a few seconds before general traffic. Photos below show examples at Central Parkway at Walnut (left) and Walnut at Third (right).



Streetcar Signals

Special streetcar signals are located in several spots along the route where the tracks cross from one side of the street to the other. The signals direct the streetcar to begin traveling several seconds sooner than normal vehicular traffic so its operator may safely cross in front of the line of traffic. Examples below show a streetcar signal on Race at Elder, and tracks crossing one side of the road to the other.



Parking Regulations

It's especially important for motorists to obey parking regulations along the route. The streetcar cannot operate efficiently or will be delayed if other vehicles are in its way.

Remember, never:

- Park on the streetcar tracks
- Drive, stop, park or cross over the double white lines with diagonals
- Park outside the single solid white lines, including side-view mirrors
- Double park
- Park in a no-parking zone or in a truck unloading zone

Vehicles parked illegally will be towed and/or ticketed.

About the Streetcar

Opening in September 2016, the Cincinnati Streetcar connects The Banks and riverfront, downtown and Over-the-Rhine. The Cincinnati Streetcar is owned and funded by the City of Cincinnati. The Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority manages the streetcar under contract with the City of Cincinnati. Transdev handles day-to-day operations and maintenance activities under contract to SORTA.

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