Protected bus lanes use curbed buffers or bollards to separate the bus network from the other travel lanes. These lanes are often placed in the center of the street. Separated lanes encourage prioritization of transit at signals and can be shared with bicyclists. Center-located bus lanes typically have faster speeds, as they are not slowed by right-turning traffic, but they usually require limiting left turns.

Protected bus lanes

Images (clockwise from main image):
Protected bus lane shared with cyclists.
Source: Active Transportation Alliance.

Additional images:
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