## RIDE OF SILENCE

MAY 19 (7 P.M.): Honoring vulnerable road users who have been injured or killed by traffic violence

## **Group Ride Protocol**

Participants should stay behind the ride leader.

Always ride with traffic on the right side of the road.

Use hand signals when turning, slowing, and stopping. The standard hand signals are left arm out for "left turn," right arm out for "right turn," and left arm down for "stop."

Ride single file, leaving passing gaps for cars.

Call out "car back!" when appropriate.

Point out road hazards.

Ride predictably and obey all traffic laws. Ride in a straight line and remain on the road. Be alert.

You have the right to take possession of a travel lane to set up for a left turn, to pass another vehicle, or to avoid an unsafe situation.

Yield to pedestrians.

## **International Ride of Silence Poem**

## (Can be recited prior to the ride)

Tonight we number many but ride as one

In honor of those not with us, friends, mothers, fathers, sisters, sons

With helmets on tight and heads down low,

We ride in silence, cautious and slow

The wheels start spinning in the lead pack

But tonight we ride and no one attacks

The dark sunglasses cover our tears

Remembering those we held so dear

Tonight's ride is to make others aware

The road is there for all to share

To those not with us or by our side,

We honor you on this silent ride.

