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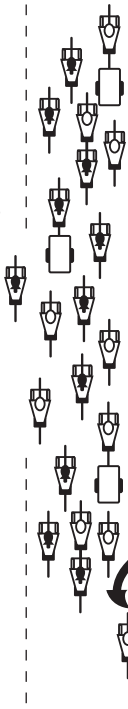
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# WHO, WHEN, AND HOW TO CORK.

**CHICAGO CRITICAL MASS**



**No!**  
Don't cork oncoming traffic in the opposing lane.



Cork both sides of cross streets but only when lights turn red mid-mass.

Remember to mass up and fill in any gaps between riders.

Don't antagonize drivers or escalate potentially dangerous situations by losing your cool.

Have fun! And have a safe ride!

**Yes!**

Carefully park yourself in front of a stopped vehicle. Talk to driver. Be friendly.



**Yes!**

Park yourself alongside a vehicle and talk to the driver. Thank them for their patience. Have them hang tight until all riders are safely past.

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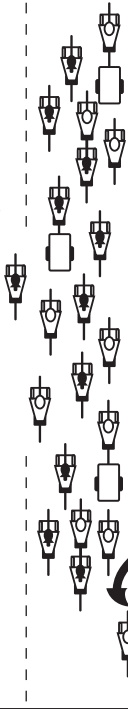
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