

Route Support

Your extraordinary Bike MS experience includes fantastic support. While you ride, you should only be concerned about two things: riding safely and having fun! Below is a list of the volunteer groups supporting the event.

Bike Police

Bike Police are law enforcement officers who volunteer their time for the safety of riders and volunteers. They have the responsibility to ensure riders obey traffic laws and rules governing the ride, as well as assisting in emergencies. Bike Police will take whatever action is necessary to maintain the safety of others, including motor vehicles on the route. Police will warn and, if necessary, remove any unsafe or uncooperative riders from the route, as well as issue tickets in accordance with the law.



Bike Medics

Bike Medics are volunteer riders and certified medical professionals (EMTs, paramedics, and nurses) on the route to provide basic medical assistance until advanced medical arrives. If you need assistance, do not hesitate to ask.



Ride Marshals

Ride Marshals are registered riders on the route that act as Safety Ambassadors by sharing cycling advice and encouraging safe cycling behaviors. Ride Marshals may also perform the role of first responders at accident scenes along ride routes and identify unsafe cyclists to ride officials. In addition, Ride Marshals are often willing to provide basic assistance to riders who may experience problems, such as flat tires, along the route.



Motorcycle Marshals

Motorcycle Marshals on the route assist with cycling traffic and respond to emergencies and traffic situations.



SAG Vehicles

Special Assistance Group (SAG) vehicles provide transportation to riders who need a ride to the next rest stop. SAG vehicles do not stop to make bike repairs, but they will take riders to the next rest stop. SAG vehicles only move a rider forward along the route.



To signal a SAG vehicle driver, follow these steps:

1. Move safely all-the-way off the road and well out of the path of other riders.
2. Dismount and stand near your bike.
3. Remove your helmet and wave it at the SAG vehicle.

Since it is difficult to distinguish a friendly wave from a call for assistance from a moving vehicle, use the SAG signal when you need a ride. Please have patience as SAG vehicles may be full at peak hours. At rest stops, look for a SAG tent or signage.

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Communications - Amateur/HAM Radio Operators

Amateur radio operators form the primary communications network for the Texas MS 150. Operators are assigned to several different groups or stationed at different locations along the route. Team members are located at Central Radio Network Control and event vehicles on the route.

CERT Rest stop Entrance/Exit

CERT Entrance Controllers provide traffic assistance to cyclists at the entrances and exits of the rest stops. Primary responsibilities include providing a safe environment for cyclists to dismount and directing cyclists to the bike lay down area. Entrance Controllers help ensure cyclist safety by keeping bike traffic continuously moving, encouraging the cyclists, giving information and creating an orderly, enjoyable atmosphere.



Medical Support Team

The medical support team consists of certified medical professionals (EMTs, paramedics and nurses) who administer First-Aid, assisted by volunteers who are trained in CPR. The support locations include rest stops, lunch, overnight, finish, and along the route as rovers.



Mechanical Support

Bike Store Sponsors will be available at start locations, rest stops, lunch and overnight locations along the route to provide minor repairs. If you encounter a mechanical problem while riding and need assistance, move completely off to the side of the road and signal a SAG vehicle.



Additional Route Support

Rest Stops

Rest stops are located every 10-12 miles along the route and feature individually packaged snacks (sweet and salty), whole fruit, sports drink, and water. In addition, first aid stations, mechanical support, and restroom facilities are provided to meet all your needs. Please use the restroom facilities at the rest stops, lunches, and overnight locations.

Route Markings

Follow the directional signs along the route marked with arrows. The route signs are located at each turn and along the straightaways.

Communities on the Route

Please be respectful of the communities that support and welcome the Bike MS: Texas MS 150! Their hospitality makes this event possible.