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BU police stop more than 150 bicyclists for alleged traffic violations on Comm. Ave.

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Boston University police stopped more than 150 bicyclists who allegedly violated traffic rules while riding along Commonwealth Avenue during a three-day span last week, school officials said.

While only 10 of the cyclists stopped last week received a citation, officers plan to be less forgiving as they continue the bicycle safety campaign this week.

Campus police told the university news website [BU Today](#) that they plan to fine any cyclist who is stopped during the remainder of the initiative.

“They’re trying to inform cyclists that they have the same responsibilities as vehicles,” university spokesman Colin Riley said. “It’s for their safety as well.”

“We’ve had pedestrians hit by bicyclists and bicyclists hit by vehicles,” along the

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stretch of Commonwealth Avenue where BU's campus is located, he said.

"There's been a tremendous increase in the number of cyclists riding in the new bike paths in Boston, and it's not limited to Comm. Ave."

Riley confirmed the school news website's report that 152 cyclists stopped last Monday, Wednesday and Friday for violations including running red lights or riding on sidewalks were warned by officers, and 10 of them were given \$20 citations.

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