## NAVIGATING WITH YOUR PHONE AND AN AUDIO EARBUD

This is a brief how-to for navigating using Ride with GPS & **ONE**\* Bluetooth wireless earbud. One of our club members have been using this approach for over a year and has found it very useful.

1. If you're already a Ride with GPS subscriber, you're set. If not, have a look at this <u>FFBC web page</u>. Free membership is available to all, however it won't provide the necessary audio. You'll need a paid subscription (your own or one provided by your bike club – which FFBC does provide) and an audio device.

Without a paid subscription you can see the route on your phone but no audio directions will be provided. With a paid subscription like the FFBC provides, you will get audio directions on the phone, however earbuds make it much easier to hear.

- Get some Sports and Exercise Wireless Earbuds the ones with "earhooks" that will hold better. Amazon recommends these. Make sure they're charged the day before the ride.
- 3. The night before the ride, log in to Ride with GPS and download the route to your cell phone.
- 4. On the day of the ride, log in to Ride with GPS and select the route from your library. When you're ready to start riding, choose "navigate".
- 5. Since you've downloaded the route, you have the option of putting your phone in Airplane Mode to save power. However not all phones will navigate properly in Airplane Mode.
- 6. On your cell phone, turn on Bluetooth and pair with your earbud. Adjust the volume to your liking.
- 7. When the ride ends, stop navigation, save your ride and photos. Turn off Airplane Mode (if enabled), return the earbud to its' charging case.

(Optional) Automatically import rides from Ride with GPS into Strava.

\*Riding with two earbuds is dangerous (and illegal) - please don't.

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