

## What does the *Bicycles May Use Full Lane* sign mean?

It is meant to encourage bicyclists to ride toward center of the lane, if necessary, and to give notice to motorists that bicyclists may be in the middle of the lane and that motorists should change lanes to pass the bicyclist.

## When are *Bicycles May Use Full Lane* signs used?

The *Bicycles May Use Full Lane* sign may be used on roadways with no bicycle lanes or adjacent shoulders usable by bicyclists and where travel lanes are too narrow for bicyclists and motor vehicles to operate side by side. The *Bicycles May Use Full Lane* sign may be used in locations where it is important to inform road users that bicyclists may occupy the travel lane in order to prevent unsafe passing.

## What is the purpose of bicycle lanes?

- Reduce unsafe behaviors of both motorist and bicyclist.
- Reduce related traffic injuries.
- Reduce high incidence of "dooring."
- Reduce wrong-way riding.
- Reduce sidewalk riding.
- Reduce motorists squeezing bicyclists
- Reduce motorists against the curb or parked cars, or exhibiting other aggressive behaviors.
- Encourage bicyclist and motorist to take the safest path where the lane is narrow and must be shared.



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## Bicycle Lanes Information Guide:

### SHARROWS



## What is a 'sharrow' lane?



Shared lane pavement markings (or “sharrows”) are bicycle symbols that are placed in the roadway lane indicating that motorists should expect to see and share the lane with bicycles. Unlike bicycle lanes, they do not designate a particular part of the roadway for the use of bicyclists.

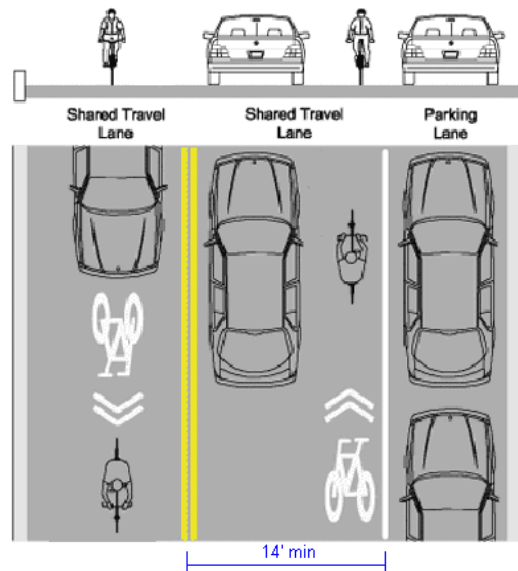
### What do sharrows mean for bicyclists and motorists?

#### Motorists:

- Expect to see bicyclists on the street
- Remember to give bicyclists three feet of space when passing
- Follow the rules of the road as if there were no sharrows

#### Bicyclists:

- Use the sharrow to guide where you ride within the lane
- Remember not to ride too close to parked cars
- Follow the rules of the road as if there were no sharrows



## Questions & Answers

**Q.** If I see these markings in a lane, is the lane only for bikes?

**A.** No. This marking is used for shared lanes; lanes that are used by bicyclists and motorists. Shared lanes are different than bike lanes which are set aside for bicyclists and are marked by a solid white line and a different symbol.

**Q.** Bicyclists riding over this marking will take the entire lane. Aren't they supposed to move to the right?

**A.** Not always, bicyclists are to stay to the right except to pass other bicyclists or vehicles, to prepare to make a left turn, or when necessary to avoid conditions that make it unsafe to continue along the right.

**Q.** If I don't see these markings, then it's not a shared lane and bicyclists aren't supposed to be there?

**A.** No, bicyclists can ride on any street except where specified not to.