

SHARED LANE MARKING FAQ

What is the purpose of this marking?

This “Shared Lane Marking” is intended to inform cyclists and motorists where a travel lane is shared by both modes. It has been shown to be helpful in situations where motorists may squeeze cyclists against the curb, where it may not be obvious where cyclists should be riding, such as intersections with multiple turn lanes, or where cyclists commonly ride too close to parked cars.

If I see this marking in a lane, is the lane only for bikes?

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

If I don't see this marking, can I still use the travel lane?

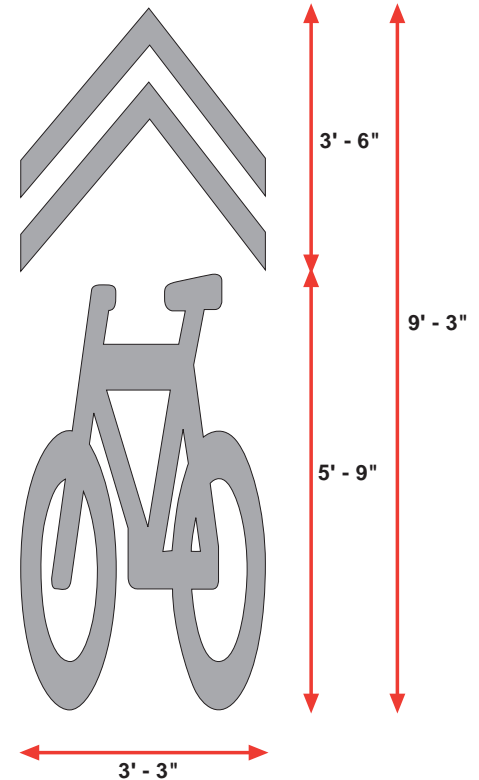
Yes, cyclists can ride on any street except for those with signs explicitly prohibiting cyclists, such as along College Avenue to the north of Harmony Road.

I've never seen this marking before. Why is it proposed for this project?

There has not been an official marking to use on streets with shared lanes. Experience with this marking throughout the country is that a separate shared lane symbol helps clarify the purpose of the lane to both motorists and cyclists. This marking will probably become a national standard in the next edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

What are the advantages of using the shared lane marking?

1. The Shared lane markings have a positive influence on motorist and cyclist behavior, positions, and safety.
2. Shared lane markings reduce wrong-way riding and sidewalk riding.
3. The Bike-and-chevron marking has a strong impact on motorist positioning and in reducing wrong-way riding and is preferred by cyclists.



Bike-and-chevron symbol

