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### **What is it?**

A **buffered bike lane** increases the distance between bicycles and the adjacent travel lane or parked cars. Buffers usually appear as painted stripes on the pavement.

### **Why are buffered bike lanes used?**

- ▲ They provide extra separation between bicyclists in the bicycle lane and other traffic in the travel lane. This separation can add comfort for bicyclists because they don't feel like they are right next to traffic.
- ▲ When used next to on-street parking, the buffer area provides bicyclists with space to avoid the "door zone" of parked cars.



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## What do buffered bike lanes mean for cyclists and drivers?

### Drivers:

- ▲ Do not drive in the buffer zone.
- ▲ Where there is on-street parking next to a buffered bicycle lane:
  - △ Do not park in the buffer zone.
  - △ Be cautious when exiting your vehicle, if located next to a buffered bicycle lane. Look for bicyclists before opening your door and when crossing the bicycle lane.

### Bicyclists:

- ▲ Ride predictably within the bicycle lane and be courteous to other users around you.
- ▲ Do not ride in the buffer zone.
- ▲ Be aware of people exiting parked cars.



### For more information

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