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### **What is it?**

Shared lane markings or **sharrows** identify where bicyclists should position themselves within the travel lane. Where sharrows are present, bicycles and cars share the lane.

### **Why are sharrows used?**

Sharrows are painted in travel lanes to remind motorists that they should expect to see and share the road with bicyclists. They may be used on popular bicycling streets where there is insufficient room to install a bike lane or on lightly traveled roadways where bicycle travel is encouraged.



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*Where sharrows are present, bicycles and cars share the travel lane. Bicyclists should ride through the sharrow to increase their visibility and to avoid the “door zone.”*

## **What do sharrows mean for drivers and cyclists?**

### **Drivers:**

- ▲ Expect to see bicyclists using the travel lane and share the road with them.
- ▲ There is not room for bicyclists and motorists to operate side-by-side, so motorists should slow down and either wait for the bicyclist to turn off the roadway or wait until it is safe to move into an adjacent travel lane.

### **Bicyclists:**

- ▲ Use the sharrow to guide where you ride within the travel lane. Usually, it's through the center of the marking.
- ▲ Use placement of the sharrow to remember not to ride too close to parked cars.



### **For more information**

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