



Shared Lane Pavement Markings

Shared lane markings are bicycle symbols that are placed in a vehicular travel lane on a designated bicycle route that is too narrow for a motor vehicle and a bicycle to travel side by side within the same traffic lane. Unlike bicycle lanes, shared lane markings do not designate a particular part of the road for bicycle use. Shared lane markings provide a visible cue to bicyclists and motorists that bicyclists are expected and welcome in the roadway.

What do shared lane markings mean for motorists?

- ☆ *Bicycles are expected on the roadway, give them at least 3' when passing*

What do shared lane markings mean for bicyclists?

- ☆ *Follow the markings for the most appropriate location to bicycle with respect to moving traffic and parked cars*

What are the benefits of shared lane markings? Shared lane markings have been shown to:

- ☆ *Reduce the chance of a bicyclist being impacted by the open door of a parked vehicle,*
- ☆ *Reduce the incidence of wrong way bicycling,*
- ☆ *Increase the distance between motorists passing bicyclists.*

What do shared lane markings look like?

- ☆ *Shared lane markings include a double arrow pointing in the direction of vehicle traffic to indicate that bicyclists should also ride in this direction.*

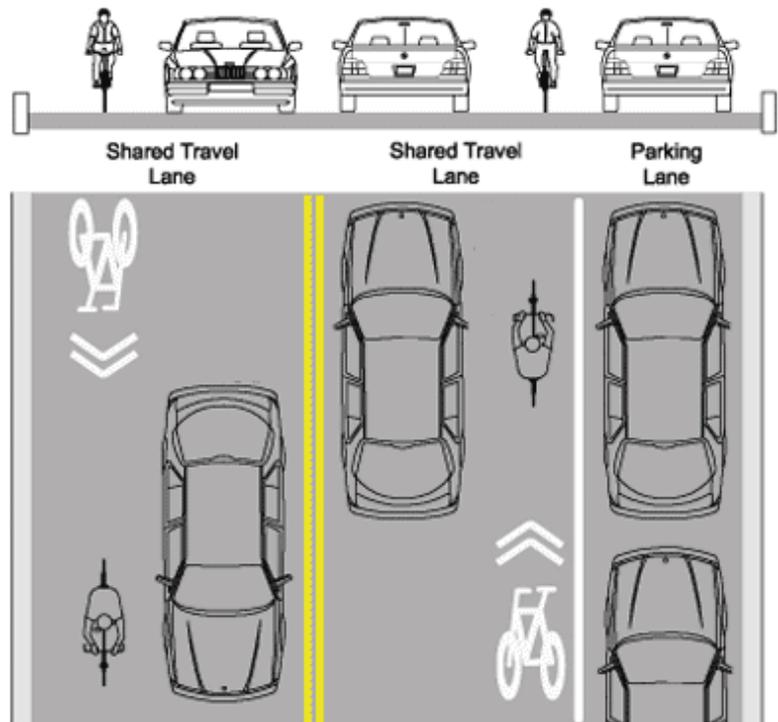
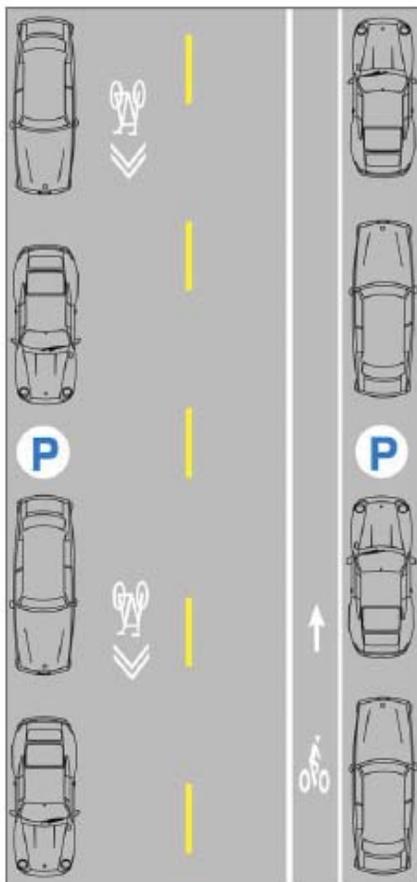


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