

Examples (From L to R): Annandale Rd,
Sherwood Hall Ln, Lawyers Rd



BIKE LANES

Are for biking; NOT driving, parking, walking or running



WHAT IS A BIKE LANE?

Bike lanes are designated spaces for bicyclists adjacent to the vehicular travel lane. Bike lanes are separated from travel lanes by solid white lines, marked with a symbol of a person riding a bicycle, and often have arrows to indicate the direction of travel.

Bike lanes facilitate predictable behavior and movements between bicyclists and motorists. However, bicyclists may leave the bike lane to pass other bicyclists, make left turns, and avoid obstacles such as debris, opening car doors or conflicts with other road users.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

DRIVERS

- Do **NOT** drive in the bike lane.
- Do **NOT** park in the bike lane.
- Use turn signals and yield to bicyclists when crossing a bike lane for turning and parking. Use extra caution when turning right.
- After parking, look over your left shoulder for bicyclists before opening your car door.

BICYCLISTS

- Follow all traffic laws and ride in the same direction as motor vehicle traffic.
- Use hand signals when merging or turning.
- Watch for people exiting parked cars.
- Watch for buses which may need to block the bike lane to access curbside bus stops.

PEDESTRIANS

- Do NOT walk, run, or stand in the bike lane.

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Examples (From L to R): Westpark Dr, Annandale Rd, Backlick Rd

SHARROWS

Reminding road users to share the lane



WHAT IS A SHARROW?

Sharrows, also known as shared lane markings, are pavement markings used to remind drivers and bicyclists to share the lane. Sharrows visually reinforce the legitimacy of bicycle traffic on the street, remind bicyclists to ride with the flow of traffic and indicate the correct position for a bicyclist within the travel lane.

Sharrows help complete the bicycle network by marking routes that are too narrow for a full five-foot bike lane next to the travel lane.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

DRIVERS

- Expect to see bicyclists using the travel lane.
- Slow down and wait until there is a sufficient gap in oncoming traffic before passing.
- Give bicyclists at least three (3) feet of space when passing.
- After parallel parking, look over your left shoulder for bicyclists before opening your car door.

BICYCLISTS

- Use the tip of the arrows to guide where you should ride within the lane.
- Avoid the door zone next to parked cars whenever possible.
- Ride predictably in the direction of motor vehicle travel. Avoid weaving in and out of the parking lane and use hand signals when merging or turning.

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