Shared Lane Markings - SHARROWS

Shared Lane Markings or "Sharrows" are street markings placed on City streets to inform bicyclists and motorists where a travel lane is shared by both.

Unlike bicycle lanes, sharrows do not designate a particular part of the street for the exclusive use of bicyclists.

Sharrows are used where bicycles and motor vehicles share streets; where there is not enough room for separate vehicle and bicycle lanes.

The Sharrow is intended to:

- Provide guidance to bicyclists as to where they should ride on a shared roadway.
- Reduce wrong-way riding and sidewalk riding.
- Positively influence motorist and cyclist behavior, positions and safety.

All traffic signs and markings are established by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Like any new sign included in the MUTCD, the Sharrow was studied for several years before approval by the Federal Highway Administration. Sharrows are a tool to help road users learn to share the road and at the same time maximize existing infrastructure.

What do Sharrows mean for motorists and bicyclists?

Motorists:

- Expect to see bicyclists on the street.
- Remember to give bicyclists space when passing.
- Follow the rules of the road as if there were no sharrows.

Bicyclists:

- Use the sharrow to guide where you ride within the lane.
- Remember not to ride too close to parked cars.
- Follow the rules of the road as if there were no sharrows.















