

SHARED LANE MARKINGS

ALSO KNOWN AS
“SHARROWS”



1. What are Shared Lane Markings?

Shared Lane Markings are symbols painted in the roadway to indicate a **shared lane environment for bicyclists and motorists**.

2. How do Shared Lane Markings benefit bicyclists?

Shared Lane Markings reinforce the legitimacy of bicycle riding on the street and alert motorists to the presence of bicyclists. Shared Lane Markings reduce the incidence of wrong-way bicycling and provide a visual reference for bicyclists to position themselves within the travel lane, reducing the chance of conflict or impact with doors opening from parked cars.

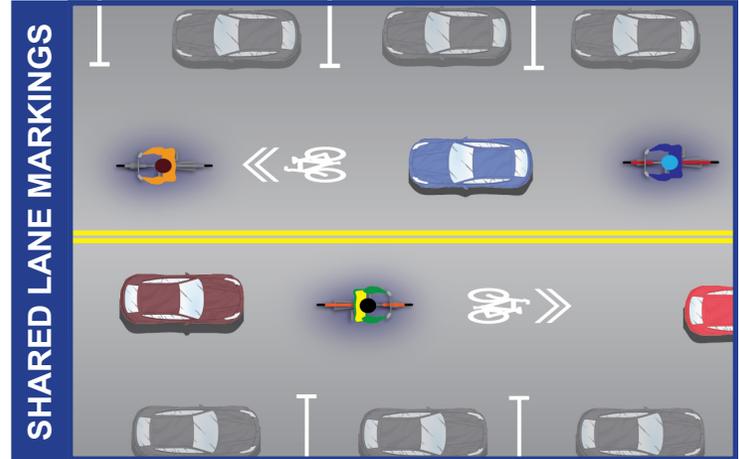
3. How do Shared Lane Markings benefit motorists?

Shared Lane Markings alert motorists to the positioning bicyclists are likely to occupy within the traveled way and encourage safe passing of bicyclists.



4. Do Shared Lane Markings differ from Bicycle Lanes?

Yes. Shared Lane Markings indicate a **shared** travel space for bicyclists and motorists. Bicycle Lanes designate an **exclusive** space for bicyclists adjacent to motor vehicle traffic. The symbols used and typical configuration of Shared Lane Markings and Bicycle Lanes differ as depicted to the right.



5. Is more information available?

Yes. Shared Lane Markings are a single tool in a vast effort to create *Complete Streets* that safely accommodate all modes of travel. Additional resources are available at:

- <http://njbikeped.org/>
- <http://nacto.org/>
- <http://www.pedbikeinfo.org/>

