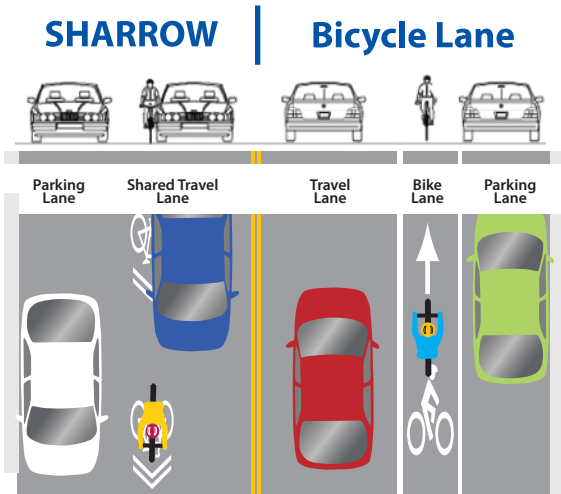


What is the difference between a SHARROW and a bicycle lane?

A bicycle lane is a portion of the roadway that has been designated for the preferential use of bicyclists. Bike lanes are marked with a 6" stripe, periodic bike symbols and arrows, and roadside signage.

SHARROWS or shared lane pavement markings are bicycle symbols that are placed in the roadway lane indicating that motorists should expect to share the lane with bicycles and vice-versa. SHARROWS also serve to guide bicyclists away from the hazardous "door zone" beside parked cars, and function as positioning cues. Bicyclists should ride centered over the SHARROW symbol.



Types of bicycle facilities:

Class 1 - Multi-Use Path: a completely separated right of way for the exclusive use of bicycles and pedestrians with cross flows of motorized traffic minimized.

Class 2 - Bike Lane: a striped and signed lane for one-way bike travel on a street or highway.

Class 3 - Bike Route: signing only for shared use with motor vehicles within the same travel lane on a street or highway. SHARROWS fall into this category of bicycle facility.

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