



Public Works Division
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SHARROW – SHARED LANE MARKING

These roadway markings are shared lane markings or “sharrows”. Sharrows are painted in travel lanes to remind motorists that they should expect to see and share the road with bicyclists. Where sharrows are present, bicycles and cars share the road. They may be used on streets used regularly by bicyclists, but where there is insufficient room to install a bike lane. They may also be used on light traffic roadways where bicycle travel is encouraged.

Watch for these new markings the next time you are on the street and remember to “share the road”.



WHAT DO THESE MEAN FOR DRIVERS AND BICYCLISTS?



DRIVERS

Should expect to see bicyclists using the road and share the road with them. There is not enough room for cars and bikes to operate side by side, so motorists should slow down and either wait for the bicyclist to turn off the road or pass slowly and carefully.

BICYCLISTS

Should use the center of the sharrow to guide where you ride in the travel lane. The placement of the sharrows helps riders to remember not to ride too close to parked cars.



SHARE THE ROAD

Sharrows don't designate a particular part of the street for the exclusive use of cyclists. Sharrows do emphasize the presence of bikes and remind all users to share the road safely.

For more information, please contact the McMinnville Public Works Division at 503.434.7316.