



Shared Lane Pavement Markings

What are Sharrows?

Sharrows are pavement markings installed in travel lanes, reminding motorists that they should expect to see and share the road with bicyclists by slowing down and passing only when safe, giving at least three feet of clearance when passing.

What do Sharrows mean for bicyclists and drivers?

For Bicyclists:

Use the sharrow to guide where you ride within the lane; generally through the center of the sharrow. Remember not to ride too close to parked cars, watch for opening doors and be aware of your surroundings and follow the rules of the road.

For Drivers:

Expect to see and share the road with bicyclist on the street. Remember to give bicyclists space when passing, at least three feet of clearance is required. Be aware of your surroundings and follow the rules of the road.



So, if I don't see Sharrows, then it's not a shared lane and bicyclists aren't supposed to be there?

No. Bicyclists can ride on any street in Northbrook except for Interstates and other highways with signs specifically prohibiting bicyclists.

In general, motorist and bicyclist have equal right to use the roadway and should accommodate each other. We encourage bicyclists to use helmets for their own protection. Drivers and bicyclists should always be looking out for each other.

The public is invited to attend the Northbrook Bicycle Task Force meetings held on the second Wednesday of each odd numbered month at 7:00 pm. For more information please contact Jim Baxa at 847-664-4056.