

Bicycle Facilities in Jefferson City, MO

A informational guide for motorists and bicyclists

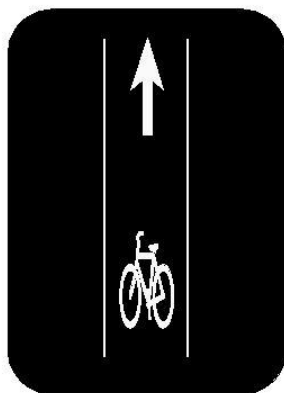


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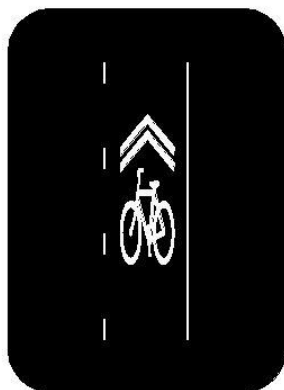
Signs and Pavement Symbols/Striping

Bike Lane Symbol



A bike lane symbol is made up of a bike emblem and an arrow. It is used in conjunction with a solid white stripe to the left of the symbol.

Sharrow



A sharrow symbol is made up of a bike emblem and two chevrons. It can be used by itself or can be used to designate a shared bike lane when used in conjunction with a dashed white stripe to the left of the symbol.

Typical Bike Signs



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Bike Lanes

Bike lanes provide dedicated space on the roadway for bicycles to use. Bike lanes are separated from the lane used by motor vehicles by a solid white line. Bike lanes are also marked with a white bicycle symbol and arrow on the pavement and are signed at regular intervals.

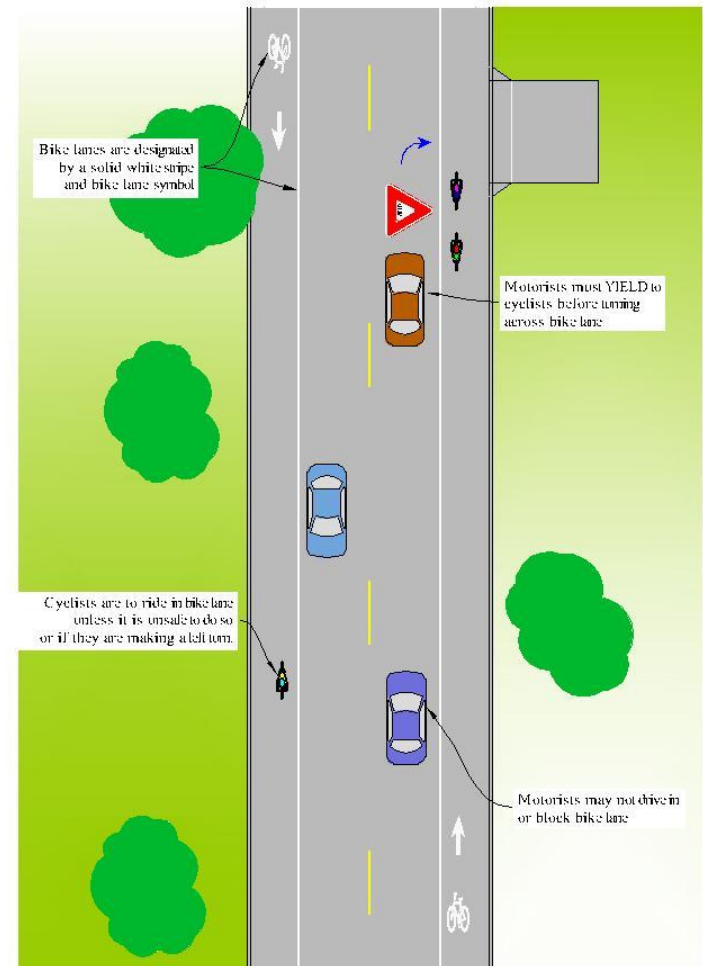
As a bike lane approaches an intersection or bus stop, a dashed line may be used instead of a solid white line to indicate the space is shared by motorists and bicyclists. A dashed line may also be used to stripe the bike lane through intersections.

When you drive:

- Whenever you cross a bike lane to prepare for a turn or to park, always yield to through bicyclists.
- A bike lane is restricted to bicycle traffic, except in instances when you need to turn, enter or leave the roadway, or park adjacent to the bike lane where parking is permitted.
- When parking next to a bike lane, always look for approaching bicyclists before opening your door.
- There is no law that requires a bicyclist to ride in a bike lane. Even on street with bike lanes, expect to see bicyclists in other lanes.
- Do not park in a bike lane.

When you bike:

- As you approach an intersection, use caution and assume turning or merging motorists do not see you. Wait behind motorists who are in the shared space preparing to turn.
- Whenever you enter or exit a bike lane, Make sure to look behind you, signal, and yield to vehicles already in adjacent travel lanes
- Always travel in the same direction as traffic.
- There is no law that requires you to ride in a bike lane. You should use adjacent lanes to pass another cyclist, to avoid being too close to parked cars, to avoid obstructions or unsafe conditions or to prepoare for a turn.



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Shared Bike Lanes

Shared bike lanes are used on streets that are too narrow for dedicated bike lanes. Shared bike lanes look like dedicated bike lanes, except a dashed line is used in place of a solid bike lane stripe. A dashed line indicates to drivers that they may drive in the shared bike lane when a bicyclist is not present.

Shared bike lanes do not narrow the travel lanes or reduce the amount of roadway space that can be used by motor vehicles.

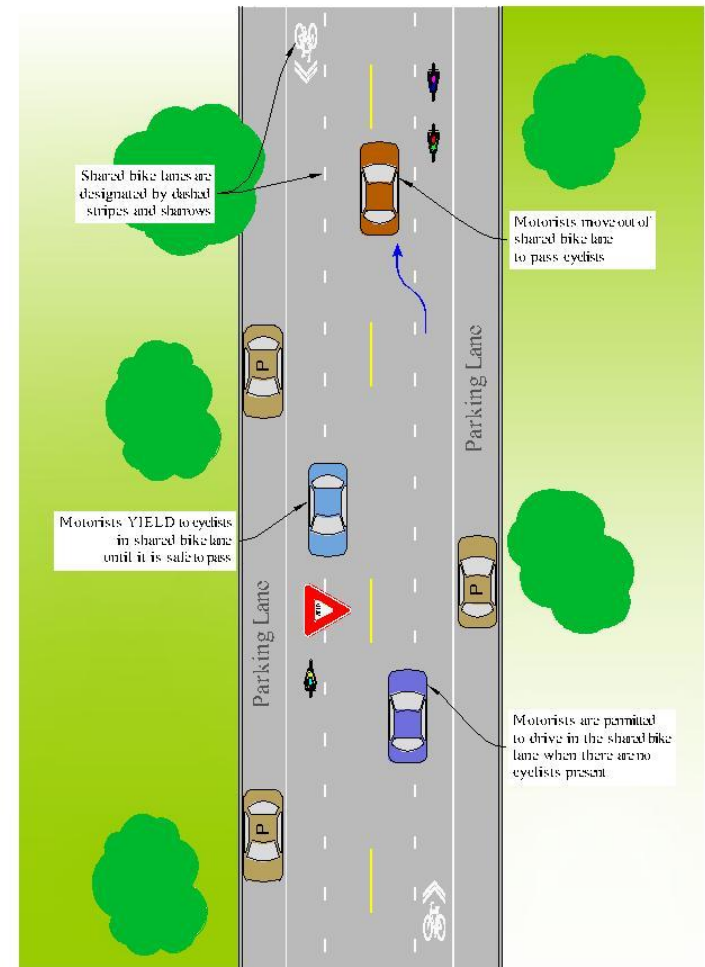
Shared bike lanes bring greater awareness to the roadway as a shared space and improves roadway safety.

When you drive:

- Drive as you would on any City street staying to the right of oncoming traffic
- It is OK to drive in the shared lane when bicyclists are not present.
- If a bicycle is in the shared bike lane remain behind the bike until it is safe to pass.
- When the roadway is clear and it is safe to pass move completely out of the shared lane and pass at a safe speed and distance from the cyclist.

When you bike:

- Watch for motorists driving in or merging into the shared lane.
- Always use caution and assume that turning or merging motor vehicles may not see you.
- When leaving the bike lane (such as to make a left turn) look behind you and signal your intentions.



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Sharrows

Shared lane markings or “sharrows” (derived from “Shared” and “Arrows”) are pavement markings used to mark a designated bike route. Placed in the travel lane, they encourage bicyclists to ride in a safe position outside of the door zone (where driver's side doors of parked cars open).

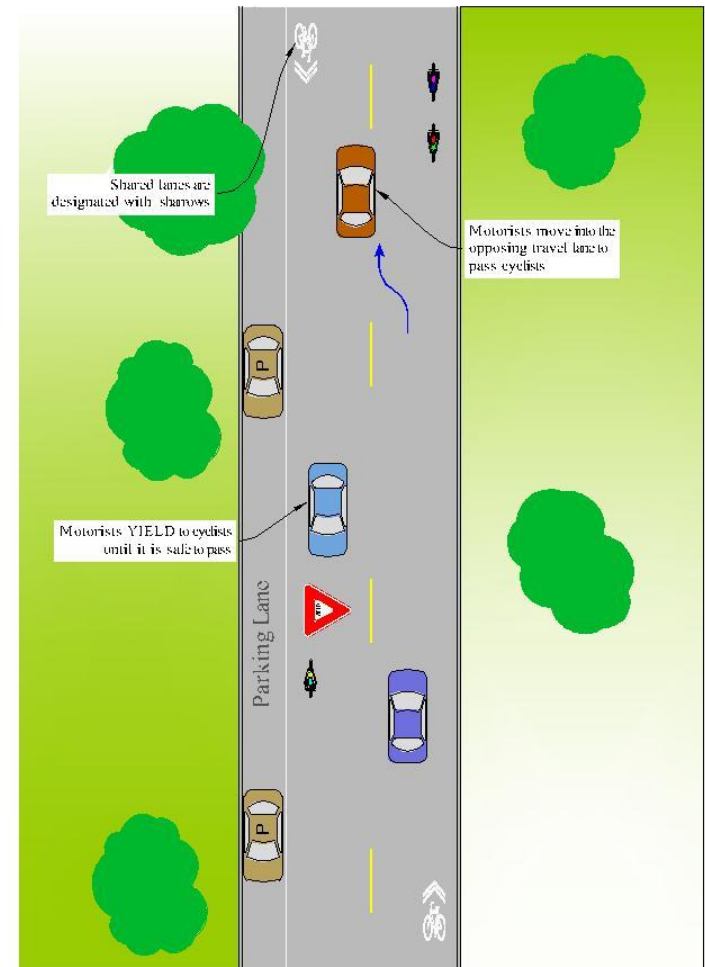
Sharrows include a bicycle symbol and a double chevron indicating the direction of travel. They do not designate any part of the roadway as exclusive to either the motorists or bicyclists. Rather, the symbols highlight the fact that the travel lane is shared.

When you drive

- Motor vehicles are permitted to drive in travel lanes where sharrows are present. Bicyclists may be traveling in the same lane. Travel behind them until it is safe to pass.
- You are allowed to drive on or over the markings and are not restricted to driving to the left of the symbols.
- As with any street, bicyclists are allowed to ride on the road. If you find yourself driving behind a bicyclist and need to pass, overtake the bicyclist at a safe speed and safe clearance. Often, you will need to change lanes to pass bicyclists.

When you bike:

- You may, but are not required to, ride on or over the shared lane markings. While the markings are placed in a location to keep you out of the door zone, you should always ride where you feel most comfortable and safe.
- Always travel in the same direction as traffic, as indicated by the direction of the shared lane markings.
- When you need to change lanes look behind you and signal your intentions.



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