



Sonoma Avenue has

SHARROWS

RULES OF THE ROAD

SHARROWS indicate where a bicyclist should ride in the travel lane.

- When parked cars are present bicyclists should ride **centered over the SHARROW symbol**.
- When there are long stretches of roadway without parked cars, bicyclists should ride **as far to the right of the roadway as practicable** and allow vehicles to safely pass.

Bicyclists should keep a **straight line** and not move in and out of parked cars and other obstacles. **Ride centered over the SHARROW symbol** to keep a safe distance from parked cars.

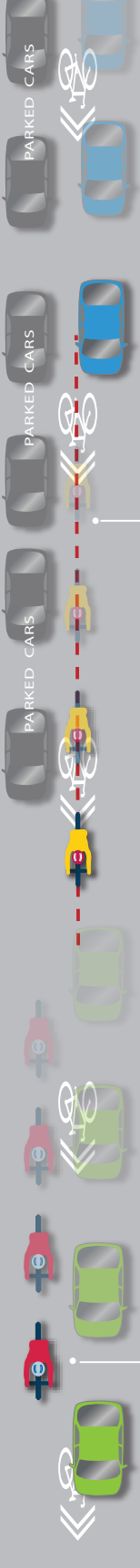
Bicyclists should ALWAYS ride in the **same direction** as traffic.

Motorists may pass a bicyclist on the left, **when safe to do so**.

SHARE THE ROAD



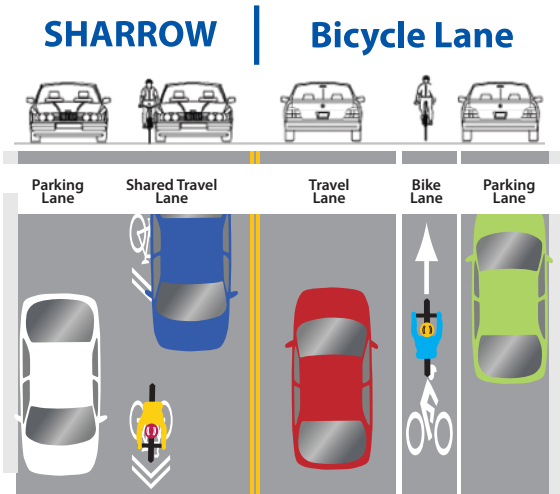
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What is the difference between a SHARROW and a bicycle lane?

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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