

Shared Lane Markings Have Arrived

Information for Bicyclists and Motorists



What is the shared lane marking?

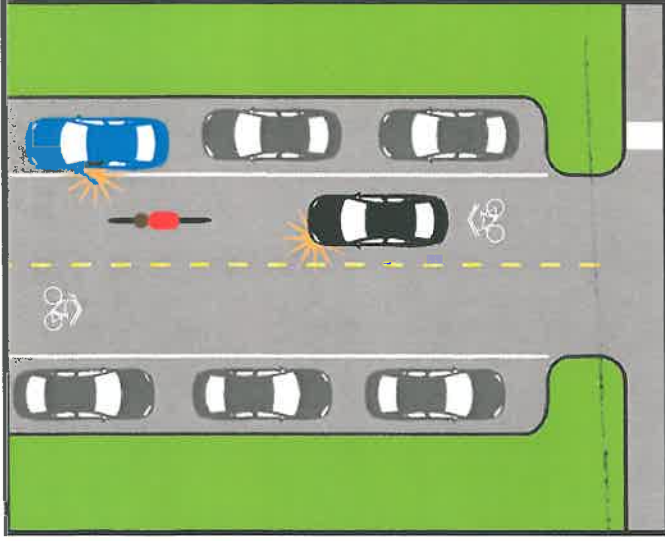
The new shared lane marking helps bicyclists and motorists share the road safely. Shared lane markings help bicyclists decide where to ride in a lane and remind drivers to expect bicyclists on the road. Under Florida law, all roads except expressway can be used by bicyclists — whether or not they have shared lane markings.

How do bicyclists use shared lane markings?

Ride over the shared lane marking in the same direction as other traffic. Use the marking as a guide to stay away from the opening door of parked cars and to be more visible at intersections. If you need to change lanes to make a turn or avoid a hazard, look behind for other vehicles, use hand signals and merge safely.

How do motorists use shared lane markings?

It is okay to drive over shared lane markings but yield to any bicyclists on the road in front of you. If you need to pass a bicyclist, use caution and give at least three feet. When parked look for bicyclists before opening the door.



What does this mean for you?

Bicyclists

- Ride over shared lane markings and stay away from parked cars.
- Ride in the same direction as other traffic.
- Look, signal and merge before turning.

Motorists

- Drive over shared lane marking if bicyclists are not present.
- Always expect bicyclists on the road and give at least three feet if you need to pass.
- Remember that bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists.



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