



SHARROWS

WHAT ARE SHARROWS?

Sharrows (shared lane markings) are pavement markings that are installed within shared travel lanes (lanes shared by cars and bicycles). The marking is a bicycle with a chevron above it.

WHY ARE THEY USED?

Sharrows can be helpful on streets where there is insufficient space to add bicycle lanes. Sharrows help cyclists position themselves within the lane safely to avoid being squeezed off the road or hit by suddenly opened car doors.

If a cyclist is riding too close to the curb and a motorist attempts to pass the cyclist too closely, the cyclist could crash into the curb and fall off of their bike.

If a cyclist is riding too close to parked cars, and somebody were to open a car door, the cyclist could possibly get injured, especially if there was passing automobile traffic. By riding through the center of the sharrow, the cyclist positions themselves a safe distance from the curb or parked cars.

SHARROW SIGNAGE

The City of Cincinnati has developed signage for corridors where sharrows have been installed. The sign informs motorists that they should change lanes in order to safely pass cyclists.

