



Village of Larchmont

Bike Lane Guidelines and Safety Tips



SHARROWS



Sharrows are lanes shared between cars and bicycles, indicated by the symbol above. They alert motorists to expect bicycles and reduce wrong-way cycling.

BIKE LANES



Bike lanes are a portion of the road separated for use by bicycles only, indicated by the symbol above.

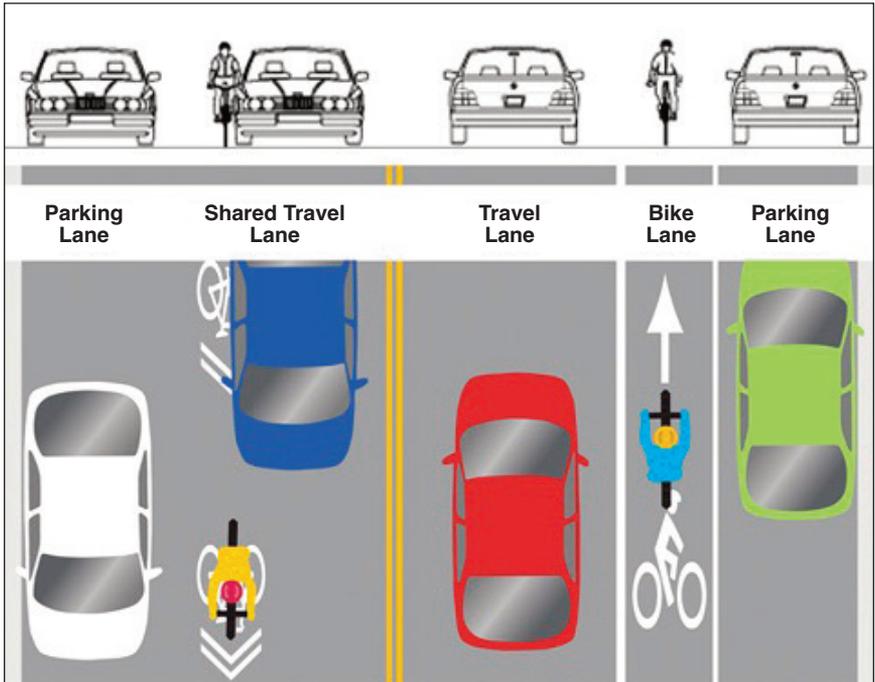


Diagram: Village of Tinley Park, Illinois: Bicycling and Complete Streets

This diagram illustrates the position of bicycles and cars on a road with both bike lanes and sharrows.

For Cyclists

- ✓ Cyclists are permitted on all streets throughout the Village, even when there is no designated bike lane.
- ✓ Cyclists must use marked bike lanes when available, except when making turns or when it is unsafe to do so. Ride in the left portion of the bike lane when adjacent to parked cars to avoid hitting open car doors, known as being 'doored'.
- ✓ Cyclists and Sharrows: Cyclists may take the full lane, but where possible, should stay towards the right to allow cars to pass on their left. Always be aware when passing parked cars to avoid being 'doored'.
- ✓ Cyclists must ride in the direction of traffic.
- ✗ Cyclists are NOT permitted on SIDEWALKS anywhere in the Village. It's the LAW and it's not safe for pedestrians. If you must be on the sidewalk, dismount and walk your bicycle.

Cyclists are subject to all traffic regulations of the Village of Larchmont and NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law:

- ▶ Stop at all red lights and stop signs.
- ▶ Yield to pedestrians when turning across crosswalks
- ▶ Signal for all turns
- ▶ Helmets are required for anyone 13 years and under.
- ▶ A bell or horn is required.
- ▶ Reflectors are a must and headlights are required for night riding.
- ▶ Do not use cell phones while riding
- ▶ Earbuds can only be used in 1 ear

For Drivers

- ✓ Drivers must always remember that cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as themselves. Drivers are required to exercise "due care" to avoid colliding with cyclists.
- ✓ Drivers should make scanning for cyclists second nature, give plenty of clearance when passing them, and give them the right-of-way when appropriate.
- ✓ Use the DUTCH REACH. Instead of using your door-side (left) arm to open the door, reach over with your other (right) arm. This simple behavioral shift causes a driver to look back naturally and see whether or not there are oncoming cyclists.
- ✓ Check for cyclists before making turns across the bike lane.
- ✓ Drivers and Sharrows: Cyclists may be in the traffic lane or to the right side of traffic. Check your "blind" spot before crossing shared zones to make right turns.
- ✓ Always check for cyclists before pulling out onto a roadway.
- ✓ Reduce speed when traveling near cyclists.
- ✗ Do not cross solid bike lane lines unless going to or from a parking space or in and out of a driveway.

For Pedestrians

- ✓ STOP, LOOK and LISTEN - Before you step off the curb to cross the street, check for bicycles and other vehicles (bicycles can be very quiet).
- ✓ Make eye contact with cyclists and drivers to be sure that they see you before you cross.
- ✓ Cross only in marked crosswalks and where there are traffic lights, wait for your turn.
- ✗ Do not stand, walk or jog in a bike lane.

Please refer to the New York State Department of Transportation's website for further information on biking laws:

www.dot.ny.gov/display/programs/bicycle/safety_laws/laws