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North Avondale Neighborhood Association

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What Are Bike Lanes And Sharrows?

Bike Lanes: A bike lane is a part of the street that has been designated for the sole use of people on bicycles. Note the solid white line separating the bike lane from other traffic.

Sharrows: Sharrows are markings that are installed within lanes shared by cars and bicycles. Sharrows help people on bicycles position themselves within the lane safely to avoid being hit by suddenly opened car doors. Sharrows may be used on streets where bike lanes do not fit.



Why install A Bike Lane?

- A bike lane provides more safety for people on bicycles, especially on uphill stretches like this – where bicyclists will be moving much more slowly than cars and trucks headed the same direction.
- Sharrows do not increase safety.
- Sharrows would be confusing here because the street is not heavily parked.
- Studies showed that on-street parking was less than half-full; all users could be accommodated if parking was consolidated on one side of the street.
- This design - parking on one side, and a bike lane on the other, provides the most equitable use for all users of the street.

Why Won't A Sharrow Work Here?

- The purpose of the sharrow marking is to educate cyclists about safe and legal lateral positioning within shared travel lanes.
- When sharrows are installed incorrectly in a travel lane adjacent to an infrequently parked 24-hour parking lane, it sends the message that cyclists should not be riding in the curb lane, when in fact, according to Ohio Revised Code and Cincinnati Municipal Code they should be riding in the right-most lane when it is safe to do so.

Incorrect use of sharrow



Questions?

SAFETY AND ENCOURAGEMENT BY BICYCLE FACILITY TYPE

			High	Low
1. Cycle Track		Safety	X	
		Encouragement	X	
2. Buffered Bike Lane		Safety	X	
		Encouragement	X	
3. Bike Lane		Safety	X	
		Encouragement	X	
4. Climbing Lane		Safety	X	
		Encouragement		X
5. Striped Shoulder		Safety	X	
		Encouragement		X
6. Sharrow		Safety	X	
		Encouragement		X

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Why Won't A Sharrow Work Here?

- Sharrows can not be installed in lanes where parking is allowed, because it sends the message that cars are allowed to park on top of sharrows and that cyclists should weave in and out of parked cars.
- Weaving in and out of parked cars is extremely dangerous for cyclists and is advised against by the League of American Bicyclists and local bicycle advocacy groups such as Queen City Bike.
- Parking on top of sharrows is illegal per the CMC.

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