

DRAFT Policy Statement

DIRECTIVE

Shared lane pavement markings (SLPM) are optional and applicable to certain roadways.

PURPOSE

SLPM generally are used to create safer traveling conditions by improving the relative position of bicyclists and motorists on narrow roadways without bike lanes. Shared lane pavement markings are shown in the attached figure.

More specifically, SLPM are intended to:

1. Inform motorists that bicyclists may indeed legally ride further to the left in the travel lane, even if that means blocking the lane at times.
2. Reduce aggressive motorist behavior, such as honking, gestures or other behaviors when passing or waiting to pass a bicyclist, by informing motorists to expect bicyclists on the roadway.
3. Encourage safe passing of bicyclists by motorists.
4. Inform bicyclists how to laterally position themselves in the shared lane with respect to the curb or parked cars to avoid hazards such as an open door of a parked vehicle.
5. Encourage correct bicyclist riding behavior.
6. Reduce the incidence of wrong way bicycling.
7. Increase the number of cyclists as people may feel more comfortable riding on streets with markings.

STANDARD

SLPM shall not be used on shoulders or in designated bicycle lanes. SLPM may be used on roadways that:

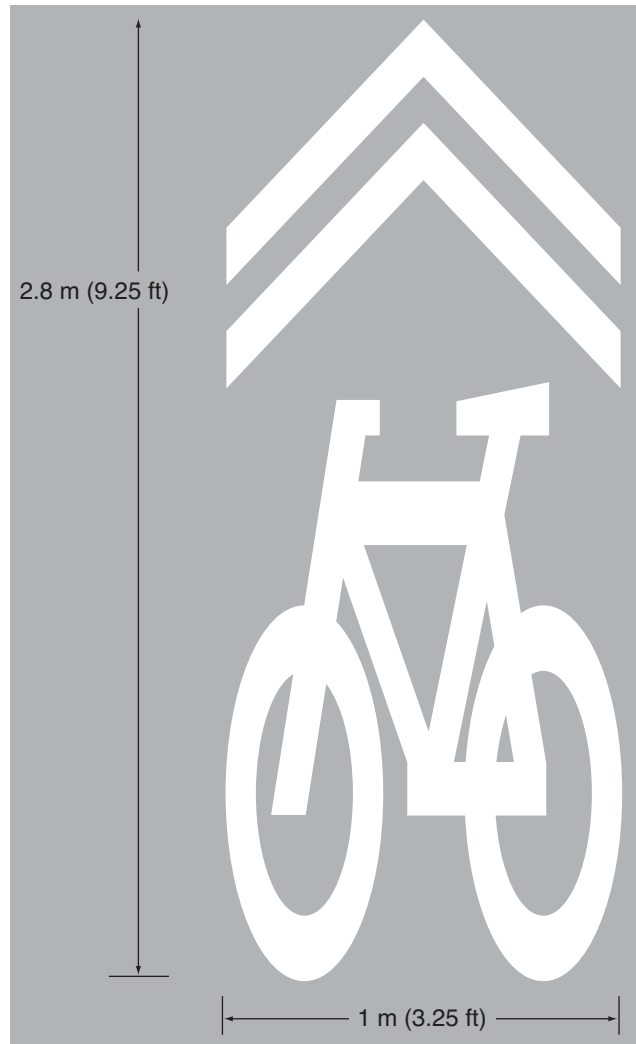
1. Are a designated bicycle route, bicycle streets, or complete streets; AND
2. Are too narrow to safely accommodate separate facilities for motor vehicles and bicycles; AND
3. May or may not have on-street parking; AND
4. Have a speed limit no greater than 35 mph.

IMPLEMENTATION

If used, SLPM should be placed:

1. Using the symbol and the dimensions shown in the attached figure.
2. In conjunction with Sign R4-11 shown in the attached figure.
3. Immediately after an intersection and spaced at intervals of 250' or greater.
4. With the center of the markings at least 11' from the face of the curb, or from the edge of the pavement where there is no curb, when used on a street with on-street parallel parking.
5. With the center of the markings at least 4' from the face of the curb, or from the edge of the pavement where there is no curb, when used on a street without on-street parking and a travel lane less than 14' wide.

Figure 9C-9. Shared Lane Marking



R4-11