

Shared Lane Markings on South San Francisco Street

What are shared lane markings?

Shared lane markings are a new kind of pavement marking that are intended to help bicyclists and motorists safely share narrow streets by showing bicyclists where to position themselves in the lane and by making motorists aware of the presence of bicycles on the street.

How do they benefit cyclists?

In other cities where they have been used, including San Francisco and Portland, shared lane markings have been beneficial in several ways: bicyclists position themselves further from parked cars, out of the "door zone;" motorists allow more space when passing bicyclists; and there has been a marked decrease in wrong-way and sidewalk riding.

Where are they used?

In Flagstaff, shared lane markings are in place on South San Francisco Street, between Butler Avenue and Phoenix Avenue, through the historic Southside.

These markings work best on streets, like South San Francisco Street, that are heavily used by bicyclists, but where there is not adequate width for a bike lane and where it would be undesirable to remove on-street parking. Shared lane markings are not a substitute for bike lanes and would not be used on new streets that should have bike lanes.



How to use shared lane markings

Bicyclists using South San Francisco Street should ride in a straight line through the middle of the marking. Do not veer toward the curb in between markings, even when there are no parked cars.

Motorists should slow as you approach a bicyclist using the shared lane markings, then move into the left lane as soon as you are able.

For additional information

If you would like more information about shared lane markings, please contact:

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