

# Shared Lane Markings Have Arrived

## Information for Bicyclists and Motorists



### What is the shared lane marking?

The new shared lane marking helps bicyclists and motorists share the road safely. Shared lane markings help bicyclists decide where to ride in a lane and remind drivers to expect bicyclists on the road. Under Tennessee law, all roads except expressways can be used by bicyclists—whether or not they have shared lane markings.

### How do bicyclists use shared lane markings?

Ride over the shared lane marking in the same direction as other traffic. Use the marking as a guide to stay away from the opening doors of parked cars and to be more visible at intersections. If you need to change lanes to make a turn or avoid a hazard, look behind for other vehicles, use hand signals and merge safely.

### How do motorists use shared lane markings?

It is okay to drive over the shared lane markings, but yield to any bicyclists on the road in front of you. If you need to pass a bicyclist, use caution and give at least three feet. When parked look for bicyclists before opening the door.



### What does this mean for you?

#### Bicyclists

- Ride over shared lane markings and stay away from parked cars.
- Ride in the same direction as other traffic.
- Look, signal and merge before turning.

#### Motorists

- Drive over shared lane marking if bicyclists are not present.
- Always expect bicyclists on the road and give at least three feet if you need to pass.
- Remember that bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists.



# Bike Lanes Have Arrived

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### What are bike lanes?

A bike lane is a portion of the road that is designated for preferential use by bicyclists. Marked bike lanes can make passing safer for motorists and bicyclists. Bicyclists are encouraged to use bike lanes if present, but they are not required to.

### How should bicyclists use bike lanes?

Ride in bike lanes when they are present, but always stay at least four feet from parked cars. Merge out of the bike lane to avoid a hazard or in advance of an intersection to make a left turn. Look behind for traffic, use hand signals and merge out of the bike lane when there is a gap in the next lane.

### How should motorists use bike lanes?

Treat bike lanes like regular lanes that are too narrow to drive in. To make a right turn look first, yield to bicyclists, then merge into the bike lane before turning. Never park in a bike lane and always look for bicyclists before opening the door.



### What does this mean for you?

#### Bicyclists

- Use marked lanes when they are present.
- Be prepared to leave the bike lane because of road or traffic conditions, or to turn left.
- Look, use hand signals and merge safely to avoid a hazard or to make a left turn.

#### Motorists

- Do not drive or park in a bike lane.
- To make a right turn look for bicyclists before merging into the bike lane and turning.
- Use caution before opening your door when parked next to a bike lane.

