

## What is a Shared Lane Marking / Sharrow?

These are shared-lane markings, or sharrows, a fusion of “share” and “arrow.”

Sharrows are used on streets that are too narrow to accommodate a dedicated bike lane and they communicate to drivers and bicyclists that a street is meant to be shared by both groups.

As bicycling increases in Princeton, drivers will continue to become more familiar with bikes sharing the streets, and these markings act as a way to remind drivers to expect to see bicyclists.

More information on sharrows may be found at:

<http://www.princetontwp.org/> and  
<http://www.princetonboro.org/>

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This safety information is a compilation from multiple sources and the Borough and Township disclaim any responsibility for injury or damages based on negligence due to the accuracy of the information. The Borough and Township recommend you familiarize yourself with a route, its condition, existing traffic, your bike and all other conditions that may affect your safety. Please obey all laws and bike carefully.

## General Safety Tips:

### For Bicyclists:

- You have a right to share the road; the same laws that apply to drivers apply to bicyclists
- Obey all traffic signals
- Use hand signals to indicate turns and stops
- Ride with traffic
- Always wear a helmet; install bell
- Use front and back lights at dusk and night
- Ride defensively and anticipate hazards

### For Drivers:

- Pass bicyclists with caution and with plenty of room, at least 3 feet!
- Do not pass bicyclists if turning right immediately
- On-street parking: look behind for passing bicyclists before opening car door
- Reduce speed when passing bicyclists, especially on narrow roadways

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## Princeton Township and Borough of Princeton

## SHARED LANE MARKINGS:

a Guide on Sharrows  
In Princeton



## What Do Sharrows Mean for Bicyclists?

- Assists bicyclists with on-street positioning in a shared lane with on-street parking;
- Help reduce the chance of a bicyclist's getting "doored" and avoid other hazards like curb debris and storm drains;
- To assist bicyclists with positioning in traffic lanes that are too narrow for a motor vehicle and a bicycle to travel side by side within the same traffic lane;
- To alert motorists of the location bicyclists are likely to occupy within the travel lane;
- To encourage safe passing of bicyclists by motorists;
- To reduce the incidence of wrong-way bicycling;
- To help decrease adverse interactions between bicycle and car; and
- To help reduce sidewalk riding by bicyclists and avoid conflicts with pedestrians.

## What Do Sharrows Mean for Drivers?

- Sharrows help alert other road users to expect bicyclists to occupy travel lanes.
- Bicyclists are not required to move to the right, and may move to the left to pass slower moving vehicles, make a left turn, or to avoid debris, drains, or other hazardous conditions on the right. Moving to the left of the lane to avoid car doors is permitted by the law.
- Drivers must share the road with bicyclists except where bicycle traffic is prohibited. Bicyclists can ride on any street in New Jersey except for interstate roadways. Bicyclists are like motor vehicle traffic and allowed on streets regardless of whether there is a marking or sign for them, unless stated otherwise.
- As Princeton has many out-of-town visitors, sharrows are an important reminder to drivers to share the road and be aware of bicyclists.

## Where are the Sharrows?

The sharrow markings will be installed along these road segments (orange segments):

- Harrison Street from Faculty Road to Mt. Lucas Road
- Witherspoon Street from Nassau Street to Valley Road
- Nassau Street from Harrison to Bayard Lane
- Paul Robeson Place/Wiggins/Hamilton Avenue from Bayard Lane to Snowden Lane

