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INDY BIKEWAYS

For the health of our citizens, to improve our environment and to save transportation costs, Indianapolis is encouraging more people to get out of their cars and start riding their bikes. To further that effort, Indianapolis continues to extend bike lanes and trails in more areas of the city each year.

In a community that is safe, convenient and pleasant for bicycling, more people choose to bicycle for recreation and transportation. This helps improve fitness, health and air quality and creates a greater sense of community.

GREEN LANES

Named for the green paint used to mark the pavement, the “green lane” identifies potential conflict areas between bicycles and cars.

- + Motorists should cross bike lanes only where the pavement markings are dashed.
- + Bicyclists should use extra caution when travelling both along or across green lanes.

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SHARROWS

★ WHAT ARE SHARROWS?

Sharrow markings are pavement markings of a bike with two arrows above it and are intended to help bicyclists position themselves away from parked cars, to avoid being struck by suddenly opened car doors and to alert other road users to expect bicyclists to occupy travel lanes. These markings will also be used in situations where it may not be obvious where bicyclists should be riding, such as at intersections with multiple turn lanes.

ON SOME STREETS, BICYCLISTS RIDING OVER THIS MARKING WILL TAKE THE ENTIRE LANE. AREN'T THEY SUPPOSED TO MOVE TO THE RIGHT?

Bicyclists are to stay to the right except to pass other bicyclists or vehicles, to prepare to make a left turn or when necessary to avoid conditions that make it unsafe to continue along the right, including fixed or moving objects, surface hazards or substandard width lanes too narrow for a bicycle and vehicle to travel side by side.

WHY DO I NEED TO LOOK BEHIND ME BEFORE OPENING MY CAR DOOR WHEN PARKED NEAR A BIKE LANE?

Bicyclists, like all road users, need to constantly scan the entire roadway for safety. Checking every car for a driver is difficult while paying attention to the road. Also, it is often impossible to see drivers due to large parked vehicles blocking the view of other parked vehicles, tinted windows, headrests, etc. Motorists should check their side view mirror or look back prior to opening their door. It is the driver's responsibility should any collision occur.

IF I DON'T SEE THESE MARKINGS, IS IT FAIR TO ASSUME THAT THE ROADWAY ISN'T A SHARED LANE AND BICYCLISTS SHOULD NOT BE THERE?

Bicyclists can ride on any street in Indianapolis except for limited access freeways with signs explicitly prohibiting. A person riding a bicycle upon a roadway has all the rights and duties that are applicable to a person who drives a vehicle.

IF I SEE THESE MARKINGS IN A LANE, IS THE LANE ONLY FOR BIKES?

This marking is used for travel lanes that are shared by bicyclists and motorists. Shared lanes are different than bike lanes which are set aside for bicyclists and are marked by a solid white line.

ARE THESE MARKINGS GOING TO BE ON EVERY STREET THAT DOES NOT HAVE A BIKE LANE?

These markings are used primarily on streets designated as part of the Indianapolis' bikeways networks. Additional sharrows may be considered on a case by case basis.

Learn more about the [Indianapolis Bikeways Plan](http://www.indy.gov/bikeways) at www.indy.gov/bikeways.