

Bicycles Allowed Use of Full Lane



WHAT THE SIGNS MEANS

When this yellow advisory sign is seen on a multi-lane street, it is meant as both an encouragement to cyclists to ride in the center of the lane, if necessary, and a notice to motorists that cyclists may be in the middle of the lane and that motorists should change lanes to pass the bicyclist.

WHERE THESE SIGNS ARE INSTALLED

The intention of the "BICYCLES ALLOWED USE OF FULL LANE" sign is to reduce unsafe behaviors by both motorists and cyclists, reduce related traffic injuries, and to encourage both cyclists and motorists to take the safest path where the right lane is narrow and must be shared. The sign has been installed on specific multi-lane streets with significant bicycle collision history.

WHEN MAY BICYCLES USE THE FULL LANE OR "TAKE THE LANE?"

On multi-lane streets, where there are no bike lanes, shoulder, or Shared Lane Markings, and the right lane is too narrow for motorists and cyclists to share side-by-side, bicyclists should ride at least 3 feet from the edge of the roadway or 4 feet from parked cars. You may need to ride in the center of the lane in order to be visible and prevent motorists from passing you when there isn't enough room. You may also take the lane when you're traveling at the same speed as traffic, which keeps you out of the motorists' blind spots and reduces conflicts with oncoming traffic.