Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Seeks Members to Serve on Committee and Announces New Bike Sharrow Installations

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Lincoln County’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is seeking new members, particularly in east and south Lincoln County.

Applications are available on Lincoln County’s web site: [http://www.co.lincoln.or.us/board/apps/Bicycle%20and%20Pedestrian%20Committee.pdf](http://www.co.lincoln.or.us/board/apps/Bicycle%20and%20Pedestrian%20Committee.pdf)

The role of the committee is to provide assistance to Lincoln County Public Works, Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, and the State of Oregon in making decisions on the safety, necessity, accessibility and recreational use of bike and pedestrian routes such as bike and pedestrian pathways along roadsides.

The recent addition of new bike sharrows at Yaquina Bay Road, Otter Crest Loop and East Devils Lake Road are examples of how the committee members have advised County Public Works about where to place the sharrows to improve impact on bike and motorist safety.

The new bike sharrows are located in the following locations:

- Yaquina Bay Road - MP 11.3 to MP 12.2
- Otter Crest Loop- MP 1.9 to MP 2.6  (Look Out south to the Inn at Otter Crest)
- East Devils Lake Road- MP 1.4 to MP 1.7

What do these sharrow markings mean for bicyclists?

Sharrow markings are used to assist bicyclists with positioning on a shared roadway. Sharrow markings are also meant to remind bicyclists to share the road with motorists. Sharing the road means bicyclists should:

- Ride your bicycle predictably
- Follow the rules of the road
- Watch for motorists when making lane changes and turns
- Ride in the correct direction of travel at all times
What do these sharrow markings mean for motorists?

Sharrow markings are used to alert motorists of the location a bicyclist may occupy within the travelled way. Sharrow markings are also meant to remind motorists to share the road with bicyclists. Sharing the road means motorists should:

- Drive your vehicle predictably
- Follow the rules of the road
- Watch for bicyclists when making lane changes and turns
- When parked, check for bicyclists before opening your door
- Be respectful of both bicyclists and pedestrians

Be aware that bicyclists are vulnerable to different hazards than drivers (e.g. minor pot holes and debris), so give them space to maneuver. Even where there are no sharrows or bike lanes, motorists should always share the road.

Why are some sharrow markings in the middle of the travel lane? Aren't cyclists supposed to move to the right?

Some sharrows are positioned in the middle of the travel lane in order to pull the bikes out into the lane which will prohibit the tendency of vehicles to go left of center to pass. As street and lane widths vary, so too does the position of the sharrow. Bicyclists are expected to use these markings as a guide to positioning themselves safely. Bicyclists should remain positioned in the sharrow "path" to avoid weaving in and out of travel lanes.

Should cyclists and motorists only share the road in lanes with sharrow markings?

Cyclists and motorists should share the road on all these streets regardless of whether there are pavement marking or signs encouraging them to do so.

Bike Sharrow on Yaquina Bay Road - MP 11.3