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New pavement marking to promote bicycle awareness to be placed on State Road A1A in St. Augustine

“Shared Lane Pavement Marking” to be installed on the Bridge of Lions

St. Augustine –The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be installing a new traffic control feature known as the “Sharrow” or “Shared Lane Pavement Marking” on State Road A1A in St. Augustine on the Bridge of Lions to bring awareness to expect bicycle riders.

Sharrows are used on narrow roadways where a full bike lane will not fit and there is not enough room for a car to pass a bicycle with the required 3-foot passing width. In this case, it is necessary for a bicyclist to “take the lane” and ride in front of motorists, rather than beside them. Bicyclists who are uncomfortable riding in traffic can still ride on the bridge sidewalk, as long as they yield to pedestrians.

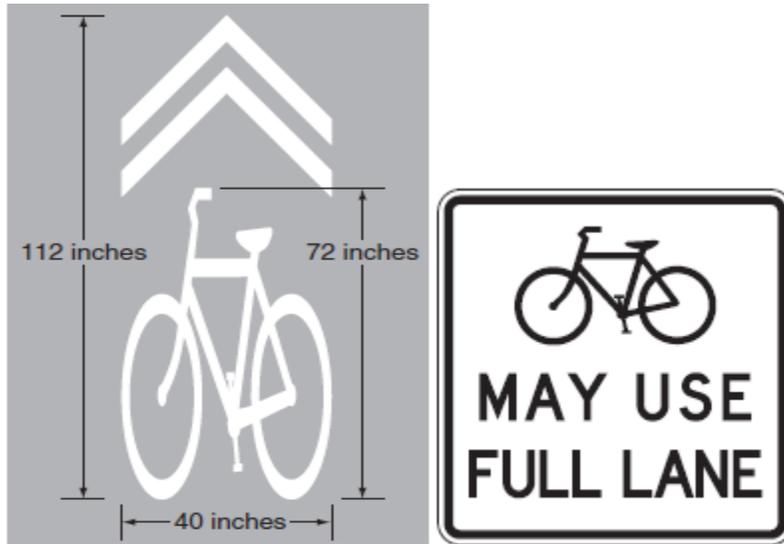
The Sharrow:

- Enhances the safe travel of bicycles and motor vehicles in the same traffic lane.
- Helps position bicyclists on narrow lanes, where cars and bikes cannot travel side-by-side safely.
- Alerts motorists to where bicycles may use the full lane, as Florida law allows.
- Tells bicyclists where to safely ride and alerts motorists where to expect bicycles.
- Guides bicyclists to a safe position next to parking lanes, outside the “door zone,” where a parked car’s opened door may hit bicyclists.
- Encourages safe passing.
- Reduces wrong-way bicycling.

The FDOT, along with the City of St. Augustine and the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization, promotes the use of Sharrows to enhance safe bicycling and to bring awareness of bicyclists’ right to ride in the road.

Sharrow installation will start on Tuesday depending on weather.

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