

Visual Glossary of Classes of Bikeways

Note: Photos are not from Sacramento.

Shared-Use Paths

Paths shared by people walking and biking completely separated from motor vehicle traffic. These facilities tend to be comfortable for people of all ages and abilities.



Bike Lanes

A painted lane that provides dedicated roadway space for people bicycling. Bicycle lanes work best on lower-speed roadways.



Buffered Bike Lanes

Dedicated lanes for bicycle travel adjacent to motor vehicle traffic and enable people biking to ride at their preferred speed without interference from cars or traffic conditions. They include painted lane lines or buffers that provide space between motor vehicle traffic or parked vehicles.



Bicycle Routes

Bicycle routes are shared roadways. These streets are characterized by additional pavement markings (sharrows) and signs indicating the expected presence of bicyclists. Typically found on neighborhood streets or similar streets experiencing low-traffic volumes.



Bicycle Boulevards

Bicycle boulevards are roads that have traffic calming features and prioritize people biking and walking. These are commonly designated on neighborhood streets. Traffic calming features can slow down people driving making neighborhood streets more comfortable for active transportation.



Separated Bike Lanes

Bike lanes separated from motor vehicle traffic by curbs, medians, planters, parking, or other physical barriers. They can be one or two-way facilities and tend to provide comfort for people of all ages and abilities.

