What do sharrows mean for bicyclists and motorists?

**Bicyclists**
Use the sharrow to guide where you ride in the lane. Remember not to ride too close to parked cars. Follow the rules of the road.

**Motorists**
Expect to see bicyclists on the street. If passing bicyclists, give them at least 3 feet of space or move into another lane. Follow the rules of the road.

**Q.** If I see these markings in a lane, is the lane only for bicycles?
**A.** No, these markings are for shared lanes, which are used by bicyclists and motorists. Shared lanes are distinct from bike lanes, which are set aside for bicyclists and marked by a solid white line and a different symbol.

**Q.** Bicyclists riding over these markings are taking the entire lane. Aren’t they supposed to move to the right?
**A.** Not always. 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 in which they consider it unsafe to continue on the right.

**Q.** If I don’t see these markings in a lane, aren’t bicyclists not supposed to be there?
**A.** No, bicyclists are permitted to ride on any street, except where it is specifically prohibited.

See PSA video: youtu.be/a9bpJB8EGjg