



Somerville Bike Markings



Sharrows



Sharrows remind both bicyclists and drivers that they're sharing the road. On streets without a dedicated bike lane, it's important to remain aware of other types of traffic and drive or ride in a courteous and safe way.

Bike Lanes



Bike lanes offer dedicated road space to bicyclists. Although bicyclists are allowed to ride anywhere on the street, most will opt for a bike lane if available. Vehicles can only cross over bike lanes when the lines are dashed (except when parking on the street), and must always yield to bicyclists when doing so.

Bike Boxes



WAIT HERE

Bike boxes at intersections provide a space for bicyclists to stop in front of cars. This increases safety for bicyclists turning left because they can wait ahead of vehicles at a red light and are more visible to drivers.

Safety Tip: Watch out for bicyclists! When exiting a vehicle, open your car door with the opposite hand. It's a simple move that forces you to look back and ensure that no one is coming. Also, don't forget to look in your mirrors before making a turn.



Somerville Speed Limits



Unless you see a sign that says otherwise, the speed limit on most Somerville streets is **25 mph**.

You may also notice safety zone signs, where the speed limit is **20 mph**. Safety zones are areas around schools, parks, and playgrounds where drivers should be extra cautious of pedestrians and bicyclists.



Slow down, save lives!