

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Policy, Planning, and Sustainability Administration

C. Dianne Barnes  
Chair, ANC 5E  
41 Adams Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

April 15, 2013

Dear Chair,

This spring, DDOT would like to install shared lane symbols on 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE from Franklin Street to Monroe Street. Shared lane symbols (also known as sharrows) indicate that motorists and cyclists are to share the travel lane. *Parking and automobile lanes will not be affected.* This section of road is part of the city's interim Metropolitan Branch Trail system that connects Union Station to Silver Spring, MD. The street is too narrow for bicycle lanes or a shared use path, but shared lane markings will help reinforce this important bicycling connection.

There are several benefits of installing shared lane symbols:

- They clearly delineate the proper lane positioning for bicycles. This is the space outside of the space where motorists may open their car doors.
- They encourage bicyclists to ride on the right side of the road (wrong way riding is against the law and a common cause of bicycle crashes).
- They inform motorists to expect bicycles on the street, and encourage safe passing.

The City has shared lanes in place already, such as those on the upper portion on R Street, NE and 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NE (see attached photos). These have proved popular with motorists, residents and bicyclists.

Please contact me at [mike.goodno@dc.gov](mailto:mike.goodno@dc.gov), or 202-671-0681 to discuss any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Goodno".

Mike Goodno,  
Bicycle Program Specialist

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Debbie Smith-Steiner, ANC 5E01



**12<sup>th</sup> Street, NE Shared Lane Markings**



**R Street, NE Shared Lane Markings**