



**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**DATE:** January 30, 2025

**TO:** Distribution

**FROM:** Rania Amen, City Engineer and Director, Engineering and Capital Projects Department

**SUBJECT:** Senate Bill No. 1216 –Use of Shared Lane Markings (also known as “sharrows”)

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**A. BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill No. 1216 (SB 1216) adds Section 891.9 to the Streets and Highways Code and amends Sections 2382 and 2384. SB 1216 prohibits, on and after January 1, 2025, an agency responsible for the development or operation of bikeways or highways where bicycle travel is permitted from installing a new “sharrow” on a roadway that has a posted speed limit greater than 30 miles per hour, except as specified.

This bill defines “Sharrow” as the pavement marking used to inform road users that bicyclists might occupy the travel lane. See Figure 9C-9 of the 2014 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Revision 8.

Existing law (Streets and Highways Code Section 890) establishes 4 classifications of bikeways and defines a “Class III Bikeway” as a bikeway that provides a right-of-way on-street or off-street, designated by signs or permanent markings and shared with vehicles.

The bill prohibits, on and after January 1, 2025, an agency responsible for the development or operation of bikeways or highways where bicycle travel is permitted from installing a new sharrow on a highway that has a posted speed limit greater than 30 miles per hour, except as specified.

Existing law establishes the Active Transportation Program in the Department of Transportation for the purpose of encouraging increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking, with specified available funds to be allocated to eligible projects by the California Transportation Commission and regional transportation agencies through the adoption of a program of projects. Existing law requires the commission to develop guidelines regarding, among other topics, project eligibility and project selection for the program of projects, as provided.

This bill prohibits, on and after January 1, 2026, the commission from adding a project that creates a Class III bikeway or a Sharrow to the program of projects, except as specified. The bill would require the commission to make conforming changes to its guidelines regarding project eligibility and project selection for the program of projects, as specified.

B. IMPLEMENTATION:

1. The City of San Diego will comply with the new implementation standards as established by SB1216.
2. No new Shared Lane Markings or “sharrows” will be added to City streets with posted speed limits above 30 MPH. The exception to this is at or near an intersection for the purpose of connecting a Class I, Class II, or Class IV Bikeway through the intersection.
3. Previously installed sharrows can remain or be replaced in kind if the street has a posted speed limit of 30 MPH or less.
4. Marked sharrows shall not be replaced when found on streets with posted speed limits of 35 MPH or greater.
5. If any further questions about the use of Shared Lane Markings or “sharrows”, please contact the Transportation Department Multi-Modal Section Deputy City Engineer for assistance and guidance.



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