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Description

California Vehicle Code permits automobile parking within a Class II bicycle lane unless otherwise signed. CAMUTD defines a Class II bicycle lane as permitting automobile parking. Restricted hours bike lanes restrict parking within bike lanes at designated hours. This design is different from floating bike lanes in that bicyclists lose the bike lane to parking during designated hours and must share the travel lane with motorists. Palo Alto has installed restricted hours bike lanes on several streets, including Channing Ave, Newell Rd, N California Ave, Loma Verde Ave, and Fabian Way.

Application

Existing streets with time-restricted bike lanes on (primarily) residential streets.

For 36-foot curb-to-curb roadways conditions, time-restricted lane should be five feet wide to allow for a 12-foot shared parking/bike lane on the opposite side and two 9.5-foot travel lanes.

Can be upgraded to full-time bike lanes where weekend bicycle connections are a high priority and/or where evening/weekend parking utilization rates are low.

Signage



Design References

CAMUTD Section 9C.04
 City of Palo Alto 2003 Bicycle Transportation Plan

Photo



Palo Alto permits parking within the Loma Verde bike lane from 7 am to 7 pm on weekdays.

Materials Cost Estimate

Varies depending on existing conditions.