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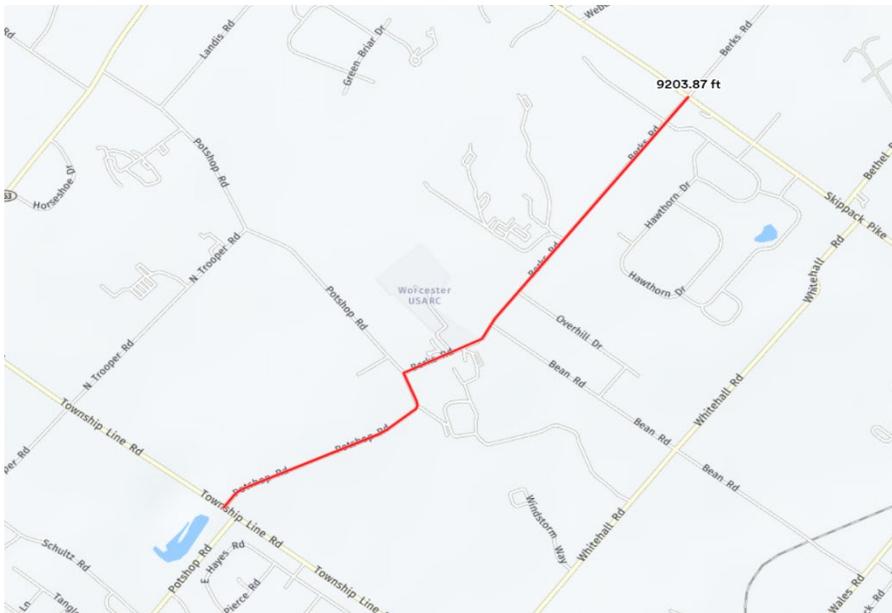
SUBJECT: Bike Friendly Resurfacing Program on Potshop Road and Berks Road - Potential Sharrows

TO: Sean Halbom, Township Manager, Worcester Township

FROM: Montgomery County Planning Commission

The Bike Friendly Resurfacing Program is a coordinated effort between Montgomery County, DVRPC, and PennDOT to identify state roads for potential addition of on-road bicycle facilities as part of PennDOT's regularly scheduled resurfacing schedule.

Through this process, Potshop Road and Berks Road (SR 3004)—between Township Line Road and PA 73 Skippack Pike in Worcester Township—has been identified as a feasible location for sharrows in PennDOT's 2023 repaving schedule. This section, which is approximately 9200 linear feet, is along BicyclePA Route S, which is part of the Commonwealth's official statewide bicycle route system.

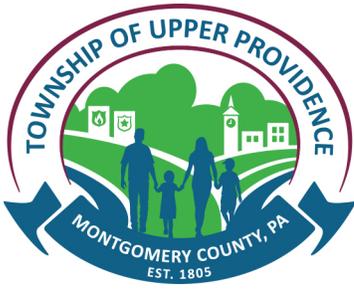


A sharrow is a combination of the words “share” and “arrow” and is a road marking that informs drivers that they are on a road that *shares* the right-of-way with bicyclists. This is different from a bike lane, where the road markings delineate a *separate* section of the road designated for bicyclists only. The PennDOT safety standards for determining the feasibility of painting sharrows on a road consider the width of the road, its speed limit, and the Average Daily Traffic (ADT). Below are two examples of sharrows implemented in the county through this program on Ford Street in Bridgeport and Johnson Highway in East Norriton.



The initial design and installation of the sharrows will be paid for by PennDOT. Worcester Township's main financial obligation would be to maintain the markings between PennDOT's subsequent resurfacings, if necessary. The township would also be responsible for maintaining any bicycle-related signs for the project. PennDOT does attempt to minimize the number of signs while complying with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

To streamline the review and approval process of this program, PennDOT eliminated the need for a Bikeway Occupancy Permit and replaced it with a Bike Lane Request. This letter needs to state the township's request to incorporate the pavement markings on Potshop Road and Berks Road, with PennDOT coordinating the necessary design activities. The township also needs to acknowledge they are aware and agreeable to the ongoing maintenance between resurfacings (again, if necessary) of the pavement markings. Attached is an example letter, submitted to PennDOT from Upper Providence Township. The county can help the Worcester Township navigate the formal submission process.



November 30, 2021

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**Subject: Municipal Request to Incorporate Bicycle Facilities into Resurfacing Project**

Montgomery County  
Upper Providence Township  
SR 4008/Yerkes Road

Dear Kevin:

As part of the upcoming PennDOT resurfacing project, and in concert with the PennDOT Connects Initiative, Upper Providence Township would like to request the incorporation of bicycle facilities and pavement markings on SR 4008/Yerkes Road, with PennDOT to coordinate the necessary design activities. The proposed bicycle facilities are described below:

- **Location:** SR 4008/Yerkes Road from the Perkiomen Creek to SR 29.
- **Bicycle Facilities Requested:** (pavement markings, road crossing markings, and related signage, showing the continuation of, and connection across Yerkes Road of the Perkiomen Trail).

Upper Providence Township is aware and agreeable to the ongoing maintenance of bicycle-related pavement markings and signing per **67 PA Code § 212.5(b)1(v)**; and has the expectation that by properly maintaining these bicycle-related pavement markings between resurfacing projects, PennDOT will make every effort to re-install affected pavement markings in a durable material as part of each subsequent resurfacing project.

Upper Providence Township will coordinate with PennDOT in advance of any maintenance work in the right-of-way.

Upper Providence Township is also responsible to remove debris from the crossing as needed. PennDOT will remove snow from non-separated bike lanes and/or shared roadways and perform other routine roadway maintenance such as sweeping and vegetation trimming, in accordance with normal operations.

This letter authorizes the Municipality to remove all pavement markings and signing upon written notification to PennDOT. PennDOT also reserves the right to remove all pavement markings and signing and will notify Upper Providence Township of such removal. Please contact Geoffrey Grace to discuss the proposed bikeway as needed:

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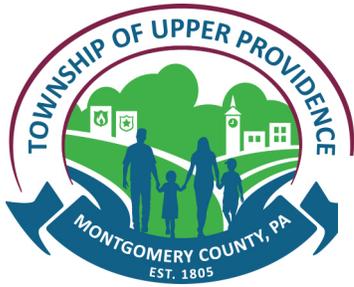
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Sincerely,

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