Types of Bikeways

Bike Lanes
- 5’ to 6’ wide section on each side of the street reserved for bicycle use.
- Usually established on streets with lots of traffic.
- Special pavement markings and signs identify the lanes.

Marked Shared Lanes
- Cars and bicycles share the street.
- Usually established on streets with lots of traffic that are too narrow for bike lanes.
- Special pavement markings direct bicyclists to ride outside the "Door Zone" (see "Door Zone" panel). Markings and signs also encourage cars to share the lane with bicyclists.

Bike Routes
- Cars and bicycles share the lane.
- Many bike routes have signs showing the direction and distance to destinations (e.g., the Loop, the lakefront).
- Bike routes are usually on streets that aren’t wide enough for bike lanes but are good streets for biking.

Multi-use Trails
- Paved paths separated from the road for bicyclists, walkers, runners, and in-line skaters (such as the Lakefront Trail).