



## Paved shoulders

Paved shoulders are the paved areas adjacent to motor vehicle travel lanes. They can be considered for corridors that cannot accommodate 5-foot bike lanes or as an interim step for corridors where funding has not yet been secured to add bike lane markings and signs. Paved shoulders can also be considered on roads where demand for bike lanes is limited or on rural roads where shoulders are shared with pedestrians. Guidance for the installation of rumble-strips on roadway shoulders that are intended as bikeways is available from AASHTO, FHWA, and other sources.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See the League of American Bicyclists and the Alliance for Biking and Walking report, "Bicycling and Rumble Strips" at [http://www.advocacyadvance.org/docs/rumble\\_strips.pdf](http://www.advocacyadvance.org/docs/rumble_strips.pdf).

*Images (clockwise from main image):*

Paved shoulder in Palos Heights, IL.  
Source: Peter Speer.

**Additional examples.**

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