

Please vote YES on SB574.

As a motorcyclist with over 20 years experience that has lived and ridden extensively in Los Angeles, I ask that you vote YES on SB574. The primary reason that I support lane sharing is for the safety of the motorcyclist. There are numerous studies that have shown a large percentage of motorcyclist fatalities are a result of the motorcyclist being rear-ended by another vehicle. Allowing for safe, controlled lane-splitting will greatly reduce this figure. There are other important benefits to lane sharing such as reduced congestion, reduced overall fuel consumption / emissions and reduced equipment wear that can be attributed to motorcyclists not being required to sit in traffic.

Please also do not overlook the critical element which addresses the fact that automobiles should not intentionally impede motorcyclists attempting to share lanes as this creates an unsafe situation for the motorcyclist and surrounding motorists alike. As I'm sure the committee is aware, this is an important element that was clarified by California in recent years to make it clear that no automobile should intentionally impede a motorcycle which is sharing a lane.

I appreciate that the committee is taking this topic up and I hope to see this passed into law.

Thank you,
Grant Van Weerdhuizen