

I have ridden motorcycles in CA for over 25 years. Lane splitting/sharing has been a valuable option when riding through heavy congestion and stopped traffic. Personally, I have followed the guidelines of no more than 15mph faster than either car you are passing - even before it was adopted in CA as a guideline. I also made sure I didn't pass when people didn't have a chance to see me. I have also followed and been followed by a motorcop and there were no issues. Having the ability to split lanes in stopped traffic should be the minimum allowed as it can help prevent death by being rear-ended by a distracted driver in a car or truck. That space between the cars gives you the ability to put yourself further away from an accident zone. Rear-end accidents at light and just in general are all too common and you can see what damage is done to cars. Imagine a motorcycle being there instead. What would be a trip to the body shop for a car driver could be a trip to the morgue for a motorcycle rider.

I believe legalizing lane splitting AT LEAST in traffic less than 20mph would help lessen accidents involving motorcyclists getting rear-ended and/or crushed between the cars ahead and behind. Specific guidelines of 15mph max speed past the slowest moving car should also be a must. Making public declarations that it is allowed and blocking such movement or causing an accident by trying to block such movement would be a violation and possible assault charges. When everyone in cars and bikes respect each other it is a beautiful experience.

Allowing lane splitting also helps air-cooled bikes keep from overheating since they require air flow.

Thank you for considering my opinion and experience. I wish you well and peace in your decision.