

Please vote YES on SB574. Portland needs traffic relief and lane sharing is an easy way to do it. The benefits of lane sharing are free: no new infrastructure, structures, or signage is required.

Lane sharing reduces traffic congestion during traffic stoppages and slowdowns, benefiting both riders and drivers: each lane sharing rider is one less vehicle stuck in traffic. A 2012 Belgian traffic engineering study concluded that if 10% of all drivers rode motorcycles and lane shared, traffic delay times for all motorists would be reduced by 40%.

The Portland metropolitan area was ranked as the eighth-most traffic congested urban area in the U.S., tied with Chicago and Washington, D.C

Slowdowns are worst when lane sharing would benefit commuters the most: during the morning and evening rush hours.

Lane sharing will reduce the number of automobiles on Oregon roads, and lower the time vehicles spend idling in traffic. Lane sharing also encourages the use of more fuel-efficient alternative vehicles, including electric motorcycles. Typical gasoline-powered motorcycles and scooters travel 50, 60 or even more miles per gallon.

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