

I support SB574. I commuted by motorcycle for five years in the San Francisco Bay Area, where lane splitting is legal at speeds greater than what this bill proposes. Lane splitting allowed me to escape dangerous drivers who were tailgating me in dense traffic. Lane splitting helped me to get to work quickly even when traffic was at a standstill. By using the space between cars, I occupied less space in the lane and freed up space for cars to advance. In five years of lane splitting, I had no "close calls" or accidents. I both feel safer and happier when I am able to use the full road. This can be a quality of life improvement for both motorcyclists, who have increased safety, freedom and mobility, and drivers of cars and other vehicles, who don't have to worry about rear-ending a motorcyclist in front of them. By legalizing lane splitting, we incentivize modes of transport which reduce traffic and congestion, which is a benefit to everyone on the road.