

I request your vote OPPOSING SB574.

My experiences in visiting California, where lane-splitting is legal, have been harrowing. On a work trip in 2015, while in stop-and-roll traffic on 85, I watched a rider get taken out by a car changing lanes to lurch towards an exit.

In slowed traffic, the expectation is that, well... traffic is slowed. Not that you're going to be overtaken between lanes. While you can obviously blame the car driver for losing situational awareness, it's unsurprising: who would expect to look back hundreds of feet, instead of at the gap you're going to change lanes into?

The bill clearly indicates that the rider should go no more than 10mph faster than the slowed traffic, but, that isn't what ever happens. It's always much faster. The speed differences in traffic are jarring and dangerous, and it will get people killed.