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To the board,

I understand the Lane Sharing initiative is upon us once again.

As a Motorcyclist with 56 years of motorcycle experience, (42 years on a street bike - I am 59 years old and own 4 street bikes currently.) and have had grown up in Southern California, I can attest to a myriad of reasons that this should have been passed a decade ago!

**1. Motorcycles are either Water Cooled or Air Cooled.**

Water Cooled - Unlike a car that has a large displacement fan to cool the engine, Motorcycles need to be moving in order to keep the engine AND rider from over heating. Sitting at a stop in traffic overheats the engine as well as the rider due to the fact it radiates heat at an astonishing rate if not moving at a brisk pace. Trust me. Try it!

Air Cooled - Even worse, as the "ONLY MEANS THE ENGINE HAS TO COOL ITSELF IS WIND", and lots of it. Any motorcycle engine with fins on the heads are air cooled. Like a big Heat Sink. Air is all that matters. Of course cool air is always better... but in the summer, Forget it!

**2. The Problem is DRIVERS!** I'm sorry, but "MOTORCYCLISTS DONT TEXT OR READ MESSAGES / shop online / have a 4 course meal / play with their giant touch screen DVD movie / check stocks, etc... ON THE ROAD." We are too buzy dodging hazardous lane changes / tailgaters and drivers focusing on anything..... "BUT DRIVING. "

There are headsets for helmets that act as intercoms and hands free calls although I can tell you from experience that is about 10% of actual riders. We basically use 100% of our senses trying to stay alive.

**3. Limits Congestion** - When a bottleneck appers on a highway, Motorcyclists can immediately funnel into the center of left lanes, thus keeping traffic moving and in essence, creating new spaces for cars to fill!

**4. SAVES LIVES AND TRAFFIC STANDSTILLS!**

Here is where I am passionate as I have never been is an accident involving a car.

I have had several occassions in which I was in a life or death situation and was SAVED due to the Lane Split Rule in California.

On one occassion, I was on the Westbound 91 FWY in Artesia where

it ends and turns into Artesia Blvd. There are 3 lanes that go straight at first stop light.

(Remember this WAS a 65MPH Freeway 50 yards prior) As I pulled up to the light I was behind a full size truck.

I had one of those "Gut Feeling" Moments and moved to the center of lanes where I had cars on my sides as barriers.

Well, Not more than 5 second pass and sure enough.... A car hits the full size truck " The one I was behind" at no less than 40mph. Truck and car totaled.

This is one of about 40 instances like this I can recollect

I am the most concerned about a vehicle crushing me like an aluminum soda can between 2 cars that weigh in at 10X my bike. Bikes start off and slow down considerable faster than cars so do I really want to trust a driver to A. See me? B. Stop quickly enough?

**Motorcycles should be given more parking preferences in urban areas as well.**

I have to say I am extremely unhappy at the way the State Government will basically "DO ANYTHING FOR BICYCLISTS" Including but not limited to...Taking away many lanes in cities for bikes while making absolute CHaOs! out of 4 way stops and signals. with Islands, Plastic Cones, Flashers, Signage.... This is actually a whole nother set of issues. Thanky You! Jeffrey Meyers