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I support lane filtering for motorcycles. As a rider myself, there is nothing more terrifying than being stopped at a red light and getting rear ended by someone in their huge pick up truck because they weren't paying attention and getting injured or even killed. While this hasn't happened to me (yet) there is a great way to prevent this from happening, which is lane filtering. Being able to go to the front of the line of stopped cars at a traffic light is not only safer for motorcyclists, all the cars that see the motorcycle ride past them now know there is a motorcycle among them and will be conscientious of the motorcycle being near them. This is much more effective than any advert telling drivers to watch for motorcycles. While I support lane filtering, I cannot say I support lane splitting which is traveling between lanes at speeds above 35 mph. I consider it dangerous. But lane filtering, which is riding between lanes below 25 mph, is perfectly safe and should be encouraged.