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I started riding motorcycles in the early to mid 70s,  I had practice this (lane splitting) often being young and impedulant. Traffic oftentimes was not moving at the pace I wanted. 75 percent off the time I would say traffic was 40 mph and slower. Mind you this is also pre helmet law.

Jump forward a few years, I am in the Navy in San Diego in the 80s. Filtering through traffic to the front at a stop light was a common practice.  Then rush hour getting from the base at 32nd st to my home in La Masa at quiting time would take at least 1 1/2 hrs min. I didn't have a bike at the time, newly married and wife begged me to leave the bike behind. But I did not begrudge anyone for lane splitting. Later I found my self station in Alameda CA living in Vallejo CA at least 3 hrs by vehicle. Wishing I was on 2 wheels.

After years of military service I returned back to Oregon. Several times I had found myself stuck walking my bike a few feet at a time on either I-5, 205 wishing I could just legally filter thru traffic or take to the shoulder. Shut the bike off to save on heating up. Start up and move a couple feet. Shut er down. Are repeat sequence. Now much older and broken and I find myself more riding 3 wheels.

A motorcycle takes up no more space on the Hwy then a small car. I believe from a safety stand point and as a veteran rider it is much safer for the motorcyclist to keep moving then walking his/her motorcycle in traffic.

I realized that there will be those that abuse it, as when I was younger, or stuck on the super slab (IT and 205). While I sat in traffic moving ever so slowly,  bikes were still filtering past me.

I believe that this should be taken in to consideration. I have been in traffic in many foreign countries where this is practice is performed daily, it is insane to watch the amount of motorcycles loaded passing on both sides.

In Italy motorcycles filter thru traffic at stop lights. It's insane to watch when the light turns green.