

A Quick Guide to Understanding CVC 21202

California Vehicle Code 21202

Is the bicyclist...

...riding the same speed or faster than other traffic?

YES

NO

...passing a slow or stopped vehicle?

YES

NO

...preparing to turn left?

YES

NO

...in a lane that is too narrow to share?

YES

NO

...encountering unsafe conditions on the edge?

YES

NO

...approaching a driveway or intersection?

YES

NO

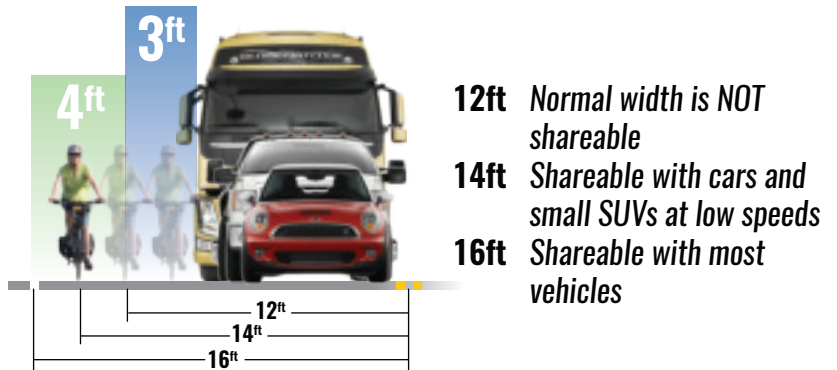
**If the answer to ALL questions is NO:
The bicyclist must ride as far to the right as practicable.**

If the answer to ANY question is YES:

CVC 21202 does NOT require the bicyclist to ride far right.

Passing on the left is a basic rule of movement.

It's illegal and unsafe to turn left from the right edge.



*Unsafe conditions include (but are not limited to):
Parked cars and the door zone, obstructions, pavement defects,
broken glass and debris, standing water, ice, poor sight lines.*

Anywhere right turns are authorized.

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