



Lane changing practice

Our group developed a lane changing procedure a number of years ago for freeway riding. It starts this way: The road captain or lead bike sees a slow moving vehicle ahead. With plenty of notice they tap the top of their helmet and turn on the left turn signal. This signal is passed to the sweep or last bike. Starting from the back, the bikes proceed to the left lane. “If a car is anywhere in the left lane bikes only go to the left lane after the car has passed.” The sweep will remain in formation allowing the bikes to go to the left lane as the trapped car passes. Within no time the car is cleared out and all the bikes will be passing the slow moving vehicle as a group and in a flowing motion. Caution has to be made on the part of the led bike, to anticipate timing. In many cases, the led bike waits too long and the smooth flow is interrupted. If executed correctly this is not a “Blocking” technique, but a Freeway safe practice. This averts a motorist getting trapped in a group of motorcycles and the motorist trying to maneuver their way out.

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