

To Whom it May Concern,

Three thousand pound vehicles should come to complete stops at intersections because people make mistakes and those mistakes cause severe injury to other road users. We expect that a person jogging through an intersection is capable of determining if it is safe for themselves and others. Similarly, at an intersection where it is clearly safe to do so, bikes should be allowed to roll through stop signs at jogging speed. This behavior is efficient and safe and harmless. Data from Idaho supports this, thousands of cyclists who already practice this know it as well.

I am not referring to those who choose to ignore traffic signals because they are racing to be the fastest on a Strava segment; they are going to do what they do regardless of what anyone tells them until they have consequences. They SHOULD get citations. It would be interesting to see if these are the same people who pass a vehicle (that has stopped for pedestrians in a crosswalk) on the right while honking their displeasure at being forced to deviate from their path. In my experience, the vast majority of people riding bikes are aware of their vulnerability, which in turn makes them aware of the vulnerability of others.

A person who has every intention of cycling as safely as possible for themselves and others should have the expectation that their safe behavior is legal. The moment a cyclist's momentum is the same as that of a person running, the law should treat them in a similar manner. This bill moves the law in the right direction.

Thank you for your attention,

Respectfully,

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