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I have been a motorcycle rider for about four years including one living in Southern California. While I'm CA, I experienced the benefits of lane-sharing and lane-splitting. First and foremost, this adds to rider safety. Motorcycles are hard to see on the road even in the best conditions and traffic heightens this danger. Being able to progress through otherwise slow traffic gives riders the opportunity to get out of dangerous situations.

Secondly, these practices allow for traffic to move along more efficiently and incentivizes commuters to consider riding motorcycles or mopeds which are more fuel efficient and take up less space on the road. The Portland area has a huge traffic problem and when I need to get around, I am typically stuck for extended periods of time when there is plenty of room for me to get through. It does not harm car drivers at all and there is no good reason to block this.