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.

12ft Normal width is NOT shareable
14ft Shareable with cars and small SUVs at low speeds
16ft Shareable with most vehicles

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