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...passing a slow or stopped vehicle? **YES**

...preparing to turn left? **YES**

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

...encountering unsafe conditions on the edge? **YES**

...approaching a driveway or intersection? **YES**

If the answer to ANY question is **YES**:

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

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