The bicyclist must ride as far to the right as practicable.

If the answer to ALL questions is NO:

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

If the answer to ANY question is YES:

- passing a slow or stopped vehicle?
- preparing to turn left?
- in a lane that is too narrow to share?
- encountering unsafe conditions on the edge?
- approaching a driveway or intersection?

NOTES:
- Passing on the left is a basic rule of movement.
- It’s illegal and unsafe to turn left from the right edge.
- Normal width lanes are too narrow to share.
- 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.
- Right hooks are a threat anywhere right turns are authorized.
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Any person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at that time shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway except under any of the following situations:

1. When overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
2. When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.
3. When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions (including fixed or moving objects, vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or substandard width lanes) that make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge. A “substandard width lane” is a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side.
4. When approaching a place where a right turn is authorized.

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

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