

Comparison of existing state law and SB 910 provisions

	Existing law	SB 910
Passing distance	Unspecified “safe distance” (CVC 21750)	At least 3 feet (also recommended by the DMV in the 2011 CA Driver’s Handbook)
Passing on two-lane roads with a solid double yellow centerline	Prohibited (CVC 21460)	Allowed when safe in order to pass a bicyclist by at least 3 feet
Penalty for unsafe passing	Infraction with \$35 base fine	- Infraction with \$35 base fine (no injury) - Infraction with \$220 base fine if the bicyclist is injured in a collision caused by unsafe passing (equal to the lowest fine for reckless driving with great bodily injury [CVC 23104(b)])
Special passing protections for other roadway users	Drivers on freeways must slow down and move to an adjacent lane when passing next to highway workers, emergency crews and stationary highway vehicles, emergency vehicles and tow trucks (CVC 21809)	n/a
Bicyclist position in the traffic lane	Bicyclists traveling slower than the speed of other traffic must ride as far to the right as “practicable” (i.e., safely possible), except under specified conditions (CVC 21202)	No change – this requirement would continue to apply to bicyclists under SB 910
Slow-moving bicyclists on two-lane roads	Any vehicle (including a bicycle) traveling slower than other traffic on a two-lane road where passing is unsafe due to opposite traffic or other conditions must pull over at the next designated turn-out once 5 or more vehicles form a line behind (CVC 21656)	No change – this requirement would continue to apply to bicyclists under SB 910