Bicyclist Lane Position
Lane Position Principles

- Destination Positioning
- Speed Positioning
- Effective Lane Width
- Conspicuity
Destination Positioning at Intersections
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Right Hook Collision
Get in Line at Intersections

- Thru cyclists help deter right hooks by riding in line with thru traffic at intersections
Long Vehicles = Wide Turns

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- Educate bicyclists to never pass on the right side of trucks and buses at intersections.
- Passing on right is prohibited unless in a separate marked lane (§ 20-150.1.)
Speed Positioning Between Intersections

- Right hand lane except when passing
- Control lane or stay right in lane depending on conditions including
  - Your speed
  - Traffic conditions ahead
  - Effective lane width
Effective Lane Width

- Effective lane width excludes debris and door zone areas
Effective Lane Width
10 Foot Lanes

To Scale:
Bicyclist and Ford F-150
Lane and Vehicle Widths

http://iamtraffic.org/resources/interactive-graphics/
16 Feet = Rec. Minimum for Trucks

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Lane Control = Defensive Cycling

- Motorists often misjudge space when:
  - Lane is narrow and
  - Cyclist is at right edge of lane
- Riding near center of narrow lane reduces unsafe passing, sideswipes
Dealing with Width Fluctuations
Conspicuity

- A bicyclist’s position in a travel lane affects their visibility to other drivers
Side Street Sight Lines
Left Cross Sight Lines
§ 20-146. (b) Upon all highways any vehicle proceeding at less than the legal maximum speed limit shall be driven in the right-hand lane then available for thru traffic, or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the highway, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn.
Optional Topics

- History of Stay Right Law
- Problems Experienced with Bicycle-Specific Stay-Right Laws