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Good Morning,

I wanted to share some of my observations with you and would ask you to share them with the bike committee. I live in Corona del Mar and we are all getting used to the new sharrows, bikers and motorists alike, but I have a couple of safety concerns.

On Saturday, as usual, the traffic was slow going south bound on PCH in Corona del Mar. We are trying to be more sensitive, as motorists, to the bikers in the #2 lane with us. When biking, we personally just avoid PCH and all the congestion. I must say, the vast majority of motorists and bikers seem to be getting along well. That day, as traffic crawled along, 3 bikers "split the lane", as motorcyclists often do and rode much faster than traffic down the dividing line between lanes 1 & 2. I think it is dangerous when motorcycles do this but at least they are very loud and you have a bit of warning that they are streaking by on the left. The bikes, of course, are silent. I don't know what the law says about this, but it seemed like a very unsafe thing to do; something most bikers would choose not to do. I would be interested to hear your thoughts on that.

The other problem I experience every day is bikes on the sidewalk. I see them (and am occasionally nearly hit by them!) daily. I have seen children, avid cyclists, and even a 3-wheeled bike on the sidewalk in downtown CDM. They zip past pedestrians and stores where patrons are exiting directly onto the narrow sidewalks. We have signs for the sharrows, maybe we need signs or painted sidewalk warnings NO BIKES. When driving, I have observed bikers continue on the sidewalk all the way to Newport Blvd instead of using the clearly painted bike lanes.

There was a lot of community outreach to motorists and bikers to learn about the sharrows, we need to educate bikers about these problems as well.

Thank you,
Sandie Haskell