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Placer Street / Buenaventura Blvd Traffic Violations

The Redding Police Department has observed an increasing number of traffic violations occurring in the area of Placer St. at Buenaventura Blvd. during the morning commute hours.

The public has expressed concerns over the large volume of vehicles and the hazardous violations associated with eastbound traffic on Placer St. during the morning commute hours. The Redding Police Department /Traffic Unit has increased enforcement in the area, and as a result has identified the primary traffic violations that are occurring.

The violations observed include vehicles passing on the right, driving in the bike lane and the two way left turn lane. All of the violations occur as an effort to pass other vehicles that are stopped for the red light.

The primary vehicle code violations and definitions are listed below:

Motor Vehicles and Motorized Bicycles in Bicycle Lanes

21209. (a) No person shall drive a motor vehicle in a bicycle lane established on a roadway pursuant to Section 21207 except as follows:

- (1) To park where parking is permitted.
- (2) To enter or leave the roadway.
- (3) To prepare for a turn within a distance of 200 feet from the intersection.

(b) This section does not prohibit the use of a motorized bicycle in a bicycle lane, pursuant to Section 21207.5, at a speed no greater than is reasonable or prudent, having due regard for visibility, traffic conditions, and the condition of the roadway surface of the bicycle lane, and in a manner which does not endanger the safety of bicyclists.

Pass on Right Safely

21755. The driver of a motor vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle upon the right only under conditions permitting such movement in safety. In no event shall such movement be made by driving off the paved or main-traveled portion of the roadway.



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Two-Way Left-Turn Lanes

21460.5. (a) The Department of Transportation and local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may designate a two-way left-turn lane on a highway. A two-way left-turn lane is a lane near the center of the highway set aside for use by vehicles making left turns in both directions from or into the highway.

(b) Two-way left-turn lanes shall be designated by distinctive roadway markings consisting of parallel double yellow lines, interior line dashed and exterior line solid, on each side of the lane. The Department of Transportation may determine and prescribe standards and specifications governing length, width, and positioning of the distinctive pavement markings. All pavement markings designating a two-way left-turn lane shall conform to the Department of Transportation's standards and specifications.

(c) A vehicle shall not be driven in a designated two-way left-turn lane except when preparing for or making a left turn from or into a highway or when preparing for or making a U-turn when otherwise permitted by law, and shall not be driven in that lane for more than 200 feet while preparing for and making the turn or while preparing to merge into the adjacent lanes of travel. A left turn or U-turn shall not be made from any other lane where a two-way left-turn lane has been designated.

(d) This section shall not prohibit driving across a two-way left-turn lane.

(e) Raised pavement markers may be used to simulate painted lines described in this section when such markers are placed in accordance with standards established by the Department of Transportation.

The Redding Police Department would like to remind all drivers to obey the rules of the road and drive safely.

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