

Resolution Share the Road Signs

WHEREAS, today's Motorcyclists work hard toward increasing Awareness of Motorcycles on State, Federal and Local roadways by use of the "SHARE THE ROAD" sign; and

WHEREAS, Motorcyclists have requested that Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) allow the afore mentioned signage to be placed on State roadways, only within the limits of a city or municipality, and in most cases have been denied; and

WHEREAS, Motorcyclists are told that these signs will not be placed in the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for State Roadways in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Motorcycle versus Automobile crashes involve an Automobile operator not seeing the Motorcyclist by their own admission, leading to failure to yield right of way; and

WHEREAS, many Motorcycle versus Automobile crashes occur within the limits of a City or Municipality as a result of distracted drivers who forget to watch for motorcycles when changing lanes or turning into a business area; and

WHEREAS, many City Councils are in agreement that these signs would greatly improve the safety of citizens in their community but are unable to install these signs within their city limits due to current requirements of TXDOT regarding these Share the Road signs; and

WHEREAS, Texas has a large number of Cities or Municipalities where a State Highway is actually their main and busiest roadway where most accidents occur within their city limits; and

WHEREAS, the main objective of TXDOT, Texas DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit, and NHTSA is to reduce the number of motorcycle injuries and fatalities across the State, as documented in numerous annual publications and reports; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the "SHARE THE ROAD" sign, TXDOT Vendor #03302, be added to the Texas MUTCD Sign Book and be allowed on State Roadways within the limits of a City or Municipality in order to increase driver awareness and the safety of all Roadway users in the Great State of Texas.

(Source: Spiritrider, Outpost Safety & Awareness Coordinator, TCOC&I-DFW,
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