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USE OF  
FULL LANE

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(2) When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.

(3) **When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions** (including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or substandard width lanes) **that make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge**, subject to the provisions of Section 21656. For purposes of this section, a "substandard width lane" is a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.

(4) When approaching a place where a right turn is authorized.

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