

## Excuse me . . .

. . . I'm sorry to bother you, I know you are having a wonderful time, it is a beautiful day. Many of your friends are here with you . . . I just want to interrupt for a second to explain that there is a vehicle approaching. It is possible the vehicle is moving at an accelerated rate of speed, it is certainly moving faster than you are. The vehicle is large—well, it is larger than you and your bike. More than likely the driver of the vehicle will want to use part of the road. The road we are on has hills and curves and traffic. The driver may not be able to see if there is oncoming traffic. The vehicle passed me but you are still in the middle of the road and the driver is not slowing down so the driver may not be able to see you. If you were riding on the right side of the right lane, I wouldn't be so concerned. The middle of the lane, now, that is a scary place for a bicycle rider. There is another rider to your left that also needs to move out of harm's way, you may need to adjust your speed, communicate with each other, do the safe thing. You may need to slow down or speed up or adjust. If everyone were riding along the right side of the road, single file, then the car could pass us and be on it's way. You haven't moved out of the middle of the road and now there is another car approaching behind me. I guess you haven't heard me . . . I tried to make it simple, I said in a pretty loud voice CAR BACK. In fact, I said it twice. I know you are a safe rider – I'll say it one more time –  
CAR BACK!

Tailwinds,  
The Safety Chick