

RIGHT AND LEFT PRECISION TURNS: YOUR KEYS TO SUCCESS ON THE HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



Right and Left Turns

□ Require:

- * Careful evaluation
- * Preparation
- * Skillful action
- * Communication with other road users

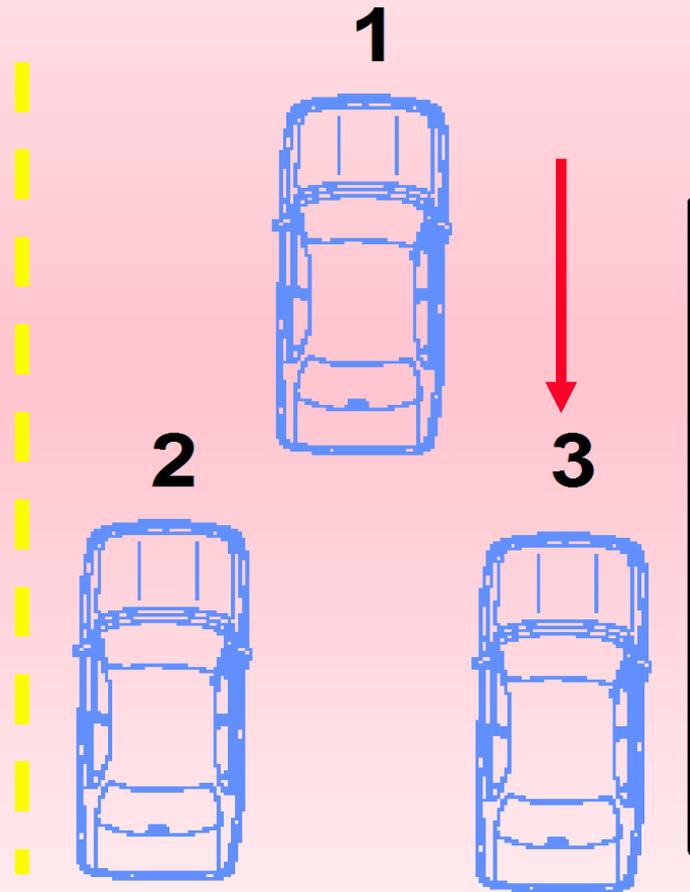
Right Turns

□ SMOG

- Signal
- Mirror Check
- Over the shoulder blindspot check
- Go!

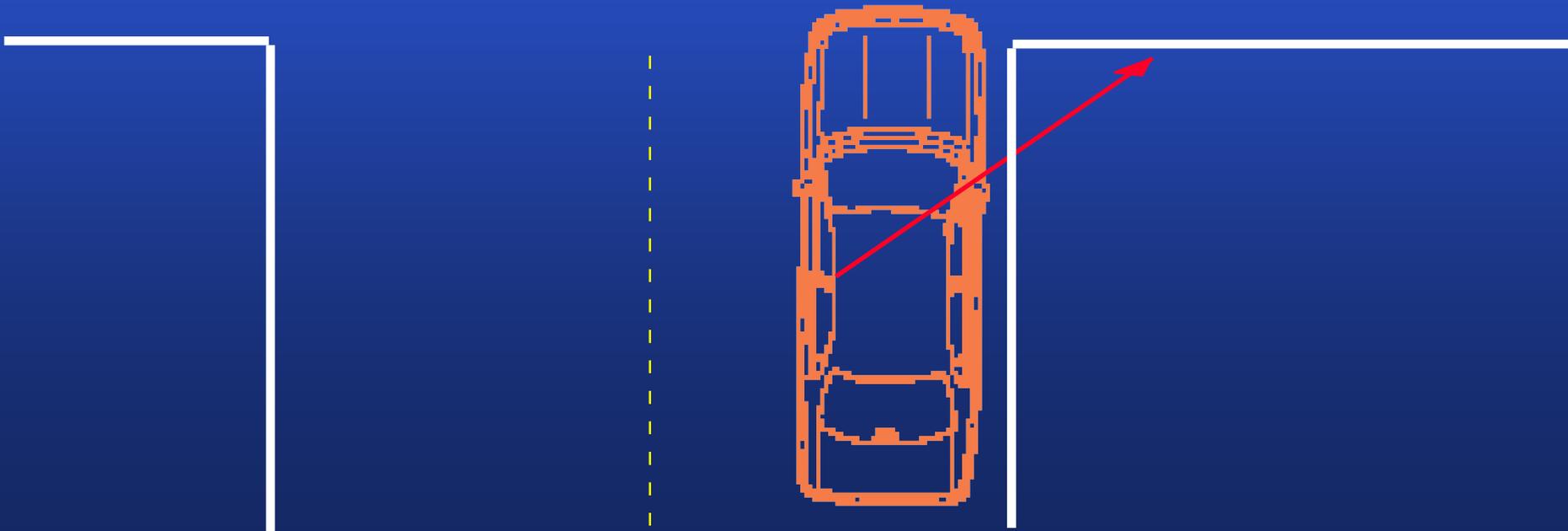
- Use Lane Position # 3 for Right Turns:

LANE POSITIONS



RIGHT TURN FRONT LIMITATION REFERENCE POINTS

- Use your line of sight through the passenger's side mirror to the curb as the front limitation reference point for right turns.



Execute The Turn:

- Identify your reference points
- Target through the turn into the path of travel
- Release the brake
- Steer push/pull
- Aim ahead into the right turn and find your target
- Accelerate gently
- Straighten the steering wheel
- Accelerate to normal speed

Executing The Turn.....

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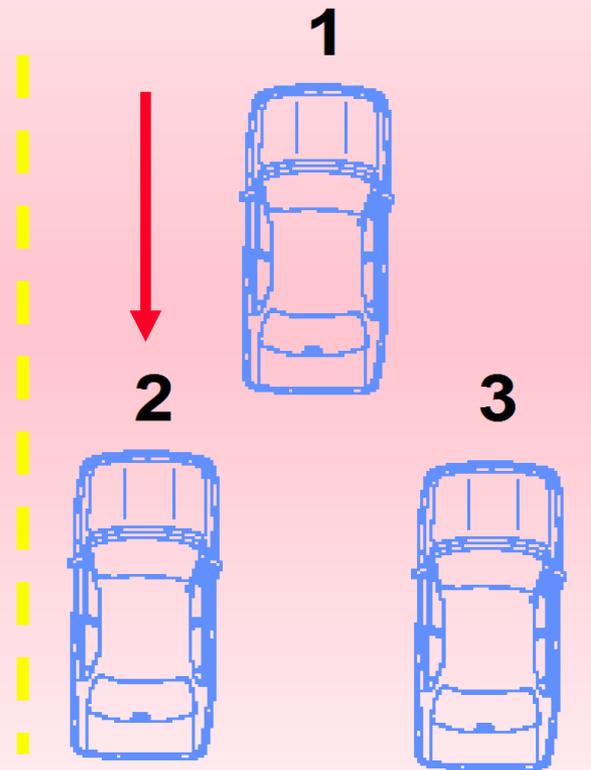
Left Turns

□ SMOG

- Signal your intent to turn left
- Mirror check
- Over the shoulder blindspot check
- Go

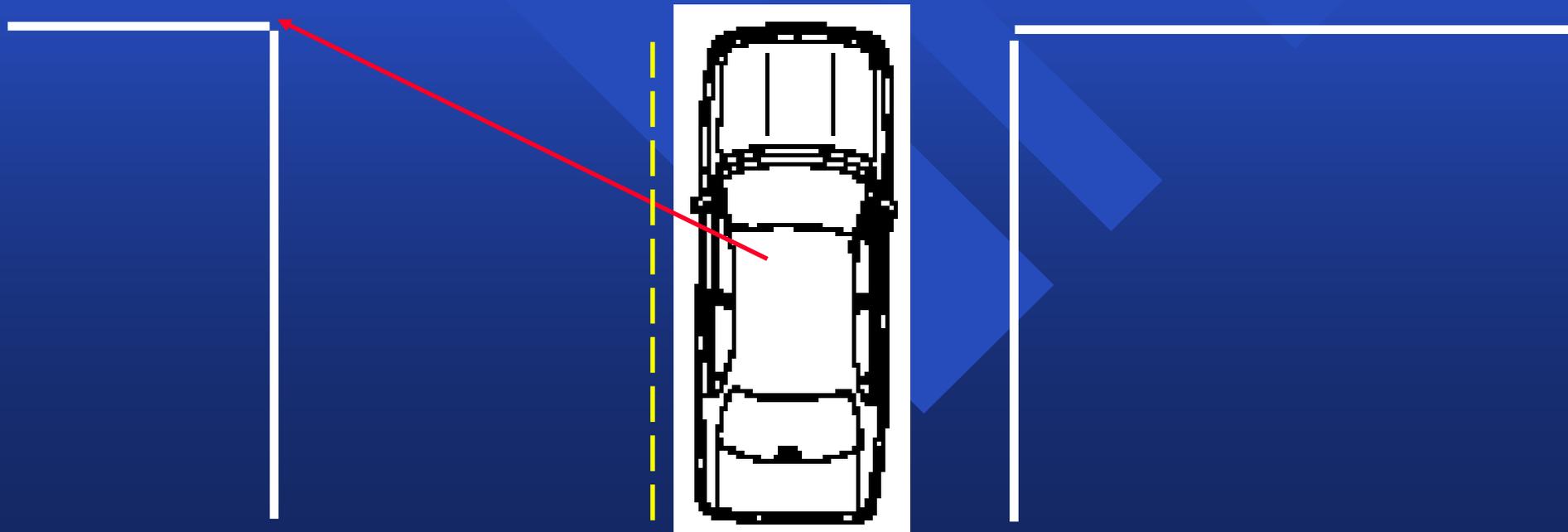
Use Lane Position #2 for Left Turns!

LANE POSITIONS



LEFT TURN FRONT LIMITATION Reference Points

- Use your line of sight through the driver's side mirror to the curb as the front limitation reference point for left turns.



Execute The Turn:

- Identify your reference points
- Target through the turn into the path of travel
- Release the brake
- Steer push/pull
- Aim ahead into the right turn and find your target
- Accelerate gently
- Straighten the steering wheel
- Accelerate to normal speed

*NOW THAT YOU HAVE MASTERED THE BASIC
TURNS, LET'S LOOK AT MORE COMPLEX TURNS....*



COMPLEX LEFT TURNS



FROM A TWO-WAY TO ANOTHER TWO-WAY

- ASSESS:
 - Is a left turn permitted?
- Prepare:
 - Activate Left Turn signal
 - Scan and advance if clear
 - Keep front tires straight if turn is impeded
 - SMOG
- Execute:
 - Target the center of the intended lane
 - Smoothly accelerate and complete turn!

Left Turn from a two-way to a one way:

- Signal to turn left
 - Your intended lane is the one closest to the curb
- Stop and scan at the stopline or crosswalk
- Target the center of the lane closest to the curb
- Follow the same, smooth procedures as in a two-way to another two-way turn (previous slide)

Left Turn from a one-way to a two-way:

- ❑ You must be in the lane closest to the left side of the road
- ❑ Check the controls (do you have a green light?)
- ❑ Scan for clear line of sight
- ❑ Target to the center of the closest lane into which you want to turn
- ❑ Complete the turn smoothly and efficiently
- ❑ Be sure to verify the turn signal (make sure it is off!)

Left turn from a one-way to another one-way:

- You need to be in the lane closest to the curb
- Signal and scan the intersection
- Target your turn to the center of the closest left hand lane.
- Check again for on-coming traffic
- Smoothly execute the turn and begin to accelerate

Tips for all turns:

- ❑ Make sure you are always in the correct lane to turn **prior** to the turn. If are not in the correct lane you will need to proceed **straight** through the intersection
- ❑ Safely proceed to the far right lane as soon as possible so to clear the “passing” lane
- ❑ Always remember to clear and reclear your open zones
- ❑ Check for pedestrians at all times in all lanes (whether they have a walk signal or not!)

