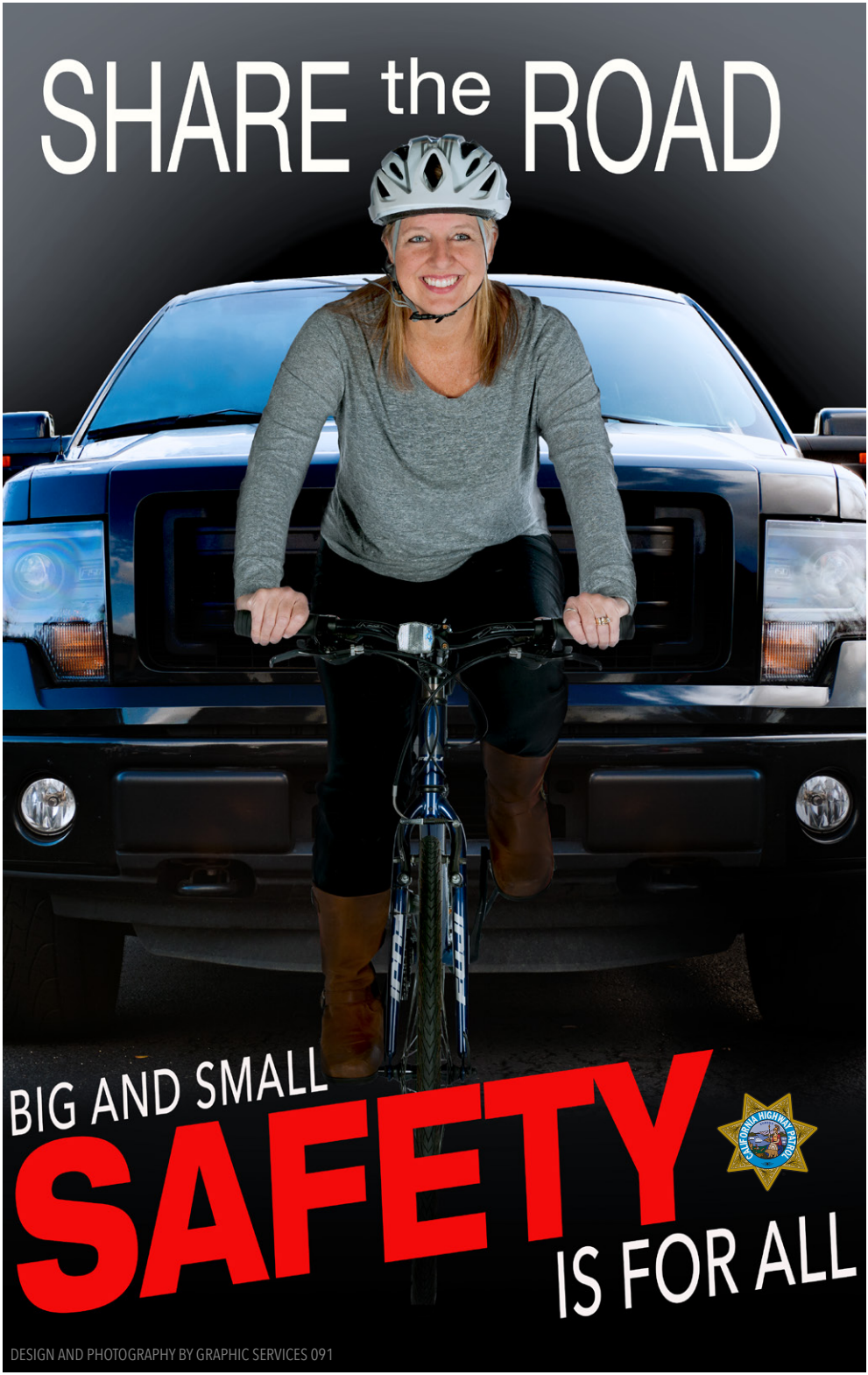
SHARE the ROAD
BIG AND SMALL
SAFETY
IS FOR ALL
CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
DESIGN AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY GRAPHIC SERVICES 091

TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

Expect bike riders. When entering the roadway, look for oncoming bicyclists. Be cautious when opening car doors.

Give at least 3 feet of space when passing. It's safer and it's the law. If you are not sure you have enough room to pass, don't.

Reduce your speed. Use special care near bicyclists, any collision with them may result in serious injury.

Understand lane positioning from the bike rider's perspective. When a lane is narrow, a bike rider may ride defensively and position themselves in the center of the lane to discourage motorists from unsafe passing.

Careful with those right and left hooks. When turning, do not turn so close the bicyclist is in danger of colliding with your vehicle.

Share the road. Bicyclists may move to the left lane to turn left, pass another vehicle, or avoid debris or parked cars.

Anticipate avoidance maneuvers by bicyclists. Bicyclists may have to swerve to avoid an opening car door or other road hazards.

Be aware. Bicyclists may give right turn signals with their right arm. A bicyclist may not have the time or bike handling skills to signal.

Be patient. Bike riders are slower and have the same rights as other slow moving vehicles. Take a few minutes to find a safe place to pass.

Be courteous. Don't let an encounter with a badly-behaved bicyclist influence your attitude towards all bicyclists.

SHARE THE ROAD.
SHARING THE ROAD IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY.
GIVE AND GET RESPECT.

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY

CHP

SHARE THE ROAD
CALIFORNIA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLIST ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION PROJECT

California Pedestrian and Bicyclist Enforcement and Education Project III.
Visit https://www.chp.ca.gov/bike-and-ped-safety for more information.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.