

## Understanding Truck Drivers

### STOP-AND-GO AND BUMPER-TO-BUMPER TRAFFIC

Trucks make traffic smoother when there is congestion, so **the right-hand lane tends to flow the smoothest.**

#### Keep in mind

**Braking and accelerating in stop-and-go traffic** only slows traffic down further. Due to the cost and effort that this means for a heavy vehicle, truck drivers try to avoid braking and accelerating and to keep as steady of a speed as possible. They are experts at handling the distance between them and the vehicle ahead of them as well as the truck's momentum.



**Some drivers take advantage** of these spaces and pull into the gaps trucks leave between them and the vehicle in front of them. Aside from being unhelpful, this type of behavior interrupts the flow of traffic and causes a nuisance for truck drivers, who are forced to brake and later accelerate again, resulting in more cost and pollution.

