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A stirring plea for a transition to more widespread cycling.

Cycling is a fast, reliable, healthy, space-saving, energy-efficient, and non-polluting means of transport. For distances from under a mile to five miles, it is often the most effective and enjoyable way to travel, beneficial to self and society. But attempts to invest in and develop cycling as a means of transport are always met with public outcry: suddenly, bicycles become something "for the poor," "unwieldy," a "desperate mascot of middle class environmentalist fantasy."

In this essay, Olivier Razemon debunks preconceived notions about the bicycle and delivers a stirring plea in favor of a widespread transition to cycling.

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