



The policing of
communities
of color has
always had a
large impact on
HOW
we get around our
communities.

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...some of us believe in the free and safe movement of bodies in the environments that they occupy whether it be cycling or other transportation.



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I am constantly reminded of that when a Black mother tells me:

"every time he goes through my door I pray there isn't something out there that won't let him come back."

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CARS CONVEY POWER

and that's something people (cops included) respect.

Ira Woodward



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If residents **don't feel safe in a neighborhood** in general,
how can we possibly **MORE EXPOSED**
encourage them to be **in that neighborhood** by biking and walking more?

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What people can learn is to first question what does solidarity mean to them and **is it the same as how people of color see solidarity?**

What types of actions manifest as a way to address these systemic issues? And relate it to how they can have these conversations in their own communities.



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Not sure if bikes can play a vital role for every city,
but I see the bike as a symbol of autonomy & self-awareness,
something that many people that are privileged do not understand.

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By allowing communities to **self-determine safety issues,**
we can then prioritize how we move forward and start to frame
a message of bikes as being **one factor** that addresses safety in a community.



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David B. Gleason

We must show our solidarity for safe streets and how
that is a different experience for each community, and most importantly
building that trust & relationship to continue to
follow-up with the overall needs of a community.

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It's important for our profession to **hear** that people of color in the US have good reasons to fear being physically unprotected in our public right-of-way,



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Richard Masoner.

and to hear that there may be pretty fucking good reasons that people of color feel **biking/walking projects should have lower priority than, say, police brutality & lack of economic opportunity.**

Jessica Roberts

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Ken Mayer

**I don't think we can
separate the bicycles
from the bodies that
ride them.**

Some of us have bodies
that are perceived as
inherently more political
than others.

I was thinking about that
as the photos from Ferguson
rolled in. There were lots of
pictures of young Black men,
and I thought:

**“Wow, those guys
riding down the street
would get a totally
different response
than I do.”**

Michelle Swanson

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