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

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."

Hamzat Sani
CARS CONVEY POWER
and that's something people (cops included) respect.

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Ira Woodward

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

Matthew Palm
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.

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.*

Miguel Ramos
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.

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**.
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, 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.
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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