



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
encourage them to be **MORE EXPOSED**
in that neighborhood by biking and walking more?

Matthew Palm

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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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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.**

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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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