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Practical cyclist



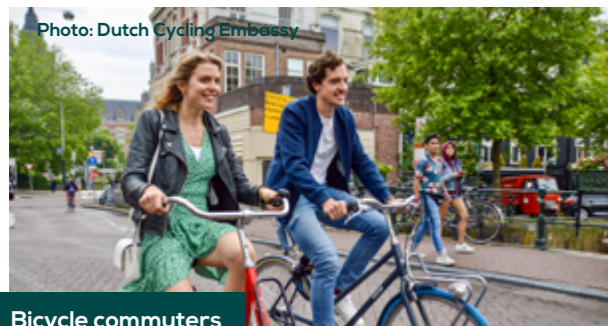
Logistical cyclists

(Electric) cargo bikes are cleaner, often faster and have a smaller traffic footprint than vans. Contribute to the ambition of having emissions-free urban logistics by 2025. Users need space on the urban network for fast and heavily loaded cargo bikes. Strategic shipment points.



Everyday cyclists

The bicycle as a standard mode of transport for daily use (in the city). It is cheap, easy and quick. Users need bicycle parking facilities at home and at day-to-day destinations, as well as a close-knit network.



Bicycle commuters

Cycle to work, often in combination with public transport or the car. There is a wide range of speeds and habits within this group. Users need safe bicycle storage facilities near public transport, facilities at work, information on allowances for commuting by bike, high-quality routes on commuter corridors.



Children in and out of school, and students

Cycling to school, to friends or a sports club (unsupervised) means a degree of freedom and contributes to happy, healthy children. You're never too young to learn. Requirements: a safe environment to be able to learn to cycle independently, traffic safety education.

Overall requirements of practical cyclists

- Get from A to B efficiently, often under time constraints.
- Comfort and attractive routes ensure that more people will opt for the bike.
- Safety, rules and straightforward traffic situations. Particularly for parents with children and those with disabilities.
- Good connections to transport hubs.
- Sufficient, safe parking facilities.

SOURCE REFERENCE

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Different groups of cyclists with differing needs

When constructing cycling infrastructure and creating cycling facilities, it is important to take into account different types of cyclists: from 'practical' cyclists to recreational cyclists. Each type of cyclist is defined by his or her own specific requirements. So, make sure that you know who is using your cycle paths and routes, and adjust your plans to match the needs of your road users.



Recreational cyclist



E-bike users

Greater distances can be covered more quickly, thanks to pedal-assist. Increasing differences in speed are putting pressure on the current Dutch cycling infrastructure. Users need safe storage facilities and charging stations, sufficient space on the cycle path.



Sports cyclists

The Netherlands has 850,000 cyclists who actively ride a (race or mountain) bike for exercise once per month on average. Users need sufficient space for racing cyclists, good urban-rural connections and starting points.



Cyclists of all ages and abilities

Make it possible for people to learn to cycle or continue cycling; from beginners to people considering stopping (such as the elderly). Users need support when learning to cycle (on a different type of bike), image of cycling.



Recreational cyclists

Cycling as a pastime. Cycle tourists and visitors make an important contribution to the economy (the leisure sector in particular) in our country. Users need good urban-rural connections, a network that covers the country, interesting surroundings, facilities and catering options.

Overall requirements of recreational cyclists

- Sense of enjoyment from the journey: no time pressure.
- Being outside, able to enjoy nature and the environment.
- Relaxation/sporting activity, together with family or friends.
- Specific cycle routes for recreational use, such as a mountain bike course or pleasant routes in the countryside.
- Minimum of interaction with other modes of transport.