

## **Full speed now on superhighways**

We are academics supportive of cycling and the economic, social, environmental and health gains it can generate.

We believe current cycling provision is often highly inadequate. Some of us have personal experience of the resultant and unnecessary toll of death and injury on our roads.

Much evidence shows the benefits of well designed, segregated space for cycle traffic. The Mayor and TfL's plans for east-west and north-south cycling superhighways mark a step change in ambition. Two key cycling routes will be suitable for all, not just the fit and the brave. That this will be done largely by taking space from the carriageway is a welcome commitment to sustainability.

While the plans are not perfect in all details, we believe the benefits are likely to exceed those stated, as current transport modelling approaches deal badly with cycling.

It is crucial that the vision embodied in these schemes is implemented without dilution or delay. We urge academic colleagues and others to write in support and organisations to do the same on behalf of their staff.

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