

Report Workshop SP 2: Urban Renewel

The subject presented was mostly about designing facilities for cyclists in Amsterdam. As in many other large existing cities, the greatest obstacle to putting in place new facilities is the lack of space or difficulty to redistribute it. Pedestrians need wider sidewalks, cyclists need sufficient and safe lanes or paths, public transport uses space and over that, the cars are using quite a bit for traffic and parking.

The debate on designing facilities was also about the choice to build a separated bike path or to mark a bicycle lane on the street.

Besides the fact that in Amsterdam the separation of traffic makes riding safer and more pleasant, it is also considered a better choice to avoid illegal parking on the space dedicated to the bicycle.

It is difficult to draw a conclusion on the subject of designing as every street must be considered differently but the message clearly seems to say that the improvements for cyclists should not be made at the expense of the pedestrian.

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