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Which area/s of the draft Strategy are you commenting on (select all that apply):

Targets for reducing deaths and serious injuries , The social model , Infrastructure planning and investment , Vulnerable road users

What is your primary area of interest in road safety?

Motorbike riders

What road safety issues are the most important to address?

Better education to all road users to understand each other

What do you believe are the strengths of this draft Strategy?

Overall good

Is there anything important that you think is missing from this draft Strategy?

I see a few issues

1. There is a lot of solo focus on each area but not much integration. Learning how to use the road together. For example push bike and motorbike riders need to be educated about heavy vehicle limitations, including stopping distance, blind spots, cornering on tight mountain roads and impact of changing directions to avoid an accident. This should be part of getting a licence. In addition motorbike riders need to learn how to make themselves more noticeable. Maybe put in a room a group of truck drivers who ride motorbikes to come up with an action plan?
2. Some user segments need to be split between travelers, commuters and hobbyists. I see a lot of effect is put in place to ensure travelers and commuters are safe. This would cover push bikes, motor bikes and drivers. There is a lot of effect goes in to control the hobby road users including increased enforcement, changing speed zones, putting in speed limited measures. I'm not talking about hooners. With most other hobbies government support and build infrastructure to ensure that these hobbies occur in a safe environment including building football fields to sinking old ships to develop diving environment. When was the last time a Government built a pushbike only hilly road to give weekend distance riders a safe environment which is similar to riding up and down the public roads, instead they have to risk their lives on public roads or when was the last time the government developed a road environment for hobby motorbike riders and car drivers could use which is safe, so they can ride a bit harder, away from general public and heavy vehicles which does not have the rigour and cost of using a race track. In some cases the race tracks are closing and being pushed out of the cities.

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