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The whole point of this program is to get gas cars off the road, and that's great, but switching to electric cars is only part of reducing transportation emissions. Cycling and trains generate the least emissions of current transportation options, and walking generates none. (See our world in data if you're interested: <https://ourworldindata.org/travel-carbon-footprint>) We have to provide viable alternatives to driving. Public transit in Delaware is atrocious, biking infrastructure is barely there if at all, and our current practices around zoning and parking minimums keep everything so spread out that walking isn't a viable let alone attractive option. We have what, two whole train station in Newark and Wilmington? Nothing runs south to the rest of the state, going from Wilmington to Dover to Rehoboth practically requires a car. We have bicycle gutters that don't have any protective barrier between cyclists and cars going 50+ mph, and bike lanes and sidewalks that simply stop. 10 year olds on bikes can't ride like that, it's not safe! Bicycle infrastructure can't be built just for extreme cyclists with a death wish, it has to work for anyone from kids biking to school to older folks with mobility issues, separated and protected bike lanes are the least we can do.