Cyclists are clashing head-on with motorists as both parties insist on their right to use Singapore roads

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Motorists have long been kings of the road, in Singapore or anywhere for that matter, trying to lay down rules for their own convenience. Any attempt by bicyclists to change that trend is being met with resistance from both sides. The issue is, has the time come for a change of attitude? Are there ways to accommodate the interests of both parties so that cycling does not become another source of strife?

A situation that has spiraled into a point of no return, with both parties clashing head-on with motorists as they insist on their right to use the road. The problem is common in Singapore, where the number of cyclists is on the rise and motorists are becoming increasingly irate.

Minister for Transport, Mr. Khaw Boon Wan, recently stated that the government is working on a comprehensive package to improve cycling infrastructure. However, the measures taken so far have not been enough to satisfy the needs of both parties.

For cyclists, the lack of designated lanes or pathways for them to safely ride their bikes on the roads is a major issue. motorists, on the other hand, complain about the increasing number of cyclists on the roads.