

I am Larissa from Radentscheid Heidelberg - Hello

Dear Fridays Thank you for inviting us to your demo.

We both have a common goal:

We demand a climate- and people-friendly mobility in Heidelberg - and we all know it: the bicycle is the key.

Heidelberg has the highest share of bicycle traffic in the state: 41% of inner-city trips are made by bicycle and only 22% by car - Heidelberg is a bicycle city.

When it comes to the distribution of space, however, things look different: Cars are allocated around 50-60% of all traffic areas, and bicycles only around 10%.  
- Heidelberg is a car city.

Climate protection means that we distribute existing resources fairly. This also applies to existing traffic areas.

We would like to encourage and call upon the city and its politicians to make and implement forward-looking traffic planning decisions.

Decisions for significantly more space, safety and riding comfort for cyclists.

This benefits everyone, including car traffic. The aggression that is common among road users is a result of unfairly distributed space.

More space for bicycles combines the necessary with the desirable:

The bicycle

- has the best climate balance. (apart from walking)
- it is flexible and saves space
- it is quiet and fast
- it offers movement and counteracts stress, depression and lack of exercise.
- It enables encounters, communication and mutual awareness.

And cycling is fun

In order for this to be true for everyone - not just for those who like cycling anyway - we need a cycling structure that also gets people on their bikes who currently find it too stressful, too unsafe and too dangerous.

For this, we need well-built, safe and continuous bike lanes,  
we need safe intersections and sufficient and safe bicycle parking,  
traffic-calmed neighborhoods  
And safe and clean family mobility.

These are precisely the demands of the Radentscheid.

We are committed to these changes.

But changes cause fear and generate resistance. Even when the current situation is mainly full of disadvantages, people usually stick to what they are familiar with.

It takes courage to change. And above all, we need to be able to imagine how great what we can achieve is. Then we see that we don't have to shed a tear for what we leave behind. Mobility is doing so much better than we currently have it.

Climate-friendly mobility is not only a must in view of the climate crisis, it is also the way to a people-friendly city.

With our citizens' petition, we are collecting signatures for climate-friendly and people-oriented mobility. We want to show the city that there are many people here who are ready for this.

With our signatures, we want to give the city the tailwind it needs to make courageous decisions. Decisions for massive changes in traffic planning.

We need your help to do this: sign our demands for climate-friendly and people-friendly mobility.

And just as important: Tell others about what our city can look like if we orient it towards people:

- more space for green spaces and places for people to meet
- more space for children to play
- clean air and less traffic noise

... and these are just some of the advantages.

That's what we're working for,

We have nothing to lose, but a lot to gain.