



## Joint Statement : "Connecting the dots"

In December 2017, we have seen the arrival of the tram in Luxembourg City and with it the inauguration of the first completely separated long distance bike lane. This was a milestone for the safety of cyclists on Kirchberg. Further improvements in this direction were the new bidirectional bike lane on Avenue de la Gare, on the Passerelle bridge and the new cycling bridge below Pont Adolphe. While not perfect, those separated bike lanes improved the safety for cyclists a lot compared to painted lanes that fail to deliver the necessary safety for people who would like to cycle.

The next milestone we've been looking forward to for months is the opening of the new separated bike lane on Avenue de la Liberté. Separated bike lanes are essential for the safety of cyclists in the city and therefore we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in its creation.

We would also like to take this opportunity to highlight the fact that a cycling network is only as strong as its weakest link. Two dangerous spots to cross before reaching the new bike lane on Avenue de la Liberté are for example the existing bike lanes in the "parc municipal d' Edouard André" and on Avenue Marie-Thérèse. A possibility to avoid conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians in the park would be the (re)creation of a bike lane on Boulevard Prince Henri as suggested by minister Bausch. Concerning Avenue Marie-Thérèse the bike lane should be physically separated from the car lane to create a safe space for cyclists.

We hereby ask the City Council to continue and increase its efforts to connect the dots and create the missing links. We would like to see a bold and innovative concept for our future bicycle network.

