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### A Safety Move That Cyclists Call a Menace

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There are things on this earth that are destined not to easily coexist — cats and dogs, vegans and cattle ranchers, humans and raccoons, bicycles and cars.

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So maybe there's something almost inevitable about the lawsuit filed by the Westchester Cycle Club against the New York State Department of Transportation. Still, in contemplation of a suburban experience not totally based on the car, consider Westchester's rumble strip rumble.

A rumble strip, or more technically, an audible road delineator, is that raised area parallel to highways meant to startle dozing drivers and keep them off the road. They are mostly confined to heavily trafficked highways.

So imagine the surprise of Richard [Name], a New York City police sergeant with long experience in accident investigation and traffic enforcement. The suburban soul who sometimes pedaled to the train station, he was pedaling home from Mount Kisco on a rustic two-lane stretch of Route 100 last June when he found himself propelled

through the air and onto the pavement, both chipped, his upper lip needing stitches. He did not know the strips had been installed and did not see them in the dark — and when a wheel of his bike caught, he went flying.



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## Parental Lifelines, Frayed to Breaking