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I am, quite frankly, shocked to hear that cyclists are affected by air pollution to such an extent - at least in your city.

My personal experience is quite different, if not completely the opposite - after all, I don't live among skyscrapers and "clouds of black smoke" but in a rather tiny and totally insignificant village. This has its benefits, though, as I am used to ~~moving~~<sup>riding</sup> my bike in the forest and along the river, rather than following trucks on paved roads. In any case, I do it for fun and recreation, you do it to get to work.

So, to be honest, I would strongly recommend that you simply take the bus in the future since you gain nothing by cycling. Your daily carbon dioxide intake definitely outweighs any advantages of physical activity, so do your lungs a

favour and switch to public transport. By doing so, you would, besides, support the cause of environmentalists in your country much more effectively.

Of course, though, cycling should be an option, too - roads aren't built exclusively for trucks. I'd suggest a number of measures that could be taken. For instance, the idea of separate lanes (they don't have to be extraordinarily broad, you know) for bicycles is not all that far-fetched as some politicians would like to make us believe - most roads are wide enough for such a modification.

The other option would be much simpler, though. Just reduce traffic - nobody needs to go to downtown by car, it's the area that has the very best public transport network in any city. So just closing it down for all private vehicles would improve the situation for cyclists tremendously.

In any case, you can still do cycling just for the fun of it (as I do) and not view

your bike as a mere means of transport.  
Why don't you try cycling away from the city,  
away from work for a change? You would  
perhaps be surprised how much more you can  
get out of it.

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