

Are scooters a good idea? (as urban transport)?

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[Electric_Razor_Scooter](#) Are scooters a good idea? (as urban transport)? There are myriad ideas floating around at the moment about how to solve the urban transport crisis in our cities. There have been numerous cycle hire schemes with many more being reported on the way and many having fallen by the wayside. The Guardian sent its reporter out to try another idea from Paris (the Velib scheme being a Parisian one), this time electric scooters. These are being hired out by yet another American startup company. There is a plan to pay people to charge them up at night but at the moment the company collects them at the end of each day. Paris is awash with electric cars, bike hires, buses and of course conventional traffic. Having cycled in Paris twice. Twice being two times too many. I can honestly say I wouldn't touch one with a bargepole. The cycling I did there was honestly one of the most dangerous things I have ever done. These things move at 15mph which I think for me is pretty fast cycling. I wouldn't like to be hit by one at this speed or come off one. At the same time its not quite enough to outpace cars. They are allowed on the roads. You've got to signal and look over your shoulder etc.... I think this will go the way of the electric car hire scheme in Paris. i.e. bust. Are scooters a good idea? Take the metro or the RER. This is not the solution to urban transport pollution; walking using public transport or cycling on segregated lanes are the solutions. Neil

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