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WITH A CAR ACHIEVES YOU 37.5 KM/H AVERAGE INTO MUNICH, 33.8 KM/H WITH A S-PEDELEC.

"37.5 km/h average speed in one month, hard to believe" my neighbor across the street tells me when I asked him, how the new car is running. His new car is his new company car, he works for a Bavarian car manufacturer, directly in the head office and thus drives to work every day from the suburbs of Munich where we live. In the first month he drove the car only to work, twice 30 km, five days a week! That makes me curious - what is possible with a bicycle, a S-pedelec that can go up to 45 km/h? I take up the challenge to trade my car for the bike to go to the city 1-2 times a week over the next month. By car I need between 40 and 90 minutes with searching for a parking space.

My experience after one month and six city rides:

- I always discover new ways and corners of Munich
- Best run - 33,8 km/h - 86,3 km in 2:33 h
- At the third attempt I manage the distance in 42 min – it takes practice
- There is no direct bicycle path into the city
- E-bikes have arrived in traffic, e-pedelects still need time
- Driving without sweat is possible - even if not at 40 km/h
- You can cover 80 kilometers in one day.
- The bike is an eye-catcher
- I think much more flexible
- Optimal fitness tool at perfect heart rate levels
- You can swim in city traffic – even if it is stressful
- Scooters are more than irritated
- Park anywhere in front of the door
- Important with an S-pedelec: consideration, caution and care.
- Every ride becomes a little adventure
- My other neighbor with his Porsche GT3 RS is envious

Concluding thought - This is not about against cars, instead looking to reduce traffic in a sensible way and gain valuable time. Valuable time on the road and in your head! Doing good for yourself and the environment, quality time no „nerve time“ in traffic jams and when searching & fighting for a parking space. My days with bike in the city were easily 70-80 km, the way home often an extra loop. Yes, there are no bicycle highways yet, but there are a lot of great shortcuts. Explorers don't take a straight path.

