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As a bike rider, you can take a seat and watch things happen, and hope that

now and then, something you want to see happens actually comes to fuition; or you can play as active a role in making it happen as your life and obligations and other interests allow.

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