**Mass car ownership in many cities has become a concern to many people. How should we change the situation if you think it leads to undesirable consequences?**

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话题范围：城市类问题之基础设施建设之道路交通

首段：

Mass car ownership clearly has a number of undesirable consequences for people's health and fitness **as well as** for the environment and community life generally.

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Nevertheless, owning a car is still seen as a desirable option to many.

Although this trend might seem irreversible so far, there is much that **can and should** be done to discourage unnecessary car use.

= This essay will offer some possible solutions to the problem.

解决方案一：

One possible approach is to make cars expensive to own and use, for example, by taxing them at the point of purchase or annually through a road tax.

Certain types of car use, for instance, short journeys within already congested cities, can also be discouraged through road pricing strategies.

However, these punitive measures alone are unlikely to have a major impact unless alternative means of transport are available.

解决方案二：

A more effective method that governments could take in busy cities is to encourage the use of public transport.

This means **that** transport options have to be plentiful, convenient, and reliable **and并列宾语从句** **that** people need to be able to afford them.

Besides, governments should **run campaigns to** encourage people to **be less dependent on** their cars.

解决方案三：

A more environmentally sound option is to create a network of cycle lanes and other facilities for cyclists, such as safe weather-proof shelters for parking bicycles.

This has the additional advantage of encouraging people to keep fit while allowing them the flexibility of autonomous travel.

Cities in the Netherlands, which have relatively high rates of cycling, have shown how this can work.

结尾段：

To sum up, the trend towards rising car ownership and use needs to be changed.

People should be encouraged to use other means of transport**, and** investment in practical alternatives is what is needed above all.

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