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The Novara Transfer is the "just-add-rider commuter," in the words of one tester. Like all the finalists, it has internal gearing for easy shifting and low maintenance, as well as fenders and a chain guard to keep your work clothes clean, but it also comes standard with extras such as a rear rack, front and rear CatEye safety lights, a bell and reflective sidewall tires. Despite the loaded-down appearance, this REI house-brand model is also "speedy enough" for town riding and handles predictably when hopping curbs or swerving to avoid pedestrians. "Go ahead and ditch the car," said another. "Heck, stop at the store on the way home while you're at it—the Novara can haul it all." **WEIGHT:** 31.0 lb. (19 in., w/ pedals, rack and lights) **SIZES:** 13.5, 15, 17, 19 (tested) in. **COMPONENT HIGHLIGHTS:** Shimano Nexus internally-gear 7-speed rear hub; 6061 aluminum frame; CatEye front and rear lights; Vittoria Randonneur Cross reflective tires; Kalloy adjustable stem **CONTACT:** novarabike.com **FINALISTS** ■ BIANCHI MILANO \$630; bianchiusa.com ■ GIANT CYPRESS EX \$580; giantbicycle.com

